

Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome my wonderful Year 8s back to Ormiston Park Academy and express how lovely it has been to see so many of them adjust very quickly to and embrace their online learning, I appreciate that this is not an easy time for them, you and your loved ones, but I wanted to take this time to share with you personally how happy the whole Year 8 team is to have them back with us, albeit remotely.

Lessons began remotely on the 5th January on Microsoft Teams and will continued to be delivered in this way until we receive further guidance from the government with regards to the reopening of schools. Although the Year 8s are familiar with Teams having attended online lessons for the two weeks previous to the Christmas break I want to commend them for adapting to these challenging circumstances in a mature and enthusiastic way. Especially with the technical issues some of them may have experienced along the way and your patience as parents/carers while we worked to resolve them for you.

If you do experience any further IT issues as listed below, please do contact the appropriate team.

Remote Learning IT Issues Support (Devices / Connectivity / Microsoft Teams etc)

OPARLSupport@ormistonpark.org.uk

Password Reset:

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The feedback I have received from Year 8 subject teachers about their participation and engagement in their online lessons has been nothing but positive and I as their Head of Year could not be prouder of them for their continued commitment to their studies in these challenging times.

The structure of their school day is slightly different now, with lessons being 40 minutes long instead of the normal one-hour session. This has been put in place with pupil wellbeing at the forefront of our minds, to enable them to have a break from their devices in-between lessons; stretch their legs and prepare for their next lesson. The expectation for conduct in and attendance to lessons remains the same as if they were in the Academy. Lessons start promptly at 9am and finish at 2:40pm, I am confident that in the past two week the Year 8s have been trying their hardest to attend all of their sessions, I also understand in these circumstances that sometimes it is difficult to motivate your child for the day ahead and technology is not always on our side. Please do contact myself or any member of my team should your child experience any difficulty accessing their online lessons as we are here to support them and you.

We are a year group that pride ourselves on wellbeing and healthy communication, as of Monday 18th January Form Tutors will be delivering morning registration every Monday and Friday at 8:45am -9am, so that they can be available to discuss and assist with any concerns your child may be having. I will also be delivering live assemblies every Wednesday starting 20th January from 8:40am-9am, our assemblies have always been a time for us to come together as a year group and celebrate all of their achievements, I do not want them to miss out on this experience and the opportunity to receive a Positive Referral from their teachers because of the current circumstances we find ourselves in, so please do encourage your child to attend every registration and assembly.

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals we will send vouchers direct to your email addresses via a company called Schoolvouchers.com, if your email details have changed then could you please update the Academy as soon as possible, so that we can get your vouchers to you promptly. We are currently waiting on the national government scheme to commence and then we will work via them as we did in the first National lockdown.

A letter was sent earlier this week via Parentmail and Show My Homework regarding the Year 8 HPV vaccinations taking place on the 21st January onsite at Ormiston Park Academy with details attached about how you can book an appointment for your child, if you haven't already done so I urge you to please do this as the HPV vaccinations are a crucial way of protecting your child's health (I have attached the information at the bottom of this letter for your reference).

Thank you for taking the time to read this, as I'm sure you can appreciate this is an extremely uncertain and confusing time for all of us, however, your child's education and wellbeing is extremely important to myself and my team so please do feel free to contact us with any queries you may have and we will respond to you as soon as possible.

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Kindest regards,

Samantha Mussenden: Head of Year 8

Please see important information below regarding your child's scheduled HPV Vaccination due to take place at Ormiston Park Academy on Thursday 21st January 2021. This is by appointment only and you will need to book your child's time slot on the number below.

School based session using appointment booking:

- 1) All year 8 parents this information is regarding the upcoming **appointment only** HPV session held at the school and that to attend they need to call the immunisation appointment line on **0300 790 0597** to book an appointment. Parent to book appointment and complete the online consent form if they can. If they have problems with electronic consent they can use a paper consent on the day.
- 2) Only those with appointments will be seen on the day to maintain social distancing in and around the venue.
- 3) Parents call and book appointment slot with immunisation team, 10 minute time slots available from 9.30-2.45 (depending on the number of nurses on the day and the uptake will depend on how many lists will run but we will have a minimum of 2 nurses, one meet and greet lady to keep the session organised and a health care assistant to support anyone feeling unwell after vaccine.
- 4) Only 1 parent allowed per student and they both must be wearing face coverings (we will have masks available for those that haven't got one)
- 5) On day of session, vaccines delivered to school by courier. Nurses arrive and will set up. We will put up signage to direct parent and student.
- 6) Parent and student follow signage to session venue, check in with our meet and greet. They are then directed to a free nurse and vaccinated. They will be asked to leave immediately if they are feeling ok.

