

WELCOME TO CLIFF PARK CONNECT

The newsletter aims to strengthen the partnership between the academy and families by keeping carers informed, engaged, and connected with what students are experiencing and how the school is supporting their learning and development.

Cliff Park Connect is the school's regular window into daily life at Cliff Park Ormiston Academy, helping bring the community together around students' achievements and school priorities.

YEAR 9 FOOTBALL SUCCESS

Our Year 9 County Champion football team produced an excellent performance with a 3-1 victory against CNS, last year's Norfolk County Cup finalists. The team showed real resilience, discipline, and teamwork throughout the match, matching a strong opponent and taking their chances well.

Our year 8 students continued this run of success beating Downham Market 2-1 progressing to the quarter finals of the county cup.



YEAR 9 PARENTS EVENING

Year 9 Parents' Evening will take place on **Thursday 29 January**. This is an important opportunity to meet with subject teachers, discuss your child's progress, and talk through next steps as students continue through Key Stage 3 and begin to look ahead to Key Stage 4. **Bookings are now open.**

CARE VALUES IN ACTION

Our school culture is built on our CARE values: **Community, Aspiration, Resilience and Excellence**. These values guide our expectations and help create calm, safe classrooms where students can learn and thrive.

Clear routines and consistent expectations support students to make positive choices and feel confident throughout the school day. When students find things difficult, we focus on support, reflection, and helping them get back on track.

Thank you for working in partnership with us to reinforce our CARE values and maintain a positive learning environment for all.



Community



Aspiration



Resilience



Excellence

PRINCIPAL DROP IN REMINDER

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.

PARENT FORUM - NEXT DATE

Our next Parent Forum will take place on Thursday 26th March 2026 at 6.00 PM, and we look forward to welcoming even more families to be part of the discussion.

MAIN RECEPTION OPENING

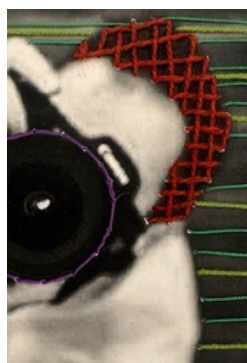
Opening hours for our main reception – 8.00 am to 4.00 pm Monday to Thursday. 8.00 am to 3.30pm on a Friday.

Telephone 01493 661504 option 2 or email enquiries@cliffparkoa.co.uk

KEY STAGE 3: FOCUS

Year 9 Art

Year 9 students have been producing striking portraits inspired by the work of Victoria Villasana, using embroidery as their main medium.



DODGEBALL DOLLARS

Form Competition

Students posted their Dodgeball Dollars into the postbox outside the OASIS Hub. On Thursday in Period 4, all Dodgeball Dollars will be counted.



The form with the most Dodgeball Dollars was announced at Thursday lunchtime line-up – and the whole form won an hours 'glow in the dark dodge ball session'.

The winners were Ms Green's Form who managed to secure 139 dollars in just 3 school days demonstrating amazing resilience!

KEY STAGE 4: YEAR 10

Year 10 students will be completing a week long Work Experience during the week beginning 29th June 2026. They have received their letters and information on how to log their placement on our online system, Unifrog. It is important that students begin finding their placements now so that they have a guaranteed position.

All details can be found on our website here: [Cliff Park Ormiston Academy - Careers Guidance](#)

READING LEADERS

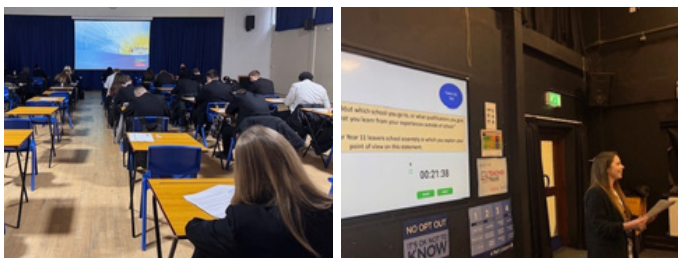
We're really proud of our Year 10 Reading Leaders who volunteer their time to support reading across the academy.

They work with younger pupils, help promote a love of books, and act as positive role models for reading both in lessons and around the school.



KEY STAGE 4: YEAR 11

This week, Year 11 students completed 'Walking Talking Mocks' in English and Maths. A Walking Talking Mock is a supported mock exam where teachers guide students through exam-style questions, modelling how to interpret questions, plan answers, and apply the correct exam techniques step by step.



FEBRUARY MOCK REVISION

A reminder to all students and families that now is the time to start revising. Regular, short revision sessions started early are far more effective than last-minute cramming.

Creating a simple weekly routine, revisiting key knowledge, and practicing exam questions will make a real difference to confidence and outcomes.



[CLICK HERE](#) to access revision resources for Year 11 including past papers and mark schemes.

ACADEMY DAY @ EAST NORFOLK COLLEGE

Our Academy Day at East Norfolk Sixth Form College takes place on Friday 20th February 2026 (February half term) for football, basketball or netball students (Years 10/11) who are passionate about their sport to come along and take part.

 **Friday 20th February 2026 (February Half Term)**

 Football, Basketball & Netball

 10:00am–2:00pm

 East Norfolk Sixth Form College, Gorleston



FREE TO ATTEND

Scan the QR code to book.

WHAT IS THE SSU?

The Student Support Unit is a short-term, structured intervention that provides students with:

- Calm, focused learning time with teaching assistant / learning mentor support
- Help to rebuild readiness for learning in mainstream lessons



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.**

SEND HELP & SUPPORT

Support can include classroom adjustments, small group work, or pastoral support. If you have questions or would like advice, please contact us – we are always happy to help.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS - CAN YOUR CHILD JOIN THE 1% CLUB?

Improving attendance by just 1% can make a huge difference to your child's learning.

The 1% club is an attendance incentive that isn't about being perfect. It's about getting 1% better. If your child already attends really well, they can qualify by hitting a perfect streak until the end of term.

If your child can improve their attendance by over 1% over the next 20 days, they will gain entry to the 1% club and a chance to win **£150**

Your Current Attendance	Consecutive Days needed to join the 1% Club
80%	5 Days
85%	10 Days
90%	15 Days
>95%	20 Days

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
Thursday 15th January	Y11 Parents Evening / Pre-Mock Information
Thursday 29th January	Y9 Parents Evening
Thursday 12th February	Parents Forum 6.00 pm
Friday 13th February	Finish for Half Term Break
Tuesday 24th February	Students return after Half Term Break (Week 2)
Thursday 23rd April	Y8 Parents Evening
Thursday 30th April	Y7 Parents Evening
Thursday 9th July	Y11 Prom – Great Yarmouth Racecourse