

Fortnightly Newsletter for Students & Families



Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of the longest half term of the academic year, I would like to thank you for your support and congratulate the children who have worked so hard at their studies and made a huge effort to be kind and considerate to others.

We have really enjoyed the College Assemblies this week to celebrate many young people - we are privileged to work with so many wonderful children who do so much more beyond academic study. Do share with us where your child is achieving well outside the curriculum - we love to hear about their hobbies and interests.

After half-term when we all return on 2nd November, we will be looking forward to the traditional Christmas build-up at Victory. It is a busy half term, as alongside mock examinations, formal assessments and a number of final external exams for others, we have our annual show, the Christmas Shop and our Christmas lunches and treats. The Christmas Shop is used by our students to 'buy' items for their families for Christmas using their well-earned Victory Visas - we don't accept 'real money' - the have to be earned through hard work and good behaviour. We receive many donations of items for the shop from numerous kind folks. If you know of any local businesses who would be able to help us (teddies, chocolates and Christmas 'smellies' are always so welcome), please get in touch. Equally, if you have items at home which would be suitable, please let us know.

As part of our Christmas kindness, we also like to offer coats to students who would benefit from having a warm winter coat. It's so much better for the environment (and for community spirit) if we pass things on and share what we have. If your child would like a pre-loved coat, drop me an email and I will provide a jolly personal shopper experience as we pick one together!

As the afternoons are getting darker, please remind your children to be safe on the roads - they need their cycle helmets more than ever and their bike lights. Please encourage them to be polite and safe in the community - times like Halloween can be fun, but as we know they can leave vulnerable people feeling afraid. We often receive lovely reports of our children being kind and helpful in the community, but sadly we also receive messages to let us know when this hasn't been the case.

Enjoy a lovely half-term break together - it's just a week, but I hope you can see why (at this point) I have not changed it to a fortnight. It's a contentious thing to do when it's the run up to Christmas and everyone is saving hard, we all want to put the heating on and it gets dark so quickly, but I am sure OAT will review whether in future years we move to a 2 week half-term.

Many thanks for your support.

Naomi Palmer, Principal



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Arbor Parent Portal & App @ Victory

Arbor is Ormiston Victory Academy's parent communication and information system. It allows parents and carers to access key information about their child in one place, including attendance, timetable information and school communication.

Through Arbor, you can also view achievements and behaviour points, provide consent, and update contact, medical and emergency contact details.

The Arbor Parent App is free to download from the Apple App Store and Google Play Store. Please enable notifications so you don't miss important school updates.



1. Open Arbor (App or Portal)

2. Select Forgotten Password

3. Enter your email address

4. Follow the reset link

Frequently Asked Questions

I can't log in to Arbor

Use the Forgot Password option and ensure you are using the same email address that the school has on record.

I've changed my email address

Please contact the academy so that we can update your account details.

I'm not receiving school communications

Check that notifications are enabled within the Arbor App, that we hold the correct email address for you, and that messages have not been filtered into your junk or spam folder.

Can both parents/carers have access?

Yes. Each parent or carer can have their own Arbor account linked to an individual email address.

Need Further Help?

Most Arbor login issues can be resolved using the 'Forgot Password' option. If you continue to experience difficulties, please contact the academy. To help us resolve your query, please include:

- Your child's name
- Your relationship to them
- Email address being used
- Brief description of the issue.



College Award Winners @ Victory





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Sixth Form Open Evening @ Victory





Year 7 Superstars @ Victory

Congratulations to these Year 7 Superstars:

Eunice for a fab start to Year 7 - always being polite and having a great attitude to lessons; James for excellent effort and attitude in PE; Freddie for his concentration effort in class; Logan for super effort and engagement in History lessons; Summer for being really focused and engaged in Maths lessons and being a positive role model; Cohen for always finishing work on time and always looks forward to the challenge task; Elijah for amazing efforts in PE; Isla for being super polite and always volunteering answers in History; Silvia for helping Mr Knights with some litter picking; Ethan for helping a friend in a time of need; Isla for always being polite and ready to learn in every lesson; and Edison for the most Visas last week!





Year 8 Pink Tie Positivity @ Victory

Congratulations to these Year 8 Pink Tie Positivity winners:

Sam for being a quiet, unsung hero of calm and kindness; Sienna for a huge shift in her demeanour; Harrison for a really settled start to Year 8; Josh for being a daily hero, with a great outlook and Bobbi for showing resilience and strength!





Year 8 Pink Tie Positivity @ Victory

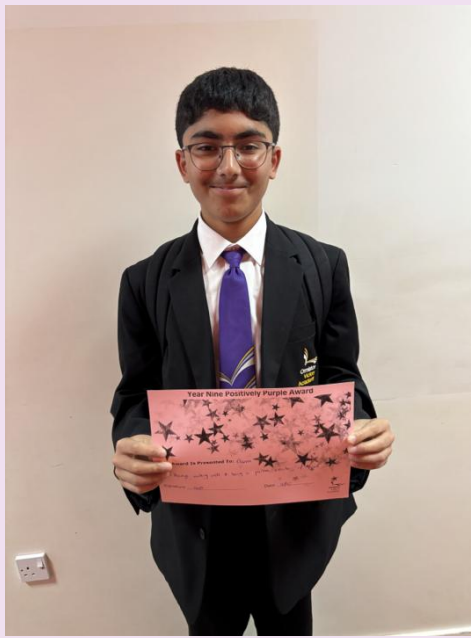
Congratulations to these Year 8 Pink Tie Positivity winners:
Nathan and Erin for being unsung heroes and smashing it every day; Gabi and Harper for a huge improvement in every aspect of school; and Freya for being super smiley!





Year 9 Positively Purple Winners @ Victory

Congratulations to these Positively Purple award winners: Amelia for overcoming adversity, challenges and always working hard; Molly for always be polite and kind; Rezhna for always being a positive member of the class; Poppy for making an excellent start at Victory; Millie for amazing work in catering; Emily for a really positive start to Year 9 Essam for always working well and being a positive member of the Form; Kati for consistently demonstrating excellent behaviour and always being respectful; Esmee for being a superstar in Spanish; and Dani for exceptional help with organising the Year 9 football team!





Year 10 Fist Bumps @ Victory

Well done Bobby, Frankie, Beau and Olivia, our awesome Fist Bump winners!





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Well done Alex, Mylee, Eden, Alfie, our awesome Fist Bump winners!





Year 11 Red High Performance @ Victory

Well done to our Team Red High Performance award winners:
Eavie for asking for extra English revision in form study
and Jack for having a great first half term of Year 11!



Student News @ Victory

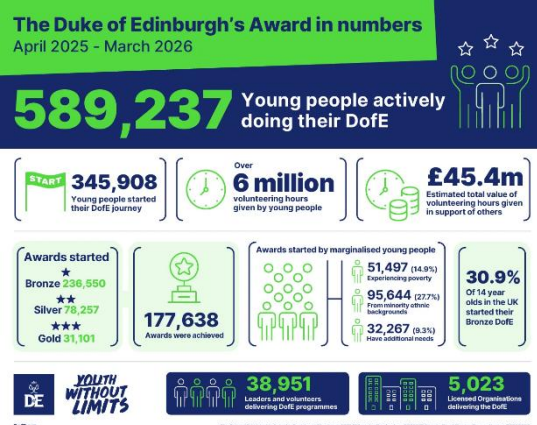
THE NORWICH TIMES > NEWS

Norwich Teen Luke Prior, 17, Named DofE Youth Ambassador



We are so proud of Luke!

[Click here](#) to read the full article.





Morning Careers Buzz @ Victory

Our students have regular opportunities to meet professionals from a wide range of industries through our Morning Careers Buzz programme.

These sessions help students explore future careers, understand different routes into employment and education, and gain valuable insights from industry professionals. Sessions take place during form time from 8.30-9.00am.



Students choose the sessions that interest them, giving them the opportunity to learn about the world of work, explore career pathways and gain valuable advice from industry professionals.

Upcoming Sessions - Please remind your child to sign up for ones they are interested in!



Offshore Wind Farms Monday 2 November

Meet a professional from Sheringham Shoal & Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farms. Discover careers in one of the UK's fastest-growing industries, from engineering and technology to environmental and business roles.



Aviva IT Project Manager Monday 9 November

Learn how major technology projects are planned and delivered, and hear about a career journey that led from sales into project management and leadership within the IT sector.



Home Improvements Thursday 19 November

Discover how apprenticeships can lead to long-term career success with a senior professional from First Home Improvements who began as the company's very first apprentice.

View all upcoming sessions:

Could You Inspire Our Students?

We are always looking for parents, carers, alumni and local employers who would be willing to share their career journey with students. You don't need a presentation. Students are often most interested in hearing about what you do day-to-day, how you got into your career, the qualifications, training or apprenticeships you completed, and the advice you would give to young people starting out.

Interested in getting involved?

Get in touch with us on careersguidance@ormistonvictoryacademy.co.uk



Victory Facade
present

SISTER ACT

Music by
ALAN MENKEN

Lyrics by
GLENN SLATER

Book by
**CHERI STEINKELLNER
& BILL STEINKELLNER**

Additional Book Material
DOUGLAS CARTER BEANE

Based on the Touchstone Pictures Motion Picture
"Sister Act" written by Joseph Howard

Originally Production Developed in Association with
Peter Schneider & Michael Reno
and Produced by Stage Entertainment

World Premiere Produced by
Pasadena Playhouse, Pasadena CA and Alliance Theatre, Atlanta GA
Sheldon Epps, Artistic Director Susan V. Booth, Artistic Director
Lyla White, Executive Director Tom Pechar, Managing Director
Tom Ware, Producing Director

10th - 12th December 2026 - 7.30pm
13th December 2026 - 2.30pm

£14 Adults | £12 Concessions

www.ormistonvictoryacademy.co.uk/booking
01603 734166



Ormiston Victory Academy, Middleton Crescent, New Costessey, Norwich, NR5 0PX

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International (Europe)
All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI Europe www.mtishows.co.uk



Enrichment @ Victory

A fantastic turn out of Year 7 netball girls, with two teams enjoying lots of friendly games at a smash up at Sprowston!



A lovely netball friendly with Years 9 against Taverham! POTM was Fern!





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Year 8 had a fantastic time at Highball Climbing!



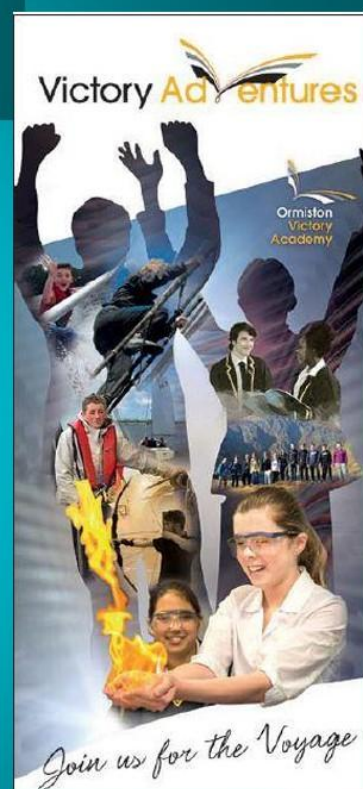


Enrichment Clubs @ Victory

MONDAY

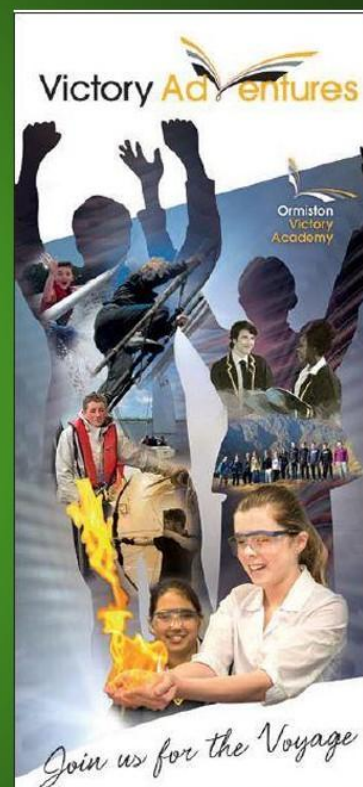
CLUB		STAFF	VENUE	TIME
Basketball		RTI	Plat	08:00-08:20
Daily Music Lessons (Pre-booked)		TSH	Various	Various
Basketball		ECH	Sports Hall	3:00-4:00
Art Club		MPA	Art 1	3:00-4:00
Bugle Newspaper Club Week 1		GTO	Library	3:00-4:00
KS3 Creative Writing Club		AGL	Plat 1	3:00-4:00
VCA Cheerleading (team only*)		ZBR	Sports Hall	3.30-5.30

*Information about a second round of tryouts will come out soon, if you are interested in trying out for this season



TUESDAY

CLUB		STAFF	VENUE	TIME
Basketball		ATY	Sports hall	08:00-08:20
Snack & Study		CRE	Library	3:00-3:45
Daily Music Lessons (Pre-booked)		TSH	Various	Various
UKMT Club		TKI	Jubilee 2	3:00-4:00
Netball		KWE	Netball Courts	3:00-4:00
Maths Homework & Games Club		NKN	Jubilee 7	3:00-4:00
Badminton		KZE	Sports Hall	3:00-4:00
Science Club (Starts 22/09)		TLE	Science 8	3:00-4:00





Enrichment Clubs @ Victory

WEDNESDAY

CLUB		STAFF	VENUE	TIME
Basketball		KZE	Sports Hall	08:00-08:20
KS4-KS5 Pride Club Week 2		AWI	Drama Studio	Lunch B
Football		ATY	Field	3:00-4:00
Daily Music Lessons (Pre-booked)		TSH	Various	Various
Eco collective + Gardening Club		MSM/ LTU	Allotment + DT2	3:00-4:00
Warhammer Maths Club		TKI	Jub 2	3:00-4:00
History Club		DCO	Teach 3	3:00-4:00
Chess Club		OJA	Jubilee 8	3:00 – 4:00
Dungeons & Dragons		AWI	Teach 10	3:00-4:00



THURSDAY

CLUB		STAFF	VENUE	TIME
Basketball		LBU	Sports Hall	08:00-08:20
Daily Music Lessons (Pre-booked)		TSH	Various	Various
Maths Games Club		ECO	SEN3	Lunch A
SEN Boxing		TCH	External	13:30-3:30





Enrichment Clubs @ Victory



FRIDAY

CLUB	STAFF	VENUE	TIME
Basketball	ECH	Sports Hall	08:00-08:20
Daily Music Lessons (Pre-booked)	TSH	Various	Various
Year 11/6 th Form Multi Sports	OWI	Sports Hall	3:00-4:00
Greenpower Kit Car	DGR	DT1	3:00-4:00

To contact us with any suggestions or feedback,
please email
VictoryAdventures@ormistonvictoryacademy.co.uk
or tweet us [@VictoryAdventur](https://twitter.com/VictoryAdventur)!





UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS

YOUR FUTURE / YOUR CHOICE / YOUR NEXT STEP

*Big dreams
start with
planning*



TOP TIPS FOR WRITING YOUR PERSONAL STATEMENT

- 1 BE YOURSELF**
Show your personality, interests and what makes you unique. Be genuine, not what you think they want to hear.
- 2 FOCUS ON YOUR JOURNEY**
Talk about your experiences, what you've learned and how they've shaped your goals.
- 3 SHOW YOUR MOTIVATION**
Explain why you want to study your chosen subject and what you hope to achieve.
- 4 USE EXAMPLES**
Include specific examples to back up your skills and strengths (e.g. projects, work experience, volunteering, hobbies).
- 5 KEEP IT CLEAR AND CONCISE**
Be well organised, avoid clichés and check for spelling and grammar errors.
- 6 GET FEEDBACK**
Ask your teachers, tutors or family to read your draft and give honest feedback.

*Be yourself
- it makes you stand out.*



HOW TO CHOOSE A UNIVERSITY

- ✓ **COURSE AND SUBJECTS** – Make sure the university offers the course you want and has a good reputation in your subject area.
- ✓ **LOCATION** – Think about where you want to live, including distance from home, city or campus life.
- ✓ **ACCOMMODATION** – Consider whether you'll live in halls, a shared house or commute.
- ✓ **COSTS** – Look at tuition fees, living costs and available financial support.
- ✓ **STUDENT EXPERIENCE** – Research clubs, societies, support services and graduate opportunities.
- ✓ **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS** – Check the grades and any additional requirements (e.g. interviews, portfolios).



UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS

Make the most of your options, plan ahead, seek advice and take the next step towards your future.



REAL OPPORTUNITIES.
LASTING FUTURES.

LUNCH @ VICTORY

WEEK 1.
WINTER 2026

Available Daily
Jacket Potato with Cheese,
Tuna Mayo or Baked Beans
Selection of Sandwiches
Tray Bakes and Cookies

Sandwiches & Wraps



Available here

MONDAY

Mains - Chicken Katsu Curry or (V) Quorn Katsu Curry

Sides - Boiled Rice, Vegetables

Hot Pasta - Assorted Fillings with (Optional Grated Cheddar)

Salad Box - Salad Pots

Desserts - Dessert of the day

TUESDAY

Mains - BBQ Pulled Pork Bap or (V) Quorn Bap

Sides - Potato Wedges & Slaw

Hot Pasta - Assorted Fillings with (Optional Grated Cheddar)

Salad Box - Salad Pots

Desserts - Dessert of the day

WEDNESDAY

Mains - Roast Gammon or (V) Veggie Sausage

Sides - Roasties, Yorkshire Puds and Seasonal Vegetables

Hot Pasta - Assorted Fillings with (Optional Grated Cheddar)

Salad Box - Salad Pots

Desserts - Dessert of the day

THURSDAY

Mains - Beef Bolognese or (V) Quorn Bolognese

Sides - Garlic Bread, Salad

Hot Pasta - Assorted Fillings with (Optional Grated Cheddar)

Salad Box - Salad Pots

Desserts - Dessert of the day

FRIDAY

Mains - Fish or Chicken Nuggets or (V) Vegetarian Nuggets

Sides - Chips, Baked Beans, Garden Peas,

Hot Pasta - Assorted Fillings with (Optional Grated Cheddar)

Salad Box - Salad Pots

Desserts - Dessert of the Day

LUNCH @ VICTORY

WEEK 2
WINTER 2026

Available Daily
Jacket Potatoes with Cheese,
Tuna Mayo or Baked Beans
Selection of Sandwiches Tray
Bakes and Cookies

Sandwiches & Wraps



Available here

MONDAY

Mains - Pork Sausage or (V) Vegetable Sausage

Sides - Mashed Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables

Hot Pasta - Assorted Fillings with (Optional Grated Cheddar)

Salad Box - Salad Pots

Desserts - Dessert of the day

TUESDAY

Mains - Beef Chilli or (V) Quorn Chilli

Sides - Rice, Vegetables

Hot Pasta - Assorted Fillings with (Optional Grated Cheddar)

Salad Box - Salad Pots

Desserts - Dessert of the day

WEDNESDAY

Mains - Roast Turkey or (V) Quorn Fillet

Sides - Roasties, Seasonal Vegetables, Gravy

Hot Pasta - Assorted Fillings with (Optional Grated Cheddar)

Salad Box - Salad Pots

Desserts - Dessert of the day

THURSDAY

Mains - Pork Meatballs or (V) Vegetarian Meatballs

Sides - Pasta, Garlic Bread, Salad

Hot Pasta - Assorted Fillings with (Optional Grated Cheddar)

Salad Box - Salad Pots

Desserts - Dessert of the day

FRIDAY

Mains - Battered Fish, Pork Sausages or (V) Veggie Sausages

Sides - Chips, Baked Beans, Garden Peas, Salad.

Hot Pasta - Assorted Fillings with (Optional Grated Cheddar)

Salad Box - Salad Pots

Dessert - Dessert of the Day

LUNCH @ VICTORY

WEEK 3
WINTER 2026

Available Daily
Jacket Potato with Cheese, Tuna
Mayo or Baked Beans
Selection of Sandwiches Tray
Bakes and Cookies

Sandwiches & Wraps



Available here

MONDAY

Mains - Pork Hotdog or (V) Veggie Hotdog
Sides - Potato Wedges, Seasonal Vegetables
Hot Pasta - Assorted Fillings with (Optional Grated Cheddar)
Salad Box - Salad Pots
Desserts - Dessert of the day

TUESDAY

Mains - Chicken Katsu Curry or (V) Quorn Katsu Curry
Sides - Rice, Vegetables
Hot Pasta - Assorted Fillings with (Optional Grated Cheddar)
Salad Box - Salad Pots
Desserts - Dessert of the day

WEDNESDAY

Mains - Roast Pork or (V) Vegetarian Sausage
Sides - Mashed Potatoes, Yorkshire Puds, Seasonal Vegetables
Hot Pasta - Assorted Fillings with (Optional Grated Cheddar)
Salad Box - Salad Pots
Desserts - Dessert of the day

THURSDAY

Mains - Chicken Fajita Wrap or (V) Quorn Fajita Wrap
Sides - Mexican Rice, Vegetables
Hot Pasta - Assorted Fillings with (Optional Grated Cheddar)
Salad Box - Salad Pots
Desserts - Dessert of the day

FRIDAY

Mains - Battered Fish or (V) Loaded Fries
Sides - Chips, Baked Beans, Garden Peas
Hot Pasta - Assorted Fillings with (Optional Grated Cheddar)
Salad Box - Salad Pots
Desserts - Dessert of the Day