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Dear Parents / Carers,

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

Thank You for a Fantastic First Half Term

As we reach the end of this first half term, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support, encouragement, and partnership.

It has been a busy and uplifting few weeks at Cliff Park from a hugely successful Open Evening and an inspiring Year 11 Parents' Evening, to the launch of our new Student Leadership Team and the first Parent Forum of the year. Across the academy, students have shown real commitment to our CARE values and a growing sense of pride in their learning and community.

Your support, whether through attending events, engaging with staff, or reinforcing expectations at home makes a genuine difference to the calm, purposeful atmosphere we are building together.

Wishing all our families a safe and restful half term break.

Parent Forum Update

Thank you to all parents and carers who were able to attend our Parent Forum on Thursday 23rd October. It was a valuable opportunity to share updates on our estates plans, staffing structure, student leadership, rewards, and our continued focus on connection and belonging at Cliff Park. The session was recorded, and a full video will be available via our YouTube channel after half term for anyone who was unable to join us.

Our next Parent Forum will take place on **Thursday 18th December at 6.00PM**, and we look forward to welcoming even more families to be part of the discussion.

Introducing Our New Revision Space for Year 11

We're excited to announce the launch of our brand-new Revision Space on the Student Hub! This dedicated area brings together a wide range of resources to support students in preparing for upcoming assessments and exams. From subject-specific revision guides and study materials to tips on revision planning and techniques, the Revision Space is designed to help every student feel confident and prepared.

Students are encouraged to explore it regularly and make the most of the tools available. Students can find the Revision Space on their splash screen of the student hub. If you require any further information or support around revision and exams please contact Mrs Milner, Assistant Principal Raising Attainment at kmilner@cliffparkoa.co.uk.

Parent Workshop: Supporting Your Child with Anxiety

Delivered by the Mental Health Support Team (MHST)

Date: Thursday 13 November 2025 at 2:00 – 3:00pm

Venue: Cliff Park Ormiston Academy (Main Hall)

Join the Mental Health Support Team (MHST) and our pastoral staff for an informative and supportive workshop aimed at helping parents and carers understand and support young people experiencing anxiety. This practical session will explore how anxiety presents in children and teenagers, and how to manage it both at home and in school.

You'll Learn:

- Practical strategies to support children experiencing anxiety • How to spot early signs of worry or stress
- Tips for managing school mornings, homework and exams • Tools to help build resilience and confidence
- Where to access further local and online support

This free workshop is open to all parents and carers whether anxiety is a new concern or something you are already managing. Spaces are limited, so please book early to secure a place.

To book: cpoaenquiries@cliffparkoa.co.uk

Important notice for PE lessons

PE lessons will be happening outside after half term due to Year 11 mocks taking place. Please make sure students bring appropriate PE kit to suit the weather conditions. No hoodies are allowed due to health and safety. Sports coats/waterproofs will be suitable as long as they do not restrict movement.

Explore life as a student athlete Academy day (see attached flyer for information)

Friday 31st October 2025 (October Half Term)

Football & Basketball only

10:00am – 2:00pm

East Norfolk Sixth Form College, Gorleston

Free to attend – booking required

<http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/eastnorfolksixthformcollege>

Free School Meals – Don't Miss Out!

At Cliff Park Ormiston Academy, we want every student to have the best start to each school day. If your child is eligible for Free School Meals (FSM), we strongly encourage you to apply — it's quick, confidential, and can make a big difference.

By taking up Free School Meals, students benefit from:

- A nutritious meal each day to help them concentrate and achieve their best in lessons.
- Access to additional support for learning, as the school receives extra funding (Pupil Premium) for every student registered.
- The reassurance that all applications are treated in confidence — no one can tell who is receiving Free School Meals.

If you think your child might be eligible, please check the criteria and apply online via <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals> or contact the school office for support. Even if your child prefers to bring a packed lunch, registering still brings valuable additional funding to the academy.

For students already entitled to Free School Meals — we encourage you to make the most of this support every single day. A healthy lunch will fuel your learning, boost your energy, and help you get the very best from your time at Cliff Park.

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

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
Friday 24th October	October Half Term
Monday 3 rd November until Friday 21 st November	Year 11 Mock Exams
Thursday 20 th November	Year 12 Presentation Evening
Thursday 27 th November	Careers Fair
Friday 28 th November	Year 11 Mock Results
Friday 5 th December	Staff Training Day
Thursday 18 th December	Parent Forum
Friday 19th December	End of Autumn Term

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.

Have a brilliant holiday.

Yours sincerely

Harry French

Principal