



ORMISTON SIX VILLAGES ACADEMY



An OAT Academy



27th September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

Please find below this week's key information and general information.

Open Evening

A very high number of pupils came to the academy on Tuesday evening to support our annual Open Evening. They helped in a number of areas as tour guides, speakers, music and drama performances, with refreshments and in subject areas. Their help was invaluable and we received many compliments from prospective families on how well-presented and polite they were. Thank you for allowing your children to support this event; they were wonderful ambassadors.

Year 10 and 11 English Literature GCSE

As part of the English Literature GCSE, pupils are required to study the following texts:

- 'Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde' by R.L Stevenson
- 'Macbeth' by William Shakespeare

Copies of these texts, along with the supporting revision guides, are now available to purchase via ParentPay for up to £3 per book. Although these exams will be 'closed-book', I would strongly recommend that your child has their own copy for revision purposes.

The deadline for all purchases will be 20th December 2019 and texts will be given out to pupils via their English teacher at the beginning of the Spring term.

Safeguarding Update

During year group assemblies this week, the Safeguarding Team have focused the pupils on 'Making the right choices', and 'Making safe choices'. This has included keeping themselves safe online, sexting, and of course the new criminal offence of 'upskirting'.

All pupils are aware of who within the academy they are able to go to with any concerns they may have, safe in the knowledge that they are always listened to.

We will soon be introducing the Safer Schools App to all pupils and parents. This is a fantastic new App that all pupils will be able to download free, and provides them with reliable information, safeguarding updates and will also allow parents to receive tips and advice on how to keep children safe online. The Safeguarding Team at Six Villages are very excited about this and are looking forward to all our pupils being able to access it.

Finally, we are pleased to share news of two forthcoming events:

- On 19th November we are hosting an evening event which is being organised and presented by West Sussex County Council in conjunction with Barnardo's. The Stay Safe Parents Session focuses primarily on keeping your child safe online. The presentation will be for parents and carers only, and any other adult family members. More information will follow next month.
- Secondly, 11th – 15th November is Anti-Bullying Week. The Safeguarding Team will be working with pupils and promoting the anti-bullying ethic within our academy.

Key Dates

Year 7 Information Evening	3 rd October, 6.30pm	Year 9 Parents' Consultation	13 th February 2020, 4pm-7pm
Year 11 Information Evening	10 th October, 6.30pm	Year 8 Parents' Consultation	19 th March 2020, 4pm-7pm
INSET Day	11 th October	Year 10 Parents' Consultation	14 th May 2020, 4pm-7pm
Year 11 Parents' Consultation	9 th January 2020, 4pm-7pm	Year 7 Parents' Consultation	11 th June 2020, 4pm-7pm

Lost Property

We have a large quantity of lost property including several coats. If your child has lost any item of uniform, please ask them to have a look by for it in the Directors of Learning office. All items not collected will go to charity on 4th October.

Aerosols

Many of our staff and pupils have breathing difficulties or allergies and can become very unwell when deodorant or other aerosols are sprayed in their vicinity. Therefore we are asking for your support in ensuring that all pupils avoid bringing aerosol products or sprays to the academy. I would be very grateful if all parents and carers could help ensure this is followed and sprays and aerosols are not purchased for use in school.

My thanks to you all for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'P Slaughter', written in a cursive style.

Mr P Slaughter
Principal