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11th September 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

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

****Please note there has been a change of date for the Year 11 Parents Evening / Pre-Mock Information Evening to 9th October 2025****

Year 7 Settling In Evening

We would like to invite parents of Year 7 students to join us on Thursday 8th September at 6.00pm for the settling in evening. The evening has two parts: Firstly, we would like to share with you information about our curriculum and in particular will be launching our Discover curriculum with Year 7 Parents.

We will also introduce parents to Class Charts and provide you with some important information about attendance. Secondly, parents will have an optional opportunity to speak with your child's Community Assistant Principal if they wish. We will limit the length of the evening to 60 minutes but ask that as many parents as possible attend.

Parents / carers of Year 7 students please book an appointment with your child's Form Tutor [HERE](#)

Year 7 Assessments

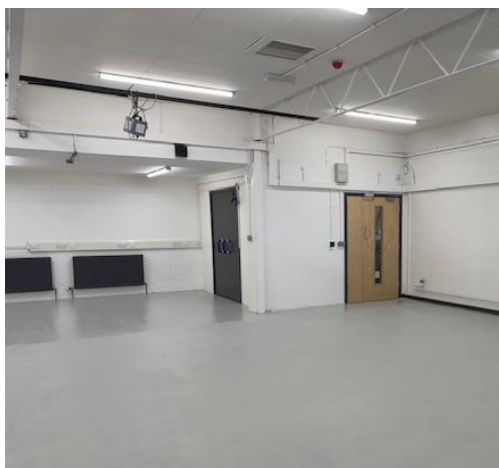
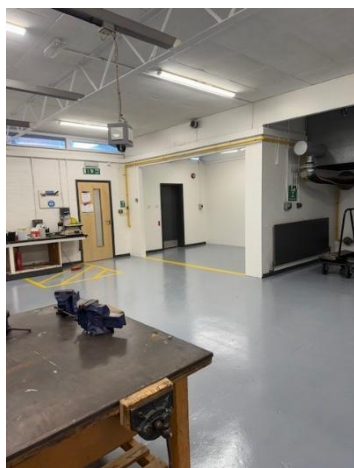
As part of our assessment programme, Year 7 students will sit a series of short progress tests in English, Mathematics and Science from **Tuesday 16th September until Thursday 18th September**

Link to further information is [HERE](#)

Improvements to our DT Facilities

Work is approaching completion on our newly refurbished Engineering Suite and Product Design Studio. New furniture has been purchased and will be fitted this weekend with students will be able to use these fantastic facilities from next week.

Thank you to our brilliant sit team for all their hard work in bringing this project to completion.



Join our Local Governing Body

Cliff Park Ormiston Academy is looking for parent governors to join our Local Governing Body.

Being a parent governor is a rewarding way to play an active role in shaping the life and future of our academy. Governors help to:

- Support and challenge the school to keep improving.
- Ensure the academy provides the best possible education for all students.
- Represent the views and voices of parents within our community.

No previous experience is needed – just enthusiasm, commitment, and a willingness to work as part of a team. Full training and support will be provided.

If you are interested in applying or would like more information, please contact Jo Spurgeon on 01493 660212

Your voice matters – help us make a difference at Cliff Park Ormiston Academy.

Road Safety Outside the Academy

As we begin the new term, we want to remind everyone of the importance of road safety around the academy, especially during busy drop-off and pick-up times. The safety of our students remains our highest priority, and with your support we can keep the area outside school safe for all children.

Parking Guidance:

- **Please do not park on double yellow lines or zig-zag markings outside the school. These are there to keep sight lines clear for drivers and pedestrians and to reduce congestion. Parking here makes it harder for children to cross safely and increases risk for everyone.**
- **Use nearby legal parking spaces or designated drop-off zones.**
- **Avoid blocking driveways or school entrances.**
- **Allow a few extra minutes on your journey to find safe parking.**
Even stopping “just for a minute” on restricted lines can put children at risk.

For Pedestrians and Students:

- Cross only at safe points and avoid stepping between parked cars.
- Stay alert to traffic and avoid distractions such as phones or headphones.
- During darker mornings, encourage children to wear bright or reflective clothing.

By working together, we can ensure the roads around Cliff Park Ormiston Academy remain safe for everyone. Thank you for your continued cooperation and care. If you have any concerns, please contact the school office.

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.

Enrichment timetable for Autumn term

We are delighted to share this term's enrichment calendar with you. At Cliff Park, we believe learning extends far beyond the classroom, and our enrichment programme gives every student the chance to discover new passions, develop existing talents, and build friendships across year groups.

From sports and creative arts to academic clubs and leadership opportunities, there is something for everyone to get involved in. **We encourage all students to take part, try something new, and make the most of the fantastic opportunities available this term:**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before school 8am onwards	Homework Club (Library) – Mrs Jermy/Mrs Kapoor Football (Astro)- Mr Shuffle	Homework Club (Library) – Mrs Jermy/Mrs Kapoor Football (Astro)- Mr Shuffle	Homework Club (Library) – Mrs Jermy/Mrs Kapoor Football (Astro)- Mr Shuffle	Homework Club (Library) – Mrs Jermy/Mrs Kapoor Football (Astro)- Mr Shuffle	Homework Club (Library) – Mrs Jermy/Mrs Kapoor Football (Astro)- Mr Shuffle
Lunchtime 1:30-1:55	Peri Lessons (Music)- Various Dungeons and Dragons – Mr Himonas	Bookable Practice Room (Music)- Mrs Johnson Dungeons and Dragons – Mr Himonas	Dungeons and Dragons – Mr Himonas Wellbeing Walk (Hums Patio) - Mrs Huggins/Miss Read DofE Award Drop In (MA5) – Miss Lee Pride Book Club (HU4)- Ms Sewell	BTEC Music/Drama (Music/Drama)- Mrs Johnson/ Miss Pacini Dungeons and Dragons – Mr Himonas	Dungeons and Dragons – Mr Himonas
Afterschool 15:10-16:00	Netball (PE) – Miss Briggs Year 8/9 Boys Football (PE) –Mr O’Brien Girls Football (PE)- Mr Taylor Art Club (AR1/AR2) – Mr Cullen ‘Cliff Park Christmas’ Auditions (Music) – Mrs Johnson Career Development and Advice (EN7)- Mr Edwards	Table Tennis (PE) – Ernie STAFF TRAINING/ MEETINGS	Basketball (PE) – Mr Callaby Year 7/8 Rugby (PE)- Mr Palmer ‘Rock School’ (Music)- Mrs Johnson	Year 7 Boys Football (PE)- Mr Warnes Fitness Suite (PE)- Miss Briggs Art Club Year 10 (AR1/AR2) – Mr Cullen BTEC Music PSA Support (Music)- Mrs Johnson Duke of Edinburgh Award Structured Sessions (MA5)- Miss Lee	Karaoke Club (Music) – Mrs Johnson and others

Photograph Permissions

As part of our increased use of social media and online platforms, we are updating our records on photo permissions for students. If you would prefer that your child is not included in any photographs or videos shared in our newsletter or on social media, please inform the school office.

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

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

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

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 Tuesday pm or Wednesday am

Parents / Carers are welcome to drop into the academy to meet directly with myself or a member of my Senior Team in an informal setting every Tuesday 3.00 to 4.00 pm and every Wednesday 8.50 and 9.30 am. **You do not need to make an appointment, please just come to reception 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. 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

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 for your Diary

Date	Event
Thursday 18 th September	Year 7 Settling In Evening
Friday 19 th September	Year 7 & Year 11 Photographs

Thursday 2nd October	Open Evening for Year 6 Students
Thursday 9 th October	Year 11 Parents Evening / Pre-Mock Information Evening
Thursday 23 rd October	On-line Parents Forum
Friday 24th October	October Half Term
Monday 3 rd November until Friday 21 st November	Year 11 Mock Exams
Thursday 20 th November	Year 12 Presentation Evening
Thursday 27 th November	Careers Fair
Friday 28 th November	Year 11 Mock Results
Friday 5 th December	Staff Training Day
Thursday 18 th December	Parent Forum
Friday 19th December	End of Autumn Term

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

Year 8 - Mrs Dudley ddudley@cliffparkoa.co.uk

Year 9 - Mr Warnes mwarnes@cliffparkoa.co.uk

Year 10 - Miss Harris mharris@cliffparkoa.co.uk

Year 11 - Mr Callaby 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