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An Ormiston Academy – Excellence in all

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Dear Parents and Carers

I am in Loughborough today at the annual Ormiston Leadership Conference. It is a wonderful opportunity for Ormiston Academy Trust leaders to come together, share ideas and plan for further school improvement. As one of the largest national trusts we benefit enormously from OAT's support and expertise which may not always be visible to students and parents.

Many hundreds of children are still a zero hero with no negatives and many also have 100% attendance. All students with 100% attendance and no negatives in a week are entered into a prize draw and last week over half the main school achieved an entry! Well done to all students who get it right every day – we notice you!

If your child cycles to school, please can you ensure their bike has lights as the evenings are now very dark and in dark school uniform, they need to be seen. Thank you for your support in ensuring students are in the correct uniform and following the mobile phone policy. We regularly undertake phone spot checks to ensure the policy is being followed. We have seen many positive benefits from the new policy and thank you for your support with this. Just as a reminder if your child's phone is confiscated only an adult can collect the phone and we will not return it to your child.

Thank you to all parents and carers who met with teachers at Progress Evening yesterday and don't forget to complete the survey so we can continue achieving Excellence in All at CNS.

I hope everyone has a good weekend.

Yours sincerely

Ms Jo Philpott

Attendance

Mr Innes

As the weather gets wetter and colder and the mornings get darker, it becomes harder and harder to get up in the mornings - but we all have to do it!
Attendance at school is still a priority for us - we cannot teach an empty seat, and students miss out on so much when they are not here.
In the run up to Christmas, we will be running a competition across all forms around attendance and the best form in each year group will be in line for a treat in the first week back!

Anti-bullying week

Mr Innes

This week has been National Anti-Bullying Week and there has been a lot going on. It has been great to speak to students and to hear wat they have to say.

It has been reassuring to hear that the majority of students feel that bullying is not an everyday issue and on the rare occasions when bullying happens and is reported, it is well dealt with. There are of course a small number of students who do not have such a positive experience, and we will continue to work tirelessly to improve thigs for them. If your child is experiencing bullying, please do contact the House Team so that we can follow up quicky.

Christmas Concert

Mr Cushion

- Save the date!
- Our annual CNS Music Winter Concert will take place on Tuesday 8th December.
- Please see the attached poster for more details.

Progress Evenings

Mr N Williams

Year 11

- Thursday 10th December in the Sports Hall from 4:30pm to 7:30pm.
- More information on making appointments will follow closer to the date.

Parent Governor Vacancy

Mrs Shaw

- We currently have a vacancy for the role of Parent governor.
- Being a governor at your child's school can be very rewarding and offers you the opportunity to make a real contribution to the life and work of the school.
- It is also interesting, informative and valued by CNS and OAT.
- For more information of the role itself and details on how to apply please see the attached letter.

CNS Library

Mr Wilson

- We are very proud of our school library (or Learning Resource Centre/LRC) here at CNS, a facility very popular with students from Years 7 to 13.
- The library is open throughout the school day from 8am until 4pm (3:30pm on Fridays)
- It in constant use, whether it be main school students in non-lesson times, A-level students quietly working, timetabled classes or our Reading Club every Thursday lunchtime.
- The library is a busy, welcoming, calm and quiet, inclusive space so students can borrow books, read for pleasure, make progress with schoolwork, or print resources.

- Borrowing books is very easy, simply requiring students to bring the book they wish to read to the librarian to be scanned.
- Students have books for two weeks at the end of which there is always the option to renew if required.

News reports from events at CNS

Peer mentoring:

Ms Dobson says

'Our mentoring programme in year 10 has been designed for year 10's to be given the opportunity to develop their leadership skills. Having recently been trained on safeguarding and developing peer relationships, our mentors are now ready to mentor students in year 7 and year 8. On a weekly basis, trained mentors meet with their mentees and set goals for the week ahead, which strengthens communications between older and younger students. Well done to all mentors and mentees involved in the program so far, it has been lovely to see the guidance our older students are providing and how this has improved the confidence of their mentees.'

Maths Symposium

Mr Powers says

'On 12th November, a group of A-level Maths students enjoyed a trip to the newly renovated St Andrew's Hall for a Maths symposium. Three excellent speakers shared their expertise, covering: how to approach problem solving in Maths; a range of puzzles drawn from everyday situations, and how Maths can be used to model and solve them; and, my personal favourite, how Maths helps to keep crowds safe and to ease the movement of people in busy places such as large stadiums and the London Underground. It was a wonderful opportunity for students to see how the skills they are developing in the classroom apply to the real world.'

University of Suffolk visit

Miss Budgett says

'Our Year 11 Health and Social Care students recently enjoyed an exciting and informative visit to the University of Suffolk, where they had the opportunity to explore a range of courses relating to their recent studies in Health and Social Care but also get a taste of university life. The students took part in a variety of hands-on activities, particularly enjoying the Adult Nursing session. They learnt practical skills, including how to dress a cannula, measure oxygen levels and even experience what it might be like to walk with cataracts! They also discovered more about radiology and took part in a biomedical science activity, swabbing their own mobile phones to investigate the bacteria living on them. We are now eagerly awaiting the results!

The visit provided a fantastic insight into the university's incredible facilities and the wide range of career opportunities available. It was wonderful to hear that some students are already considering new career paths following their experiences, they excelled themselves and all staff and students had a brilliant day out.'

Careers information

Ms Pentney

Year 11 Post-16 applications

A reminder to all Year 11 students and parents/carers that applications for post-16 destinations should be completed by Friday 18th December.

If your child would like support to discuss their next steps, explore their options, or receive help with completing applications, please contact n.pentney@cns-school.org. Students are also welcome to drop into the Careers Office for advice and guidance.

Where possible, we encourage students to submit their applications through the Help You Choose website. If your child has applied directly to a sixth form or college, please ask them to inform either me or their form tutor of the provider and courses they have applied for. This helps us ensure that all students have appropriate plans in place for their next stage of education.

Thank you for your support in helping students prepare for their post-16 journey

Year 10 Work Experience Opportunity

Applications are now open for our Norfolk Year 10 Introduction to NHS Careers Work Experience Programme with East of England Community Health & Care NHS Trust.

Ever wondered what it's like to work in the NHS? Join us in Norwich from 12-16 July 2027 for a five-day programme exploring careers including nursing, physiotherapy, psychology, pharmacy, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy and more.

You'll meet healthcare professionals, learn about different career pathways and discover what life in the NHS is really like.

Find out more and apply: https://buff.ly/gVnOxHA

Year 10 Science Camp at the John Innes Centre

The 2027 Year 10 Science Camp will take place at the John Innes Centre from Monday 5 July until Friday 9 July 2027. Applications will open on 30 October 2026 and close on Friday 15 January 2027.

As part of Year 10 Science Camp, students explore how some of the world's best plant and microbial scientists work and learn how the science of today is the reality of tomorrow. Find out how you too can become a scientist, investigate mysteries and change the world!

Students that take part have a chance to take part in lab and computational practical's, explore the site and find out more about the work of the John Innes Centre and shadow a scientist or technician to find out what life is like working in the lab. This is a non-residential course, held at the John Innes Centre. You will need to arrange your own transport to and from site each day. Travel bursaries are available for those who receive free school meals.

To apply for the Year 10 Science Camp click the link and complete the form: Apply here.

CNSA

The CNSA is an amazing group of parents who work hard to raise money for specific projects in school.

- All of the water bottle fillers in school have been funded by the CNSA along with portable floodlights for PE and many other things.
- A large amount of money is raised at the biannual CNS Fest and 2027 is a fest year.
- The CNSA are looking for any parents who would like to be involved at either a committee level, or simply to help out at events.
- We are holding the annual AGM at school on Tuesday 24 November at 6pm - do please feel free to come along to room 96 in the Elkins Centre.
- If you would more information or would like someone from the CNSA to contact you, please email mailcnsa@gmail.com or Mr Roberts j.roberts@cns-school.org who will pass on your details.

Dates for your diaries

24th November	CNSA AGM
26th November	Ex-Y11 Awards Evening
1st December	Y13 Revision Evening
3rd December	Y7 Settling in Evening
8th December	Christmas Concert
17th December	Christmas Showcase and Panto
18th December	End of Autumn term
4th January	Staff training day school closed to students
5th January	All students return to school

Progress Evening dates for the year

10th December	Y11 Progress Evening
4th February	Y10 Progress Evening
25th February	Y9 Preferences Evening and Meet the Tutors
15th April	Y12 Progress Evening
29th April	Y7 Progress Evening
8th July	Y9 Progress Evening