



Ormiston Victory Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers

Your child is fast approaching the end of their time at Ormiston Victory Academy. Year 11 can be an exciting, as well as stressful time for students, as they face their final exams and decisions about their future. We write to you in order to outline the expectations and support available for students. Firstly, an introduction to our Year 11 team:

Mr Willis - Assistant Principal for Raising Achievement

I was appointed as Assistant Principal at Ormiston Victory Academy in January 2017. I have been working closely with your child since my appointment in January in order to prepare them for their Year 11 examination year. Your child is now approaching their final and most important year of their education so far and I am excited to, and highly motivated in, supporting them throughout Year 11, to ensure that they achieve the best grades they possibly can. The minimum expectation is that your child tries their best and takes full advantage of the additional intervention and support which they will receive as a Year 11 student. Your support as parents and carers will also be vital in ensuring that your child is given the best possible chance in fulfilling their potential. If you have any concerns or questions throughout Year 11, I encourage you to contact myself or a member of the Year 11 team.

Miss Youngman - Head of Year 11

I have worked at Ormiston Victory Academy for seven years and have been a Head of Year for the previous two. This is my second year as Head of Year 11. I teach ICT and Computer Science and I am also Curriculum Leader of the department. In my role as Head of Year 11, I am responsible for the academic achievements of students, as well as behaviour of the year group. My approach is firm but fair. I expect students to be role models to the younger years with regards to behaviour, and to actively participate in lessons and extra sessions provided by the supportive staff.

Mrs Brown - Head of Year 11 Behaviour

I have worked at Ormiston Victory Academy for two and a half years as part of the pastoral/behaviour team. For the last year I have been Head of Behaviour for Year 11. My role requires me to support students with any pastoral issues that occur. Students are welcome to come and speak to me at break, lunch or after period 6, about any issues they have. I am also the first port of call for any behaviour issues for Year 11 students. I assist students with behaviour issues in order to ensure they are able to learn and more importantly, their behaviour does not affect the learning of others. I work closely with Miss Youngman to ensure behaviour is as high as our expectations so teaching and learning can occur.



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Mrs Coby - Victory Intervention Program Mentor

I have been in my present role as a mentor at Ormiston Victory Academy for seven years, but been with the school for ten years, starting when the school was Costessey High as a Learning Support Assistant. My role as a mentor varies from supporting in lessons, small groups and one to one. I have regular meetings with mentored students, supporting them in whatever way is needed to reach their target grades. I have an approachable manner and welcome students to come and see me if they have any concerns regarding school. As a team we organise events such as activity and revision weekends, prom and graduation. We liaise with parents and carers to keep them informed and help them to support their child to achieve the very best they can.

Miss Catchpole - Victory Intervention Program Mentor

This is now my fourth year working at Ormiston Victory Academy as a Raising Achievement Mentor with the VIP Team. As a VIP Mentor, I work with students in classes, with small groups and on a one to one basis, supporting students with subjects they may be finding difficult, working on dealing with exam stress and helping with anything else that students need to help them through Year 11. As for expectations, all I ask is for students to be polite and put 100% effort in throughout the year. The VIP room is open to students at any time and students should never feel like they are unable to ask for any help they need.

Extra Support

Since we understand that Year 11 can be a stressful time for some students, from the start of the year we put in place extra support for all students.

Period 6

In order to fully support our Year 11 students and give them the best possible chance of success in their exams and their future, we introduce a compulsory period 6 lesson from 2.45pm until 3.45pm. It is an expectation of the academy that all Year 11 students attend all timetabled period 6 sessions. If students have a valid reason why they cannot attend a period 6 sessions, they need to speak to Mrs Brown, Miss Youngman or Mr Willis in the first instance. Students will then be sent to their class teacher, where they will be expected to collect the work to complete in their own time. Consequences will be issued for non-attendance to period 6 sessions if a valid reason is not given in advance. If there are any issues with transport after period 6, students need to come and discuss this with the VIP Team in the VIP room on the first floor of the main building, and we will support however we can.



Students will be given a timetable which will clearly specify where students need to go for their P6 lesson.

The plan for period 6 sessions for Autumn 1 is as follows:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
English	Science	History	Mathematics	Computer Science
		Geography		Spanish
		Textiles		French
		Business		Art
		DT		Business
		Performing Arts		DT
		French		Performing Arts
		Art		Textiles
		Food		Food
		Childcare		Childcare
		BTEC Sport		BTEC Sport
		ICT		ICT
		Beauty		Beauty
		Study		Study

Evening, Saturday and Holiday Sessions

The academy is committed to ensuring the best outcomes for all students. For this reason, there are times throughout the year where students are invited to attend evening, Saturday and holiday sessions. Previous students have found these sessions very beneficial and highly recommend them. Letters to parents and carers will be sent when these sessions are running, so dates and times are clear.

Moving On

In order to support students moving on from Year 11, there will be sessions during Form time where students will create CVs and explore interview techniques. Students will also be given the opportunity to look at and apply for courses via the Help You Choose website. This is for courses run both at Ormiston Victory Academy and externally.

Raising Achievement Evenings

During the year, the Year 11 Team hosts Raising Achievement evenings for parents, carers and students. These evenings provide important information as well as extra support and the ways in which you can help your child at home. Letters for each of these evenings will be sent out a few weeks before the day.



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Expectations

Positive behaviour plays a key part in order for students to be successful in their final exams. We expect all students to put in 100% effort in all lessons, attend sessions offered by staff and behave in accordance with the Ormiston Victory Academy Behaviour Policy.

Behaviour

In Year 11 we expect to fully focus on the education of our students; therefore, we expect behaviour to be exceptional at all times. We will not allow poor behaviour to affect the learning of any student, nor do we expect to be dealing with friendship issues or issues with social networking in lesson time. We expect all students to be in all lessons, learning. With this in mind, all behaviour issues will be dealt with in a timely manner, consistently and fairly. Students will be issued with consequences if their behaviour falls below the expected level. Students will be issued behaviour plans or will be expected to sign behaviour contracts if their behaviour consistently falls below the expected level.

Principal's Detention

From the 7th September 2017, any Year 11 student who receives a Principal's Detention will be required to attend the VIP room from 3.45pm until 4.45pm, in order to complete this. This change has been made to ensure students will not miss the teaching in period six sessions.

Form Time

In Year 11, Form Time becomes a very important part of the academy day. Not only is important information, such as exam information, distributed, it also becomes additional lesson time. During Form Time, Year 11 students will work in very small groups with their English, mathematics and science teachers, in order to receive extra support in core subjects. Over the last couple of years, this has proved very useful for students and they have really benefited from it. If a student is late to Form Time (after 8.40am) without a valid reason, twice in one week, they will receive a 30 minute detention, after their period 6 session on a Wednesday. If a student is late to Form Time without a valid reason, three times in one week, they will receive a Principal's Detention, after their period 6 session on a Monday or Thursday.

Revision

It is essential that your child undertakes additional independent revision throughout Year 11. Information on revision techniques and strategies will be shared with students through their Form Time programme. Information on revision guides and revision resources for the core subjects has already been shared. If your child has not yet purchased these, or would like option subject revision guides, there will be another opportunity do so at the start of Year 11. I strongly recommend that these resources are purchased as they will support your child in preparing fully for their end of year exams.



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We have also invested in GCSEPOD, which is an online revision programme through the use of videos, which is proven to improve grades with consistent use. The pods can be accessed through a variety of PC, tablet and mobile devices and downloaded for offline usage. This can be accessed at: gcsepod.com

Benefits of Year 11

Being in Year 11 does have its benefits too. The Year 11 benefit most students who work hard and follow the rules look forward to is an invite to the class of 2018 prom. Students also get the opportunity to attend a weekend residential for outdoor activities and revision sessions, around the January mock exams. This is an academic trip; however there is plenty of time for fun too. Towards the end of Year 11, students will also have the chance to purchase hoodies and yearbooks to remind them of their time at high school. Finally, the biggest benefit of Year 11 is gaining as many good qualifications as possible and being able to do whatever you wish to after Year 11.

We look forward to working with you in the year ahead.

Yours sincerely

M. Youngman

Miss M Youngman
Head of Year 11
Curriculum Leader of ICT and Computer Science

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Mr O Willis
Assistant Principal Raising Achievement