



**Ormiston Victory Academy**

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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Ormiston Victory Academy - Rock Challenge® - Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

Your child has expressed an interest in being involved in this year's Ormiston Victory Academy Rock Challenge® team. Rock Challenge® is a performing arts competition which incorporates primary and secondary schools, and colleges, that aims to promote creativity, healthy lifestyles and education. It aspires to show young people how they can achieve a natural 'high' without the use of tobacco, alcohol or other substances. The "Challenge" for students and their teachers is to create and be involved in their own production, devised at school and performed in professional venues across the country.

On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February, students will be required to leave the academy on a coach at 7:00am to travel to Stevenage. Schools from across England will assemble at Stevenage Leisure Centre for a day that incorporates lots of interaction, rehearsals and fun! In the evening, each team will perform to an audience of their peers, families and community members. The performances will be judged by a panel of professionals who work in the Performing Arts industry and awards presented at the end of the show. Students will return to the academy at approximately 1.30am on Thursday morning. Parents/carers must be responsible for collecting students from the academy at this time. Year 11 and 13 students will be expected to be at 8.40am registration on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February but all other year groups may have a later start and register at Student Services at 11.00am.

Being involved in Rock Challenge® is really fun and rewarding for everyone involved, as well as being a great opportunity for students to perform in a professional theatre, to work as a team and to watch and learn from other schools performing in the same event. If you are happy for your child to attend the trip, students will be required to take part in rehearsals after school as well as some weekend rehearsals, in order to prepare for the event. Rehearsal schedules will be printed and given to students for them to take home, as well as displayed in the Studio windows. A Victory Rock Challenge® group has been set up on Facebook, entitled "Ormiston Victory Academy Rock Challenge 2018". If possible, please encourage your child to sign up to this group to enable them to receive updates and notices, or please sign up yourselves.

Rock Challenge® is an expensive event to stage, and parents/carers are asked to contribute £55.00 per student involved. This will cover entry fees, coach hire, set, costume and make-up. All students will also be provided with a Victory Rock Challenge® team t-shirt which they will be required to wear on the event day. Please indicate the size on the reverse of the consent form.

If you agree for your child to be involved, a non-refundable deposit of £10.00 is required per person, to confirm a place, by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October, and a following £20.00 received by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017. Full payment must be made by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018. (Money can be deposited before this deadline, in small amounts, if need be). Payments can be made via ParentPay, our preferred method of payment, or by returning with the attached consent form to Student Services. Ensure any cash is sealed in an envelope with your child's name clearly marked.



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Any cheques should be made payable to Ormiston Victory Academy and have your child's name written on the back.

As in previous years, the academy welcomes any of our team's family or friends to come and watch the event in Stevenage. Information about tickets and travel will be made available closer to the event date.

**Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. The consent form attached, along with the first deposit, will secure each child's place. *If your child is a Year 11 or Year 13 student, permission to attend must be obtained from Mr Willis, Miss Youngman or Mr Timm.***

Yours sincerely,

Ms H. Curson  
**Assistant Principal**