



ORMISTON DENES ACADEMY

29th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

This week has flown by at the academy. I have had beautiful pieces of Year 8 Textiles work shared with me and have seen Year 10 hard at work in their new options courses. I have had lovely conversations with Year 7 about their favourite lessons and this morning had the opportunity to talk to some of them in more depth at the first Principal's breakfast of the year. Each week we ask a different group of staff (this week Year 7 form tutors) to nominate one student who has impressed them in displaying our values of aspiration, integrity and respect through being ready, responsible and respectful. In addition to breakfast, each child will come home with a certificate outlining why they were nominated. It is a definite highlight of my week, so when your child attends one, make sure you remind them how incredible they are!

Fundraising - Our Student Leadership body are organising a fundraising event for the RNLI. ITs called "Betty's 5p pots". More can be read about it [here](#). If you have any unwanted five pence pieces at home, please bring them into school and your child can pop them into a collection pot in their form room. An extra pot will also be held in reception.

School uniform support – Thank you for your support in ensuring all students returned ready to learn this term. We wanted to remind you of the uniform support available in the community via the Lowestoft and District School Uniform Bank. Located at Blood Moor Community Centre (NR33 8WA) and led by Pakefield Church it is open every Thursday morning (9am-12) and Thursday afternoon (3-5pm). You can also contact them by email hello@bhcc.uk or telephone 07512 010751. We have been advised that they are well stocked and can when needed support with vouchers.

Half term support - Suffolk County Council is pleased to confirm a further discretionary grant is available to support low-income families over the October half term 2023. The grant will be issued as a £15 supermarket voucher and is designed to help families with their essential living costs during the holiday. We have been asked to **remind any parents who are still to redeem their Sodexo voucher for the summer holidays, to do so before their 3-month expiry date. Once this voucher has expired, it cannot be reissued.**

Photo consent - Our Trust has updated the student photo consent policy which in turn means we need to issue all parents with an updated photo and video consent form. These will be sent to all parents next week and we would really appreciate you taking the short time to complete and return the forms to us.

PSHE topics for next week are;

Year 7 - changing friendships.

Year 8 - what is grooming?

Year 9 - recognising mental health.

Year 10 - how can I examine myself?



@OrmistonDenes



/OrmistonDenes

Yarmouth Road, Lowestoft NR32 4AH

www.ormistonden.co.uk

Tel: 01502 574474



Year 11 - intimacy and pleasure

Votes for Schools - This week students have been voting on "Should UK supermarkets warn us about shrinkflation?". The results of this discussion can be found [here](#). Next week's topic is "Are black women's stories told in our history". Why not find out your child's views on these topics? Some of the debates have been really interesting.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kate Williams', written in a cursive style.

Kate Williams

Principal