



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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 1% CLUB £150 WINNER



A huge congratulations to **Shontelle Da Silva in Year 11**, who has won £150 for achieving an incredible 20-day attendance streak. Shontelle's commitment to being in school every single day demonstrates the very best of our CARE values.

By achieving this 20-day attendance streak, Shontelle has truly embodied our CARE values maintaining high Aspiration for her future.

Well done, Shontelle - a fantastic achievement and thoroughly deserved! Shontelle decided to convert her £150 winnings to one Amazon Voucher!

Attendance isn't just about being present it's about giving yourself every possible opportunity to succeed.

NEW ATTENDANCE INCENTIVE - 25 DAYS TO THRIVE

By attending each morning students show **Resilience and Excellence** by being present and on time. For the next 24 days we are asking student to complete a 'Thrive Card'.

Every student who completes all 25 days and hands in a completed card at the end of the Spring Term will be entered into the £150 prize draw.

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			10/03/26	18/03/26	19/03/26	DOUBLE ENTRY
			23/03/26	24/03/26	25/03/26	DOUBLE ENTRY

Each morning, show **Resilience and Excellence** by being present and on time, and ask your form tutor to sign the box for that day.

Completing all 25 days demonstrates **Commitment to our Community** and personal **Aspiration**. Only students who return a fully completed card on the final day of the Spring Term will be entered into the £150 prize draw.

Take responsibility and keep this card safe. Lost cards cannot be replaced.

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

YEAR 9 OPTIONS - ONLINE EVENT

We would like to invite parents of Year 9 to an Options Webinar at 6pm on **Thursday 12th March**. Mr Sorrento will go through the option process with parents and will be answering any questions you may have. We encourage as many parents as possible to attend this webinar.

The link to this evening can be found here:

[LINK TO OPTIONS EVENT](#)

UNIFORM REMINDER

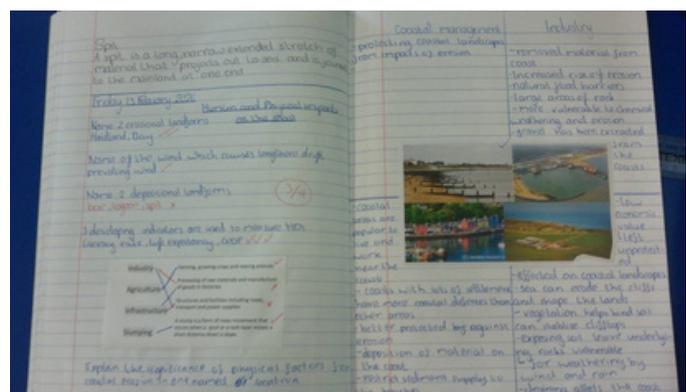
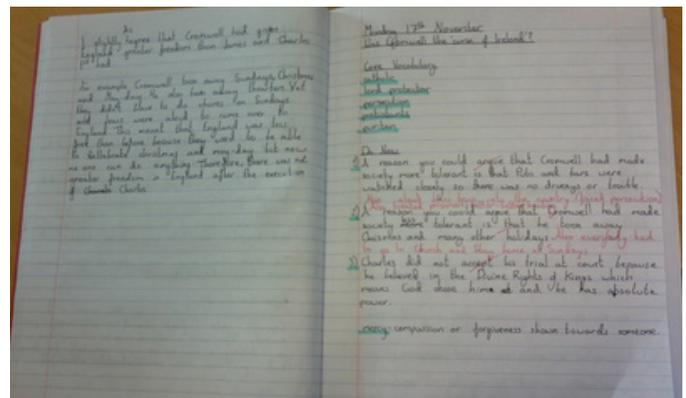
A reminder to all students and families that blazers must be worn at all times in the academy, unless a member of staff gives permission to remove them.

Hoodies are not part of the school uniform and must not be worn on site. Any hoodies seen in school will be confiscated and can be collected at the end of the day.

LOVE BOOKS

The presentation of students' books matters because it reflects their attitude to learning. When work is neat, dated, underlined correctly and completed with care, it shows pride, focus and respect for the subject.

Well-presented books make it easier for students to revise, spot misconceptions, respond to feedback and see their own progress over time. . At Cliff Park, presentation is not about perfection, it is about discipline, effort and taking learning seriously. **Here are a selection of beautiful books that we love.** 



YEAR 11 PROM - IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT



Attendance on Friday 6th March is essential in order to guarantee receipt of your prom invitation.

We are excited to share that Prom invitations will be distributed by hand to all Year 11 students during Period 4 on Friday 6th March. This is always a memorable milestone in the Year 11 journey and marks the beginning of the final celebrations of their time with us.

Invitations will be issued in person as part of the assembly experience.

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.

FEBRUARY MOCK REVISION



A huge well done to all of the students who gave up their time during February half term to attend our Maths Masterclasses. We are proud of the effort shown. Small, consistent investments like this make a big difference over time.

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

EXAM SLEEP ADVICE

Sleep is not a luxury it is essential for learning, wellbeing and performance.

Teenagers need around 8–10 hours of sleep each night to concentrate properly, regulate emotions and retain new knowledge. When students are tired, focus drops, resilience weakens and behaviour can suffer.

Simple habits make a big difference: Switch off phones at least 30–60 minutes before bed and avoid gaming or social media late at night really help.

Treat good sleep is part of your exam preparation!

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

Well done to the many Year 10s who have found a Work Experience Placement. A reminder that this will be taking place during the week beginning Monday 29th June.

Please encourage your child to find a Work Experience placement. Help is available for any student struggling to find a placement. Please email Mr Sorrento ssorrento@cliffparkoa.co.uk who will then organise a Careers Interview for them with our trained Careers Advisor.

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.

SCHOOL INFORMATION SYSTEM

We have now moved to a new 'Management Information System'. 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.

WORLD BOOK DAY

CELEBRATING WITH WORLD BOOK DAY

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
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.'

GO ALL IN. National Year of Reading 2026

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
Thursday 12th March	Year 9 Options Webinar
Thursday 23rd April	Y8 Parents Evening
Thursday 30th April	Y7 Parents Evening
Thursday 9th July	Y11 Prom – Great Yarmouth Racecourse

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
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

YEAR 10 MOCK EXAMS

Year 10 will be sitting mock examinations after Easter, during the week beginning Monday 13th April until Friday 1st May. This mock exam window will enable students and their teachers to assess the progress that has been made, whilst identifying areas for develop that can then be targeted in Year 11.

All Year 10 Mock Examinations will take place in the Sports Hall, under examination conditions to enable students to experience what their final Year 11 Summer exams will be like. Mock timetables and revision materials will be made available to students in the coming weeks.

In order to prepare students for what the mock exams will be like, Year 10 will be sitting two, one-hour formal assessments under exam conditions next week.

Thursday 5th March, Period 4: English Paper One, Section A (reading comprehension and analysis)

Friday 6th March, Period 4: Mathematics

Students have been working towards these in their classes this half-term.

Mock Exams: Benefits for Students & Parents

For Students	For Parents
Exam Practice Experience real exam conditions	Insight into Performance Track your child's progress
Identify Weak Areas Focus on topics that need improvement	Support & Guidance Help with study plans & revision.
Reduce Anxiety Build confidence & reduce test stress	Realistic Expectations Understand readiness for exams
Time Management Improve timing & exam strategies	Early Intervention Address issues before finals
Feedback & Progress Understand strengths & areas to improve	Encouragement & Motivation Boost confidence & effort

Building Success & Confidence Together!