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Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy New Year

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

Starting the Year strongly: High Expectations, Strong Routines, Real Belonging

As we begin the new term, we have completed a “Student Reboot” assembly to reset expectations and ensure every child is supported to learn well, feel safe, and feel that they truly belong at Cliff Park.

What we’re reinforcing in school:

1) Strong learning every lesson (the 4-Part Lesson)

Students learn best when lessons follow a consistent structure: **Retrieval → Teacher Expertise → Independent Practice → Review**. Where this is used consistently, learning is stronger and students feel more secure.

2) Resilience through purposeful independent practice

We are encouraging students to stick with tasks when learning feels difficult. This includes trying challenging questions, using models and examples, re-reading carefully, checking key vocabulary, and responding positively to feedback. These habits build confidence, independence and long-term achievement.

3) Calm movement and strong transitions

Simple routines protect learning time and reduce disruption. Students are reminded to move to lessons **quietly**, keep to the **left** on corridors, and arrive **on time**, especially after lunch so that Period 5 is as strong as Period 1.

Attendance matters - every day counts

We have also reinforced the importance of attendance. GCSE courses (and the knowledge that supports them) are built over years, and missed days quickly turn into missed learning. We will continue to support families where attendance is a struggle, while also following up absence quickly and consistently.

We will be sending an attendance newsletter to all parents / carers every Wednesday. The newsletter will include helpful hints and tips about how to support your child’s strong attendance to school every day.

A move towards values-led recognition

Over time, rewards need to do more than create a quick “buzz”. We are developing a more meaningful recognition approach rooted in our CARE values: **Community, Aspiration, Resilience and Excellence**. This helps students build pride in doing the right thing because it matters, not just because of a prize.

How parents/carers can help

You can support this reset by:

- Reinforcing **excellent attendance** and punctuality
- Encouraging your child to **persist when learning is challenging**
- Supporting **correct uniform** and calm, respectful routines
- Talking to your child about how their daily choices reflect our CARE values

Thank you for your continued support. Our aim is simple: **every student safe, known, valued — and learning exceptionally well every day.**

Work Experience

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](#)

Enrichment Timetable Spring 2026

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before school 8am onwards	Homework Club (Library) – Mrs Jermy/Mrs Kapoor Football (Astro) - Mr Shuffle	Homework Club (Library) – Mrs Jermy/Mrs Kapoor Football (Astro) - Mr Shuffle	Homework Club (Library) – Mrs Jermy/Mrs Kapoor Football (Astro) - Mr Shuffle	Homework Club (Library) – Mrs Jermy/Mrs Kapoor Football (Astro) - Mr Shuffle	Homework Club (Library) – Mrs Jermy/Mrs Kapoor Football (Astro) - Mr Shuffle
Lunchtime 1:30-1:55	Peri Lessons (Music) - Various Dungeons and Dragons – Mr Himonas	Bookable Practice Room (Music) - Mrs Johnson Dungeons and Dragons – Mr Himonas	Dungeons & Dragons – Mr Himonas Wellbeing Walk (Hums Patio) - Mrs Huggins/Miss Read DofE Award Drop In (MA5) – Miss Lee Pride Book Club (HU4) - Ms Sewell	BTEC Music/Drama (Music/Drama) - Mrs Johnson/ Miss Pacini Dungeons and Dragons – Mr Himonas	Dungeons and Dragons – Mr Himonas
Afterschool 15:10-16:00	Netball (PE) – Miss Briggs Year 8/9 Boys Football (PE) – Mr O’Brien Art Club (AR1/AR2) – Mr Cullen ‘Cliff Park Christmas’ Auditions (Music) – Mrs Johnson Homework Club (Library) – Mrs Jermy/Mrs Kapoor	Table Tennis (PE) STAFF TRAINING/ MEETINGS	Basketball (PE) – Mr Callaby Pickleball (PE) - Mr Palmer ‘Rock School’ (Music) - Mrs Johnson Girls Football (PE) - Miss Haylock Chess Club – Mr Green (ML4) Homework Club (Library) – Mrs Jermy/Mrs Kapoor	Year 7 Boys Football (PE) - Mr Warnes Fitness Suite (PE) - Miss Briggs ArtClub Year 10 (AR1/AR2) – Mr Cullen BTEC Music PSA Support - Mrs Johnson Duke of Edinburgh (MA5) - Miss Lee Homework Club (Library) – Mrs Jermy/Mrs Kapoor	Karaoke Club (Music) – Mrs Johnson and others Homework Club (Library) – Mrs Jermy/Mrs Kapoor

Parking Outside the Academy – Keeping Students Safe

You will be aware that safety cones have been placed along the zig-zag area outside school to prevent cars from mounting the pavement. Recently, this has created an unsafe situation for students during busy drop-off and pick-up times.

Student safety remains our top priority, and keeping the pavement clear is essential.

Thank you to the many parents and carers who already park responsibly. We really appreciate your support.

We do, however, ask all families to please:

- Avoid stopping or parking on zig-zag lines
- Keep crossing points unobstructed
- Use designated drop-off areas wherever possible
- Drive slowly and with heightened awareness

Your cooperation helps us maintain a safe environment for every child.

Thank you for continuing to work with us.

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 26th March 2026 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
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

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.

Harry French

Principal