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Dear Parents / Carers,

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



**Tuesday 14th to Friday 17th October  
9.15am to 9.45am each morning.**

We warmly welcome Year 6 parents considering Cliff Park Ormiston Academy, as well as current parents who would like to see the academy in action during a typical school day. **Please scan the QR code to choose a convenient date for your visit.**



**Thank You for Joining Us at Open Evening**

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all parents, carers and prospective students who joined us for our Year 6 Open Evening. It was a pleasure to welcome so many families into the academy and to share with you the progress, achievements and opportunities available at Cliff Park Ormiston Academy.

The evening was a wonderful showcase of our academy community, with staff and students working together to demonstrate the wide range of subjects, facilities and enrichment opportunities on offer. We were especially proud of our student leaders and guides, who represented the academy with confidence, warmth and professionalism.

We hope that you enjoyed exploring the academy, meeting staff and students, and getting a sense of what everyday life at Cliff Park looks like. For families who would like to see the academy in action during a normal school day, please look out for our upcoming tour opportunities.

**Thank you once again for your support—we look forward to welcoming many of you into our Cliff Park family in the near future.**

### **Girls Under 14s Football**

On Wednesday this week, our Under 14s Girls Football Team played in the first round of the County Cup against Flegg High Ormsiton Academy. It was a great game played by all, especially for their first game together since being back to school. We won 2-1 with Niamh in Year 8 scoring both goals. The next round of the County Cup will be drawn after the October half term. What a great achievement and well done!

### **☀️ Wear It Yellow Day – Thursday 10th October ☀️**

Next Thursday is World Mental Health Day and we'll be marking it in school with a simple act of unity.

👕 Students should attend in normal school uniform, but we invite everyone to add one item of yellow clothing – for example, socks, a hair accessory, a tie, or even a badge.

💛 Yellow is the colour of hope, positivity, and support – and by wearing it together, we're showing that no one is alone.

Let's brighten up the academy and raise awareness for mental health 💛 ✨

#WearItYellow #WorldMentalHealthDay #CPOACare

### **Why Being on Time Matters**

At Cliff Park, the school day starts at 8:30am. Morning registration closes at 9:00am.

When students arrive after 9:00am, it is marked as an unauthorised absence (a "U" code). This means:

- It counts the same as half a day missed even if your child arrives just a few minutes after the register closes.
- Arriving late to school can seriously affect your child's attendance record.
- Punctuality issues may in some cases lead to further action.

Even being just a few minutes late can cause problems. Students miss the start of lessons, important notices, and it can make them feel unsettled for the rest of the day. Over time, this adds up and can affect both learning and confidence.

We know mornings can be difficult. **If you are struggling with getting your child to school on time, please talk to us.** We are here to help and want every child to have the best possible start to their day.

### **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.

Please book onto this Open Evening [HERE](#)

### **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.

### **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](mailto:CPOAnews@cliffparkoa.co.uk)

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

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

#### **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 - Mrs Dudley [ddudley@cliffparkoa.co.uk](mailto:ddudley@cliffparkoa.co.uk)  
Year 9 - Mr Warnes [mwarnes@cliffparkoa.co.uk](mailto:mwarnes@cliffparkoa.co.uk)  
Year 10 - Miss Harris [mharris@cliffparkoa.co.uk](mailto:mharris@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**