

## Volume 6

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Dear Parents / Carers,

**Welcome to *Cliff Park Connect* – your weekly window into life at Cliff Park Ormiston Academy.**

We want to extend our sincere thanks to all parents and carers for your unwavering support. Whether it's encouraging your child each morning, attending meetings, supporting behaviour expectations, or working in partnership with us when challenges arise - your involvement makes a real difference.

### Top of the points

Well done to the following students who are Top of the Points this week, Beatrice McAllister, Thisall Henaka Ralalage, Aurelijus Jankauskas and Dylan Green



### Year 10 Sports Leaders

Some of our year 10 sports leaders supported Moorlands Primary Academy's colour run this afternoon. It was a glorious afternoon topped off with our sports leaders doing their own colour run. Well done to Noah, Katie, Marley, Lily, Holly and Courtney.



### Thank You & End of Term 'Picnic in the Park' Details

We'd like to say a big **thank you to Danielle, Tesco Community Champion**, for generously providing snacks and water for our upcoming '**Picnic in the Park**' event!

This celebration will take place on the **last day of term from 1pm to 3pm**, giving students a chance to come together as a school community, celebrate the brilliant work they've done this year, and enjoy time together before the summer break.

### **Activities will include:**

- A football tournament
- Fete-style games and face glitter

We'll also have:

- Two ice cream vans on site (cash only)
- A tuck shop (cash only)

- A **water bottle**
- **Sun cream** and a **hat**
- **Cash** for any treats they'd like to buy

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## Staying Safe Around Water:

While water can seem inviting and fun, it's essential that young people understand how to stay safe.

- **Never swim alone.** Always be with a trusted adult or friend in safe, supervised areas.
- **Stick to lifeguarded areas** whenever possible.
- **Cold water can be dangerous.** Even in summer, open water can cause cold water shock, which can affect breathing and coordination.
- **Avoid jumping or diving** into water unless you're certain of the depth and what's beneath the surface.
- **Stay away from weirs, fast-moving currents, and locks**, especially in canals and rivers.
- **Don't use inflatables** on open water like rivers or the sea—they can easily drift.

- Talk openly with your child about the risks, especially around unsupervised swimming or tombstoning.
- Encourage them to look out for friends and to seek help if someone is in trouble—**never go in after someone; call 999 immediately.**
- Consider enrolling your child in **swimming and water safety sessions** if they haven't had formal lessons.

 [www.rlss.org.uk/water-safety](http://www.rlss.org.uk/water-safety)

Stay safe and enjoy the sunshine.

## Loads of fun for everyone

With our increased presence on social media, we are reviewing our photograph permissions for all students. Please let the office know if you do not want your child to appear in any photographs or videos that we may share in this newsletter or online. Thank you



### **Hot Weather**

As the weather warms up, we want to ensure all our students stay safe, comfortable, and ready to learn throughout the day.

Please remind your child to bring a refillable water bottle to school each day so they can stay hydrated. We also recommend that students apply sun cream before coming to school and bring a hat to wear during break and lunch times if they are outside. Where possible, we will provide shaded areas during outdoor activities and encourage students to stay cool.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep everyone safe and well during the summer term.

### **Parent Forum**

We look forward to welcoming you to the next forum on **Thursday 23rd October**.

Please see below the video recording of our last forum which focused on our Ofsted report.

 [Click to watch the Parent Forum on YouTube](#)

### **Stay Connected – Follow Us on Facebook and Instagram**

Want to stay up to date with the latest news, events, and celebrations from Cliff Park Ormiston Academy? Make sure you're following us on social media!

Our **Facebook** and **Instagram** pages are the best way to get a behind-the-scenes look at life at Cliff Park – from student achievements and classroom highlights to important updates and upcoming events.

#### **Follow us today:**

**Facebook:** [Cliff Park Ormiston Academy](#)

**Instagram:** @CliffParkOrmistonAcademy

We're proud of our students and everything they're achieving – come and see for yourself what makes Cliff Park such a special place to learn.

### **Help Us Celebrate Your Child's Success!**

At Cliff Park Ormiston Academy, we love to celebrate the achievements of our students – both in and out of school. Whether it's a sporting success, a creative talent, community involvement or a personal milestone, we want to hear about it!

If your child has achieved something you're proud of, big or small, we'd love the chance to share it with our school community through our newsletters and social media channels.

#### **How to share:**

Please email a short description and, if possible, a photo to [CPOAnews@cliffparkoa.co.uk](mailto:CPOAnews@cliffparkoa.co.uk)

Thank you for helping us shout about all the brilliant things happening beyond the classroom!

### **Breakfast Club**

We continue to offer a **FREE** breakfast for all our students. The Breakfast Club is available between 8.00AM and 8.25AM and all students are welcome.

**Please could I remind parents to make sure that you have placed sufficient funds on your child's Parent Pay account to help maintain the smooth running of the checkouts.**

### **Medication in the Academy**

Please can we remind parents that students are not permitted to carry any form of medication with them around the academy. If your child needs to take any medication during the academy day please complete a medical form and leave the medication with main office. Student will be able to access the medication when required at break and lunch (or as directed by GP). Thank you in

helping us to support the safety of our students.

### **Main reception Opening Hours**

Opening hours for our main reception – 8.00 am to 4.00 pm Monday to Thursday. 8.00 am to 3.30pm on a Friday. Telephone 01493 661504 option 2 or email [enquiries@cliffparkoa.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@cliffparkoa.co.uk)

### **SEND drop in reminder**

If you have any concerns or questions around SEND, Parents and Carers are invited to attend a SEND drop in session which is held at the academy every Tuesday morning 8.30 - 8.50am.

### **Parent Drop In reminder**

Parents / Carers are welcome to drop into the academy to meet with myself or a member of my Senior Team every Wednesday. **You do not need to make an appointment, please just come to reception between 8.50 and 9.30AM and we will be happy to meet with you.** I understand the crucial role that parents play in a community school and welcome discussion on any aspect of our school community.

### **NEW Weekly Principal Drop-In – Tuesdays 3:00–4:00PM**

We're pleased to introduce a new opportunity for parents and carers to speak directly with the Principal in an informal setting. Starting this term, Principal Drop-In Sessions will run every Tuesday from 3:00 to 4:00PM, right after school.

Whether you have a question, some feedback, or simply want to have a conversation about life at Cliff Park, you are warmly welcome to drop in – no appointment needed.

We look forward to seeing you there and continuing to strengthen the partnership between school and home.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to see parents who drop into reception outside of this period except where there is a safeguarding concern.

### **Important Dates**

Date	Event
Week beginning 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Attendance rewards trips to Pleasurewood Hills
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Picnic in the park all students
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of Summer term
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	School reopens

### **Heads of Year Contact details**

If you need to contact your child's head of year please email them or call the main reception to pass a message on for you.

Year 7 - Ms Phillips [ephillips@cliffparkoa.co.uk](mailto:ephillips@cliffparkoa.co.uk)

Year 8 - Mr Warnes [mwarnes@cliffparkoa.co.uk](mailto:mwarnes@cliffparkoa.co.uk)

Year 9 - Miss Harris [mharris@cliffparkoa.co.uk](mailto:mharris@cliffparkoa.co.uk)

Year 10 – Mrs Dudley [ddudley@cliffparkoa.co.uk](mailto:ddudley@cliffparkoa.co.uk)

Year 11 - Mr Callaby [rcallaby@cliffparkoa.co.uk](mailto:rcallaby@cliffparkoa.co.uk)

Thank you for supporting us in maintaining the high standards that we know you expect from Cliff Park Ormiston Academy.

Have a brilliant weekend.

Yours sincerely

Harry French  
**Principal**