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Dear Parents / Carers,

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

A huge THANK YOU for supporting our Jamaican Relief Appeal

I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to every member of our school community who contributed to today's **Jamaican Hurricane Relief Appeal**. Your generosity, kindness, and sense of global citizenship has been amazing. So far we have raised an incredible £418 and gathered dozens of donated toiletries and cans of tinned food.

Thanks to your donations, we are now able to send much-needed supplies to support children and families in Jamaica who have been severely impacted by the recent hurricane. Every pound given today will go directly towards providing essentials in time for Christmas, a gesture that means far more than you may realise to those rebuilding their lives.

Your support is a powerful reminder of what our school stands for:

Community, compassion and the belief that even small acts can create meaningful change.

Highlights from our 'Ride Across Jamaica'



Once again, thank you for your generosity and community spirit. Together, we continue to make a real difference.

Year 11 Mocks Going Well – Keep Pushing to the Very Last Exam!

We want to congratulate our Year 11 students for the impressive start they have made to their **mock examination series**. Attendance has been strong, behaviour exemplary, and many students have shown real maturity in how they are preparing and approaching each paper.

As we move into the final stretch, our message is simple: **keep going**.

Mocks are not just a test of knowledge, they are a test of consistency, stamina and resilience. Every exam counts, and the effort put in now will make a huge difference when it comes to the summer GCSEs.

We are incredibly proud of Year 11 so far. Let's finish strong.

Year 7 Trip to Norwich Castle

This week, our Year 7 students enjoyed an exciting and informative **Geography field trip to Norwich Castle Museum**. The visit formed a key part of their “Landscape and Settlement” unit, giving students the opportunity to explore how geography has shaped the history and development of our region.

Our students represented the academy brilliantly throughout the day showing curiosity, respect, and real enthusiasm for learning beyond the classroom.



A huge thank you to the staff who accompanied the trip and to parents and carers for your support in making this valuable learning experience possible.

Important Parking Update – Keeping Our Students Safe

From **Monday 17th November**, we will be placing **safety cones along the curbside** in the **zig-zag area outside the school**. This action is being introduced to **prevent cars from mounting the pavement**, which has increasingly put our students at risk during busy drop-off and pick-up times.

Student safety is our absolute priority.

When vehicles pull onto the pavement, even momentarily, it creates a dangerous situation for children walking to and from school. The cones will help ensure that the pedestrian pathway remains clear, visible, and safe for everyone.

We kindly ask all parents and carers to:

- Avoid stopping or parking on the zig-zag lines
- Keep the roadway and crossing points clear
- Use designated drop-off points where possible
- Drive slowly and with heightened awareness at all times

Thank you for helping us maintain a safe environment for all students. Your cooperation makes a real difference to the wellbeing of our school community.

Important notice for PE lessons

PE lessons will be happening outside this half term due to Year 11 mocks taking place. Please make sure students bring appropriate PE kit to suit the weather conditions. No hoodies are allowed due to health and safety. Sports coats/waterproofs will be suitable as long as they do not restrict movement.

Christmas Dinner – Wednesday 10th December

We are delighted to share that our annual Christmas Dinner will be served to all students on Wednesday 10th December during Period 4.

Students who would like to enjoy the Christmas meal must purchase it in advance via ParentPay at a cost of £3.50. Please ensure payments are made early so that our catering team can plan and prepare accordingly.

The meal will include a traditional festive roast with all the trimmings, along with a vegetarian option.

We look forward to celebrating this festive tradition together and ending the term with some Christmas cheer!

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!

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

Parent Forum Next Date

Our next Parent Forum will take place on **Thursday 18th December at 6.00PM**, and we look forward to welcoming even more families to be part of the discussion.

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
Monday 3 rd November until Friday 21 st November	Year 11 Mock Exams
Thursday 27 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.

Yours sincerely

Harry French
Principal