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DENES ACADEMY

PROSPECTUS

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ASPIRATION, INTEGRITY, RESPECT

Ormiston Denes Academy has been through several stages on its route to today. The school first opened its doors in 1910 as Lowestoft Municipal Secondary School. The cost of the new building was £9,143 and it was designed by Messrs Brown and Burgess and built by Charles Roper, both of Ipswich.

In 1920 the school was renamed Lowestoft Secondary School. In 1940, 327 students out of 470 were evacuated to Worksop along with the headmaster and 21 teachers.

After the war, the school changed status to Lowestoft Grammar School and in 1950 became Lowestoft County Grammar School. It remained as a grammar school until 1970 when it became Denes High School. The school was extended to accommodate 1,250 students. In 2004 the Denes became a specialist school in business and enterprise.

In 2013 Ormiston Academies Trust (OAT) was chosen by the governors to become the umbrella organisation. Denes High School became Ormiston Denes Academy. OAT is one of the largest not-for-profit multi-academy trusts in England.

Ormiston Denes Academy is now a Year 7 to Year 11 academy, welcoming students from the surrounding area. The buildings are very different from 1910, having been extended many times but the site still retains huge playing fields.

The main building, fronting onto the road, is still as beautiful as when it was built, but now has the mature trees to complement it.



LOWESTOFT SECONDARY SCHOOL, CIRCA 1930

A WELCOME FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for taking the time to read our prospectus, I hope it gives you a taste of the uniqueness of our academy. I am all too aware of the importance of choosing a secondary school for your child, it can feel quite daunting as not only is every school very different, but so too is every child.

Ormiston Denes Academy is not just a building filled with teachers and children with lessons taking place, it is a very special community, committed to ensuring that every day is better than the one that went before it, and that every individual becomes the best version of themselves. We know that there is no limit to potential and that whilst challenges may come along, everyone can overcome these if given the right support and guidance.

Our core business is to educate every young mind so that each young person leaves us with a full range of qualifications, ensuring all are well-rounded and able to go on to access the next stages of their lives. Like Nelson Mandela, we believe that “education is the most powerful weapon we can use to change the world” and we want our students to become active global citizens who make informed choices to shape the future and make it better for the next generation.

These high aspirations are reinforced through everything we do. Our personalised approach is complemented by good quality teaching throughout the academy and we

expect our staff to make a difference. Students have access to a wide array of specialist learning spaces and are able to access a broad range of activities that extend beyond the academy day. We believe that every child has a talent, and our job is to make sure they find it.

As a parent myself, I know how important it is to ensure your child is happy at school and that they deserve the very best. I also think that it is crucial to see a school in action in order to make a genuinely informed choice. What is right for one child may not be right for another. To help you make that decision, I would like to invite you to visit us and see how we work, not just on open evening but also during a normal day. You are welcome to tour the school at any time and I invite you to email oda_tours@ormistonden.co.uk to make arrangements for this. We are proud of what happens here, and we delight in showing Ormiston Denes Academy in action.

In closing, I would like to say that I hope you choose Ormiston Denes Academy as we have so much to offer your child. Remember, young people can go on to achieve great things if we give them a really good education and care for them as individuals, and that’s exactly what we will do.



Mrs Kate Williams
Principal



“You have helped me so much and have made it so easy to learn. Thanks for making the lessons enjoyable.”

 Year 8 student



“You teach your lessons very well and I always understand what the task is. Thank you for being a great teacher.”

Year 7 student

CORE VALUES

We believe in putting the child at the very centre of everything we do in meeting individual needs within an inclusive community. We believe in high standards in all that we do, regardless of how small or seemingly insignificant the task in hand. Our academy believes in people and recognises that whilst systems and structures are very important, our role is about people whether they are children or adults. Good relationships are at the very heart of our school. Our ethos is to translate the academy motto of Aspiration, Integrity and Respect into action, otherwise they are simply words.

ASPIRATION

Aspiration is defined as having the motivation to achieve a goal. At Ormiston Denes Academy we ensure our students have a range of opportunities to consider future career paths, ensuring they are determined to succeed.

INTEGRITY

Having integrity means that you live in accordance with your deepest values, you're honest with everyone, and you always keep your word. We encourage this value through character education and by role-modelling it in all aspects of daily life. We expect our students to take responsibility for their actions and to uphold our values.

RESPECT

We pride ourselves on our inclusivity and the mutual respect we show each other which ensures Ormiston Denes Academy is a community where everyone supports each other.



“When I was awarded the role of head girl, I was so overwhelmed and filled with joy. I was so proud of myself for everything I had done to be considered for the role, and incredibly thankful that the school recognised the effort I had been putting in for the previous 4 to 5 years. I know how great a role this is to have, and I will always be grateful for this opportunity that I was gifted.”

Former head girl

“My son has only just begun his secondary school journey by starting Year 7 in September, but already I have seen how passionate and dedicated all members of the school are.”

 Parent



CURRICULUM

At Ormiston Denes Academy, we are passionate about ensuring students leave us having fulfilled their potential in a broad range of subjects and have the opportunity to succeed at the highest level.

The curriculum we offer gives the balance of a wide curriculum base in Years 7, 8 and 9 before allowing students to specialise in the subjects they enjoy the most in Year 10. PSHE, RE and PE are ingrained throughout the curriculum. We aim for all aspects of our school life to inspire students to have aspirations and be ambitious. We enhance our students' opportunities and create social justice by ensuring our curriculum is designed for all students to have rigorous academic challenges, whilst enabling them to make positive life choices so they are healthy, polite and respectful.

KEY STAGE 3 (YEARS 7, 8 AND 9)

Years 7, 8 and 9 are organised so that all students cover a broad range of subjects. There is a standard core

curriculum of English, mathematics, science and physical education. Students also study geography, history, personal social and health education (PSHE) and religious education. Technology & performing arts works on a rotation and includes technology, art, catering, IT, music, dance and drama. All students have the opportunity to specialise in one of three languages: French, German or Spanish

KEY STAGE 4 (YEARS 10 AND 11)

Students in Years 10 and 11 continue the core curriculum of English language and English literature, mathematics, biology, chemistry, physics, PSHE/RE and physical education. In Year 9, students made the decision on their option choices for the start of Year 10, either continuing to develop their subject knowledge from Key Stage 3 or choosing a specialist Key Stage 4 course. All students select four options with all having access to the English baccalaureate (Ebacc).



“You have done so much for me... helping me revise in Year 10 and now in Year 11. You have encouraged me to do my best.”

Year 11 student



ENRICHMENT, TRIPS AND EXPERIENCES

Enrichment at Ormiston Denes Academy is about enhancing opportunities for our students to develop themselves beyond what is required of them by the national curriculum, and motivating them to enjoy new forms of learning. Through the wealth of activities on offer we ensure that every student has the opportunity to discover and develop new and existing talents and interests as well as reminding them that learning can be fun.


Enrichment is about balancing the learning experience of the 'whole child', ensuring that our students not only perform well academically but that they improve their independent learning skills so that when they leave the academy, they do so with the ability to enjoy and continue their learning journey.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

We want everyone to achieve their full potential. To help ensure this, and to ensure that students are demonstrating the right commitment to their studies, we have a process to reward good behaviour, positive learning attitudes and academic excellence during lessons and within the school community. We also use rewards to remove barriers such as lack of self-confidence and self-belief and to promote student learning, personal development and happiness.

As a result we have a sophisticated, sensitive and personalised rewards system to embed a praise culture. The numbers of rewards collected by students are recorded centrally and used in various competitions. Certificates are awarded weekly for subject-specific success along with end-of-term celebrations and reward events.

“You’ve helped boost my confidence in both putting my hand up in lessons and believing in myself. Thank you for helping me with this.”

 Year 9 student

ACADEMIC AMBITION

We believe there are no limits to a child's potential. Our role is to help each child to develop their interests and talent through a rigorous and broad curriculum which is academically ambitious for all. We know that good passes at GCSE improve life chances, and turning potential into reality is at the core of what we do.

We offer three languages for students at Key Stage 3, catering for a wide range of interests and primary school experience

which means that students are increasingly selecting it for study at Key Stage 4, and the number of students studying the Ebacc has increased significantly.

From Year 7 students have the opportunity to work with colleges, universities and business leaders so that they can see where their ambitions can take them and to understand that in a rapidly changing world, academic success is essential.



SPORTING EXCELLENCE

Physical education at Ormiston Denes Academy is centred around three areas: participation, through enjoyment; competition, teaching students to relish this and be successful; and providing students with the skills and knowledge they need to remain healthy and fit into their futures.

We seek to embed specific values which we believe will lead to success both in and beyond sport:

- Selfless commitment to your teammates and the importance of teamwork.
- The determination to never give up and to keep persevering, whatever the odds or the situation.

- Confidence in your own ability and to not fear failure.
- Respect for your opponents.

We are known within the area for our commitment to inclusivity and participation. To achieve excellence, we work with other local partners. We have a long-established exclusive link with Norwich City Football Club (NCFC) through their Community Sports Foundation Scheme. This partnership enables us to provide our students with additional enrichment opportunities and brings extra support for our timetabled curriculum.

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CURRICULUM BREADTH

Our students deserve and receive a broad curriculum for as long as possible. We value creativity and all students access a wide range of subjects to develop an appreciation of choice, enabling informed choices at Key Stage 4. Our students have the opportunity to work in specialist and well-resourced classrooms and lessons and to perform to internal and external audiences.

We want students to follow their dreams. In performing arts that means starting young, learning the skills, and treating it as a true profession. The performing arts department at Ormiston Denes Academy is a thriving hub of creativity that offers every student the opportunity to participate in all aspects of live performance. Whether on

stage or behind the scenes, students can learn stage craft as actors, musicians, dancers, technicians, designers and stage managers, either as part of their studies or as an extracurricular activity.

With two dedicated art rooms and a photography suite, students thrive in a creative environment. The academy is full of exhibits showing off the work of our talented individuals.

We have two modern food rooms offering a wealth of opportunities for students to learn to cook. From learning important life skills to learning about roles in the catering industry, this curriculum engages and inspires students

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Student leadership at Ormiston Denes Academy is a critical part of our academy, encouraging student achievement which enables confidence-building, raises aspirations and recognises the talent of our student community. We aim

to provide opportunities for students to develop leadership skills as well as facilitating a partnership between students and staff to gain a deeper understanding of our school and community.

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 Mrs Kate Williams, Principal





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