



Your Weekly Update from Cliff Park Ormiston Academy

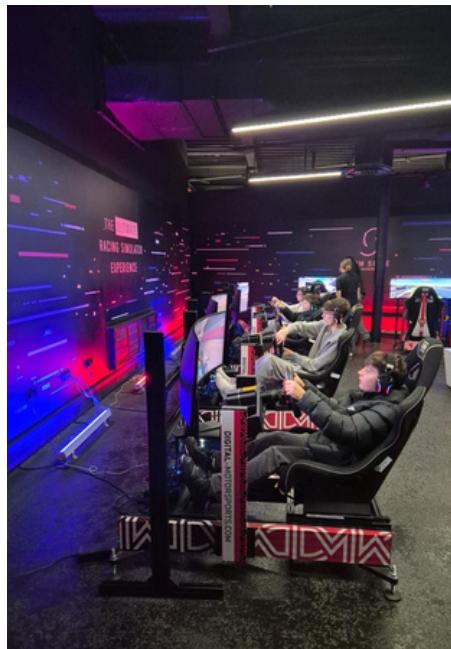
● Staying Connected 🎓 Celebrating Success 📈 Looking Ahead



WELCOME TO CLIFF PARK CONNECT

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 10 VISIT TO SILVERSTONE RACE TRACK



Our Year 10 students are today, thoroughly enjoying an exciting trip to Silverstone Racing Circuit.

The visit gave students a fantastic opportunity to experience a world-famous motorsport venue firsthand, bringing engineering to life and inspiring curiosity, ambition and enjoyment beyond the classroom.

A full trip report will be included in next weeks newsletter.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN OUR LOCAL GOVERNING BODY?

We are looking to welcome new members to our Local Governing Body (LGB) and would be delighted to hear from parents and carers who may be interested in getting involved.

The Local Governing Body plays an important role in supporting and challenging the academy's leadership, helping to ensure that we continue to provide the very best education, care and opportunities for our students.

If you are interested in finding out more or would like to express an interest in joining the LGB, please email jspurgeon@cliffparkoa.co.uk

FREE BREAKFAST

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 - 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.

EARLY LUNCH

To accomodate Year 11 mock examinations, lunch will start at 12.20PM from Tuesday 10th February for 2 weeks

WE WOULD LOVE YOUR FEEDBACK

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended our recent Year 11 and Year 9 Parents' Evenings. We hope you found the conversations with staff helpful and informative.

We are always keen to improve how we work in partnership with families, so we would really value your feedback on the evening. Your views help us refine future events and ensure they meet the needs of both parents and students.

👉 [Click here to share your feedback](#)

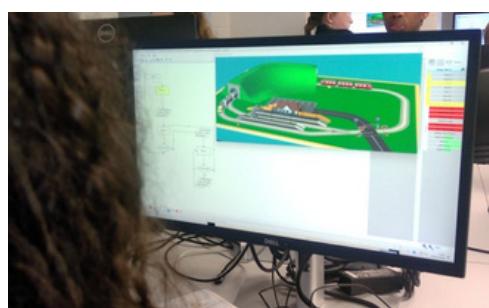
Thank you for your continued support.

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

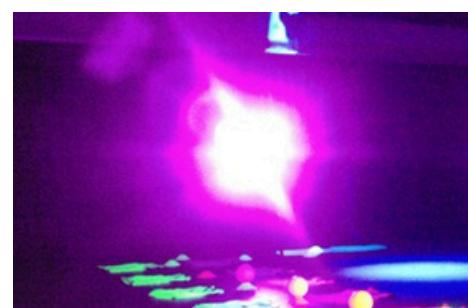
LESSONS THIS WEEK:



Year 8 have been using specialist software to work through a structured process of planning, sequencing and testing, developing logical thinking and attention to detail. The task required them to interpret visual information and make adjustments based on outcomes



Year 10 Performing Arts students are focusing on blocking during rehearsals for DNA by Dennis Kelly, with an emphasis on physical theatre and moments of comedic relief. They are showing great resilience and creativity as they adapt their use of the performance space and physicality.



A big congratulations to Mr Camp's Year 8 form, who earned the most Dodgeball Dollars and were rewarded with an hour-long glow-in-the-dark dodgeball session. The energy, teamwork and positive competition on display were brilliant to see.

YEAR 8 - 11 ASSEMBLY FOCUS: RECREATIONAL DRUGS



A focused assembly was delivered to Year 8 - 11 to provide accurate, factual information about the use of recreational drugs. The assembly explored potential social and health impacts, supporting students to understand the risks associated with misuse.

As part of the assembly students were also reminded where they can seek support or advice if they have concerns for themselves or others.

YEAR 11 EXAM BREAKFAST

To support our Year 11 students during the exam period, an exam breakfast will be available each morning in the Diner.

- Arrival time: from 8:20am
- FREE Breakfast provided on arrival
- Registers will be completed before pre-exam briefings begin at 8:30am

It is essential that students attend the exam breakfast each day. This ensures students are present, settled, well-fuelled and receive all final exam instructions before heading to their exams.

ADVICE: REVISION TIMETABLE

Creating a revision timetable can really help students feel organised and in control during the exam period. When drafting a timetable you should:

- Break revision into short, focused sessions rather than long blocks
- Prioritise subjects or topics they find most challenging
- Build in regular breaks, meals and downtime
- Include time for sleep, exercise and relaxation
- Review and adjust the timetable weekly if something isn't working

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.

Revise!

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

HALF TERM CATCH UP

A number of sessions will be running over half term. These are an opportunity for students to catch up with coursework or revision with subject teachers.

Day	Time	Subject
Monday	9.30am-2pm	Engineering (all students)
Monday	9-11	CPLD (all students)
Monday	9am - 12pm	French (all students)
Monday	9-12	Art/Photography (all students)
Monday	9.30 - 2	3D Design (all students)
Thursday	From 10am	ICT (all students)
Friday	9-12	Media – targeted students

YEAR 11 FEBRUARY MOCK EXAM TIMETABLE

Please ensure you keep a copy of this timetable for reference. Having it easily accessible will help students stay organised and prepared, and support smooth routines throughout the week.

Wk 1	Form Briefing	Periods 1 & 2	Period 4 & 5	
09/02/2026		Normal Lessons		
10/02/2026	LEN (Main Hall)	English Lang. Paper 1 (1hr 45)	French & Mandarin Writing (1hr 15 / 1hr 30)	
			Music (Periods 3-5)	
11/02/2026	HDA (Main Hall)	Maths Paper 1: Non-Cal (1hr 30)	Media Studies Component 1 (1 hr 30)	
			Music (Periods 4 and 5)	
12/02/2026	LEN (Main Hall)	English Lang. Paper 2 (1hr 45)	Geography: Global Geog. Issues (1hr 30)	
13/02/2026	MCS (Main Hall)	Science: Biology (1hr 15 / 1hr 45)	CPLD (1 hr 30)	
			Computing (1hr 20) - In ICT room	
HALF TERM				
Wk 2	Form Briefing	Periods 1 & 2	Period 4 & 5	
23/02/2026		INSET DAY		
24/02/2026		Photography Examination Unit - Day 1 - All day & Catch-up from Week 1		
25/02/2026	HDA (Main Hall)	Maths Paper 2: Calculator (1hr 30)	RE (1 hr 45)	
26/02/2026	LEN (Main Hall)	English Literature Paper 1 (1hr 45)	Sociology (1 hr 45)	
27/02/2026	MCS (Main Hall)	Science: Chemistry (1hr 15 / 1hr 45)	Media Studies Component 2 (1 hr 30)	
			Health & Social Care (1hr 30)	
Wk 1	Form Briefing	Periods 1 & 2	Period 4 & 5	
02/03/2026	LEN (Main Hall)	English Literature Paper 2 (2hr 15)	Engineering (1hr 30)	
03/03/2026	KAD (Main Hall) Cover: 8/KAD	Maths Paper 3: Calculator (1hr 30)	Travel and Tourism (1 hr)	
04/03/2026	SMI (Main Hall) Cover: 7/SMI	History (1hr 30)	French & Mandarin Reading (1hr / 1hr 15)	
05/03/2026	MCS (Main Hall)	Science: Physics (1hr 15 / 1hr 45)	Drama (3-5) & CATCH-UP	
06/03/2026	MDA (Main Hall)	Geography: UK Geographical Issues (1hr 45)	Drama (4 & 5) & CATCH-UP	

Please report any absence on examination days by calling 01493 661504 (Option 1) BEFORE 8.30am

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.

ATTENDANCE NEWSLETTER

Each Wednesday, we share our Weekly Attendance Newsletter with families and students. This provides a clear snapshot of attendance across the academy, celebrates strong and improving attendance, and highlights key messages or reminders for the week ahead.

We encourage families to take a few minutes each week to read the newsletter and talk with their child about the importance of being in school every day, on time.

PRINCIPAL DROP IN REMINDER

Parents / Carers are welcome to drop into the academy to meet with myself or a member of my Senior Team every Wednesday.

You do not need to make an appointment, please just come to reception between 8.50 and 9.30AM 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.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
Thursday 12th February	Parents Forum 6.00pm
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