

# 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.

## HMS SULTAN - LIFE IN THE NAVY RESIDENTIAL



This week students have completed a residential trip to HMS Sultan, one of the Royal Navy's principal training establishments, students will explore the world of marine engineering and naval operations. Over the three day residential, students gained an insight into the technical expertise, teamwork and resilience required to serve in the modern Royal Navy. Thank to Mr Palmer and Mrs Prewer for taking the trip.

## NEW CHAIR OF GOVERNORS AT CLIFF PARK



**Cllr. Emma Flaxman-Taylor**  
 Chair of Governors  
 Cliff Park Ormiston Academy

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Flaxman-Taylor has been appointed as Chair of the Cliff Park Ormiston Academy Local Governing Body. Mrs Flaxman-Taylor has been a member of the LGB since January 2022. Mrs Flaxman Taylor is a Norfolk County Council member who is Vice Chair of the Health and Well Being Board and Integrated Care Partnership. Cabinet holder for Health, Housing & Communities and locally elected member for Great Yarmouth Borough Council (Gorleston Ward) We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Mrs Brown who has stepped down. Mrs Brown oversaw a significant period of change culminating in the academy being judged 'Good' by Ofsted in 2025.

## 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.

## 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](mailto:enquiries@cliffparkoa.co.uk)

## PARENT FORUM - RESCHEDULED

Due to unforeseen circumstances, this evening's Parent Forum will be rescheduled.

The new date is **Friday 13th March 2026 at 6.00pm**. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and look forward to seeing you on the new date. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

## STAFF TRAINING DAY

The academy will be closed to students on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February as staff take part in professional development and training to continue improving the quality of education and support we provide.

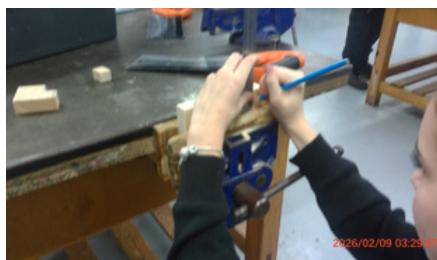
All students should return to the academy as normal on Tuesday 24th February at 8.30am

## LESSONS THIS WEEK:

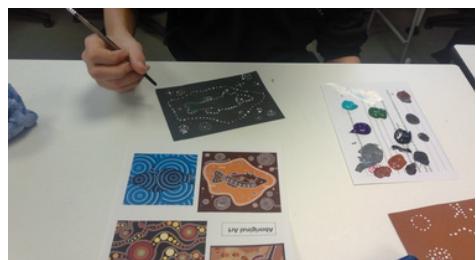


Year 7 students have been exploring the challenges and opportunities of living near volcanoes as part of their Geography curriculum.

Students have examined how volcanic eruptions occur, learning about tectonic plate boundaries, magma chambers and the build-up of pressure beneath the Earth's surface.



Year 8 students have been developing their practical woodworking skills this term, learning how to accurately mark out and cut pine using a vice and tenon saw. It is fantastic to see students taking pride in their craftsmanship and applying high standards to their practical work.



Inspired by traditional dot painting techniques, Yr 7 students learned how patterns, colour and symbols are used to tell stories about land, animals and community. They carefully practised creating repeated dot patterns, experimenting with different tools and colour combinations to build texture and movement within their designs.

# STRONG START TO YEAR 11 MOCK EXAMS



This week, our Year 11 students have made an impressive start to their mock examinations.

Walking into the exam hall, there was a real sense of focus, maturity and purpose. Students arrived early, prepared properly, and conducted themselves with calm determination. The atmosphere has been purposeful and respectful exactly what we want at this important stage of the year.

## 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.

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) <i>Cover: 8/KAD</i>	Maths Paper 3: Calculator (1hr 30)	Travel and Tourism (1 hr)
04/03/2026	SMI (Main Hall) <i>Cover: 7/SMI</i>	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**



**WELL DONE EVERYONE WHO HAS PROTECTED THEIR ATTENDANCE STREAK. EXTEND YOUR STREAK ON FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> AND GAIN +1 EXTRA ENTRY TO WIN £150.**

## 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.

## SCHOOL INFORMATION SYSTEM

After half term, we will be moving to a new Management Information System (MIS). This system sits behind the scenes and supports many of our day-to-day processes, including attendance, reporting, communication and data management. The change is part of our ongoing work to ensure our systems are modern, efficient and fully aligned with the needs of our school community.

There should be no disruption to your child's learning as a result of this change. However, during the transition period there may be slight delays in communication while systems update.

Thank you for your patience.

## 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.

## YEAR 8 FOOTBALL SUCCESS

### NEXT ROUND: COUNTY CUP SEMI-FINAL



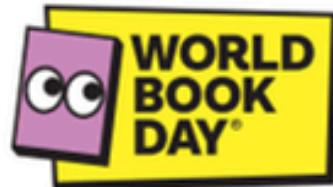
Our Year 8 boys delivered an unforgettable performance in the County Cup quarter-final against Hobart Academy.

After a tense sudden death shootout with Cliff Park holding their nerve to secure a 7–6 victory. **WELL DONE!**

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
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

CELEBRATING WITH



# World Book Day® 5 March 2026

Reading opens doors and at Ormiston, we work to elevate reading so every learner can enjoy it, whatever they love.

As part of the UK-wide National Year of Reading "Go All In", we're championing the message "If you're into it, read it" from books to blogs, lyrics to fandoms.

Our World Book Day® celebrations sit at the heart of this mission, inspiring pupils across Ormiston to read widely, joyfully and confidently. World Book Day® is a key moment across Ormiston, uniting schools to celebrate stories, characters and all kinds of texts as part of this national movement.

Below is our calendar of World Book Day® activities.

Love something? Read it. Share it. Celebrate it. Get involved.

1

**The Big Secondary Book Quiz:** A fast paced, Ormiston wide quiz. Perfect for tutor groups, classes, or entire year groups to join.  
**Live:** 9:15-9:45am

2

**The Big Primary Book Off:** A fun, interactive quiz. Ideal for whole class participation.  
**Live:** 10:00-10:30am

3

**Author Spotlight:** A pre-recorded interview with a featured children's/YA author, Jennifer Killick. Schools can watch at any point in the day to suit their timetable.

4

## COMPETITION

**Potato Character Parade:** Pupils decorate and dress a potato as a favourite book character. Entries can be displayed in school or shared on social media for an Ormiston wide gallery.

For the competition and numbers 5-10, send your images to: [worldbookday@ormistonacademies.co.uk](mailto:worldbookday@ormistonacademies.co.uk)

5

**Reading Bingo Challenge:** Pupils complete fun reading tasks like 'read for 10 minutes in a cosy spot' or 'read to a family member' to fill in a bingo card.

6

**Library Quest: Scavenger Hunt:** A quick and exciting challenge where pupils search the library for clues, book titles linked to WBD.

7

**Dress a Door Competition:** Transform classroom doors into iconic book or genre.

8

**Whole School Dress-Up Day:** Pupils and staff come dressed as favourite book characters to celebrate reading and spark conversations.

9

**Audio Adventures:** Use audiobooks or short readings throughout the day-perfect for assemblies, form time or English lessons.

10

**Mystery Book Reveal:** Wrap books in plain paper with a few enticing clues on the front. Pupils choose a book based on the clues alone, then unwrap it to discover their 'mystery read.'



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