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Dear Parents / Carers,

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



Road Safety Reminder – A47 Crossing

We would like to remind all parents and carers to speak with their child about the importance of road safety, particularly when crossing the A47 opposite the James Paget Hospital before and after school.

This is a very busy stretch of road, and it is vital that students take extra care when crossing. Please encourage your child to:

- Use designated crossing points where possible.
- Wait until it is completely safe to cross and avoid rushing.
- Stay alert and remove headphones/put away phones when near the road.
- Cross with friends where they can.

Your support in reinforcing this message at home will help us to keep all of our students safe on their journey to and from school.

WOW! Day – Ormiston Cliff Park Primary Academy



On Wednesday 25th September, we were delighted to welcome Year 6 students from our local primary schools to Cliff Park Ormiston Academy for our **WOW! Day**.

The event gave pupils an exciting first taste of life at secondary school, with the chance to explore a range of fun and creative lessons led by our specialist teachers. Students cooked in our purpose-built Food Technology kitchen, explored design in

our newly refurbished Engineering suites, experimented with creativity in our Art & Photography studios, and enjoyed glow in the dark dodge ball in our Sports Hall.

The enthusiasm, teamwork and energy shown by the Year 6 students was brilliant to see, and we are proud to have given them a memorable day that showcased the fantastic subjects and facilities at Cliff Park.

We look forward to welcoming many of these students back to the academy on Thursday 2nd September for our Open Evening.

Supporting Excellent Attendance

At Cliff Park, we know that **every day in school matters**. Even occasional absences can add up quickly and make a big difference to a child's progress, confidence and sense of belonging.

We are asking for your continued support in avoiding unnecessary absences. Please:

- Ensure appointments (where possible) are made outside the school day.
- Encourage your child to attend school even if they are feeling a little tired or under the weather.
- Plan family events and holidays during the school breaks.

Together, we can help every student benefit from the full range of learning and opportunities that school provides. Thank you for working with us to give your child the very best chance of success.

Year 11 Parent Evening Reminder

Year 11 Parents' Evening will take place on **Thursday 9th October, between 3.30pm and 6.00pm**.

This is a vital opportunity for you to meet with your child's subject teachers, discuss their progress, and receive clear guidance on how to best support them as they prepare for their GCSE exams.

To book your appointments for **Parents' Evening**, please log in to the online booking system via <https://cpoa.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

East Norfolk Sixth Form College Open Event for Year 11 Students

I am pleased to share a special invitation from Dr Catherine Richards, Principal of East Norfolk Sixth Form College. Dr Richards would like to welcome all Cliff Park Year 11 students and their parents/carers to a dedicated Open Event at the Sixth Form College on **Tuesday 14th October between 3.45pm and 4.30pm**.

This event has been arranged exclusively for our students and their families. It takes place after our Parents' Evening, ensuring that students can first receive valuable feedback from their teachers before exploring their post-16 options. The timing also ensures that students will not miss their **Period 6** session on the day.

Free School Meals – Don't Miss Out!

At Cliff Park Ormiston Academy, we want every student to have the best start to each school day. If your child is eligible for Free School Meals (FSM), we strongly encourage you to apply — it's quick, confidential, and can make a big difference.

By taking up Free School Meals, students benefit from:

- A nutritious meal each day to help them concentrate and achieve their best in lessons.
- Access to additional support for learning, as the school receives extra funding (Pupil Premium) for every student registered.

- The reassurance that all applications are treated in confidence — no one can tell who is receiving Free School Meals.

If you think your child might be eligible, please check the criteria and apply online via <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals> or contact the school office for support. Even if your child prefers to bring a packed lunch, registering still brings valuable additional funding to the academy.

For students already entitled to Free School Meals — we encourage you to make the most of this support every single day. A healthy lunch will fuel your learning, boost your energy, and help you get the very best from your time at Cliff Park.

Have you logged into Class Charts?

Class Charts will provide you with real-time information about your child's achievements and informs you of any behaviour concerns immediately, if and when they happen. **If you do not have an access code for Class Charts please contact reception.**

You can access Class Charts by navigating to: <https://www.classcharts.com/parent/login>

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.

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 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