



ORMISTON DENES ACADEMY

Wednesday 8th November 2023

Important Y10 updates

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for your support so far in the first weeks of your child's Year 10 journey. It was great to welcome many of you into the academy last week for the 'Welcome to GCSE Evening'. All parents are now being sent this update which together with further information, can also be found on our website.

Key Messages

- Year 10 marks the start of students learning their GCSE/BTEC **specifications**, which could be examined in final GCSE/BTEC exams in 2025.
- Everything that students do now **counts!** It is really important to start as you mean to go on.
- With everything that students are doing being part of their GCSE/BTEC specifications, it has never been more important that students are in school and accessing their lessons. Data suggests that **attendance** is clearly linked to student outcomes, so expect us to be following up student absence promptly.
- We understand that the beginning of GCSE/BTECs may bring added **pressure** to our students, so we offer a range of support which includes (but is not limited to) their Year Team, the Raising Achievement Team, the Mental Health Support Team, and careers support. Please reach out if you/your student requires support.
- The Student Launchpad is now live and can be found by searching **launchpad.ormistonden.es.co.uk**. This can be accessed from home and is the first website students should load, as this gives direct links to their documents and any other websites they might need.

Work Experience

This year is an exciting year for Year 10 as they will be completing their work experience week in the Summer Term. This year, work experience will take place in the week **Monday 1st July – Friday 5th July 2024**. Students are responsible for organising their own placements, so it is really important to start thinking about where they would like to go. More information about work experience will follow in future Year 10 Assemblies.

The **deadline** for students to have their initial ideas submitted is by the **Christmas holidays**, so this is fast approaching.

If you have any further questions about work experience, or if you need some support with this, then please contact Mrs. Richings (jrichings@ormistonden.es.co.uk) or Mr. Cooper (ocooper@ormistonden.es.co.uk).

Careers

Now is not too soon to be thinking about further education and careers. The sooner your child looks at colleges, the better! Many of the local providers have a wealth of key information on their websites that you can be having a look at. You are welcome to begin attending open events to explore these options:

- East Norfolk Sixth Form College, Tuesday 5th March 2024, 4pm-7pm



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Further information on careers support and local college open events can also be found on our website.

Home Learning

Students are in the process of being enrolled on an online platform called Tassomai. Tassomai forms part of our home learning policy for English, Science, History and Geography. Students will be able to log in with their usual school log in by clicking the Tassomai icon on the Student Launchpad, and then clicking 'Log in with Microsoft'.

If students do not complete their home learning on time in any form, then they will be given an extension. If they do not meet this extension, students will be booked into Study Hall to ensure that they have completed the home learning set. This is to support students getting into the right habits with their work.

If you have any questions from this session or with regards to anything else, then please do not hesitate to contact the Year Team via Mrs. Sheriff (Head of Year 10) on jsheriff@ormistonden.co.uk.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "CBeales".

Caitlin Beales

Assistant Principal – Raising Achievement