

# DISCOVER DENES

Edition 7

Autumn 2023

★ It's beginning to  
look a lot like  
Christmas

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# Principal's Welcome



As I reflect on this term I feel a sense of pride in the community of Ormiston Denes Academy. Our students have showcased their talents at shows and performances in the community, they have shown kindness and responsibility through their work on anti bullying and they have demonstrated respect for others through fund raising and acts of remembrance.

They are growing more confident and proud of who they are, what they stand for and what they achieve. We have been able to show you a little snapshot of their brilliance in Discover Denes. I know you will feel equally proud of each and every one of them.

**Mrs Kate Williams**

## Student Leadership Updates

OAT Student Voice Elections took place on 20th September. Voting was divided into two groups; Key Stage 3 (year 7,8 & 9) and Key Stage 4 (year 10 and 11). Two students from each Key Stage group were elected to represent Ormiston Denes in the Regional Student Voice meetings that take place once a half term with other Ormiston Academies.

Congratulations to **Xander and Erin** who have already taken part in two Regional Student Voice Meetings, on behalf of all students at Ormiston Denes Academy.



Next stop ....



# Anti Bullying

Congratulations and thank you to all our students below who are our Anti Bullying Ambassadors



Farren Daniel Alex Luke Masie Oliver Louie Kai Maggy Cody

As well as having a team of adults to support students, at Ormiston Denes Academy we also now have a group of selected students, who will receive training as part of the Diana Award Anti-Bullying Programme, they will be our Anti-bullying Ambassador Leads.

The Diana Award Anti-Bullying Programme raises awareness of bullying behaviour and supports schools and young people to tackle it across the UK and beyond. The Anti-Bullying Ambassador Programme has a strong peer-to-peer focus, giving young people the skills and confidence to become Ambassadors to tackle any unkindness or bullying behaviour in our Academy, long after the training has finished.



The Diana Award anti-bullying work is recognised as world-class thanks to this sustainable and youth-led approach. Our students will be trained in spotting the signs of bullying, and act as points of contact for anyone requiring support. They are then able to alert the pastoral team of any concerns, so that they can be acted upon. In seeing these ambassadors show compassion and kindness to others, as well as an intolerance to unkindness and bullying behaviour, we hope they will act as role models, and other students are then more likely to admire this behaviour and incorporate it into their own interactions with their peers.

We are also hoping to then train more of our students to become ambassadors fostering a community that will be dedicated to kindness and support.

Please do not hesitate to contact Miss Sheriff ([jsheriff@ormistonden.co.uk](mailto:jsheriff@ormistonden.co.uk)) if you have any questions, or concerns.

*A way in which awareness was raised was through the National Odd Sock*



# What have our students been doing .....

Ormiston Academies launched a "Photo the World" competition and our geography students really enjoyed looking at life through a lens ...

**Melody.** I think it promotes curiosity as you can see the landscape of another country from an ariel view. You can see the outline of the rivers and estuaries and you can also see their meanders.



**Leonie.** I think this presents curiosity because of the many colours that can be created by nature. It also shows how rock forms can create amazing tourist sites.



**Erin.** I took this photo when I climbed the O2 Arena in London and got a pretty view of the London skyline.



**Jerome.** This is a picture from Ness Point, also known as Lowestoft Ness, and is the most easterly point of the United Kingdom & the British Isles. It is marked by the Euroscope; a unique circular platform showing mileages to different points in the UK and

# Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths

Students from years 9 and 10 had the opportunity to attend a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) careers event at The Energy Skills Centre, East Coast College, where they had the opportunity to meet local employers within the STEM field, look at post 16 college courses that will be available to them, including BTECs, Apprenticeships and T Levels.

There were employers from construction, civil engineering, engineering, clean energy and maritime present, to be on hand to talk about the wide range of jobs available in these fields, and the best routes to get into the industries.

Students were also able to experience hands on and interactive tasks, including steering a ship on their navigation bridge simulator, driving groundworks machinery on their simulator and experience working from heights. This highlighted the skills also needed in these careers.

Our thanks go to East Coast College for hosting such a useful event and for inviting our students to attend.



It was also lovely to hear from two ex students, Keiren and Alfie, currently studying the L2 Engineering course, about just how much they are enjoying their course, and hoping that it will lead both of them into an apprenticeship over the next few months.

# Remembrance at Ormiston Denes 2023

On 10th November we held our own act of respect and remembrance in recognition of those who have served our country. Students from organised groups such as St John Ambulance and the Cadets attended in their uniforms and took part in a short service involving readings from Maci and Jess. The Principal's reading echoed an old tradition and was the citation for the Victoria Cross awarded to Claude Castleton, a former student who lost his life saving injured comrades at the Battle for Pozieres 1916. This reading tied to the original unveiling of the memorial clock which is one hundred years old this year and still has central position in our Entrance Hall. The site team worked hard to ensure the clock was looking its best in preparation for this morning, with fresh paint for its casing and a polish up of all the internal cogs.



THIS CLOCK IS ERECTED  
IN MEMORY OF THE OLD BOYS OF THIS SCHOOL  
WHO FELL IN THE GREAT WAR 1914-1918.  
"THEIR NAME LIVETH FOR EVERMORE"

You may have read on social media about two students who did the right and honest thing within our community, in returning a lost purse. We couldn't be more proud of Alfie and Jack and want to say a massive THANK YOU !!



**WELL DONE  
ALFIE & JACK**



**Principal's Breakfast** is still being enjoyed by many students every Friday. Students are nominated by their form tutors for displaying our core values of Aspiration, Integrity and Respect and get to enjoy time with the Principal, with some breakfast treats and a hot chocolate.



## Enrichment Clubs and Activities



Students showed lots of interest and excitement at the enrichment clubs and activities offered this term. Make sure your child doesn't miss out on the new adventures awaiting them next term.



# Year 11

We are very proud of our students and how hard they worked in their second mock exam period in November, as well as in the completion of their BTEC PSAs. On Friday 15th December, all Year 11 students took part in an afternoon assembly where we celebrated their hard work and delivered their results.



Don't forget our **Year 11 Parents Evening on Thursday 11th January 2024**. This is an important evening which provides parents with an opportunity to discuss your child's progress in all subjects and gain further information on the personal development opportunities on offer for students

**Year 11 Prom!** Many of our students have already become excited about Prom at the end of the year. The details of Prom will be confirmed at a later date; however it is important to note that Prom is something that will be earned through the Passport to Prom. We would like as many Year 11 students to come to prom, therefore the harder they work in lessons and on revision the more likely they will meet the expectations and earn the points to receive an invitation. If students are participating in all the learning and support on offer achieving the points will be straight forward. The ten top students with the most points will have their Prom ticket paid for by the school.

# Student Christmas Shop

Following the hugely popular and successful Christmas Shop last year, our staff have been very busy donating gifts for the 2023 Christmas Shop. We would also like to thank **Asda, Morrisons and Lowestoft Rising** for their generosity towards this scheme. Below are just a few of the gifts available for students to buy using their reward points.



## Christmas in the Community

As part of our festive celebrations a group of students visited Harleston House care home to entertain the residents with some singing. With a mixture of traditional carols, chosen by the residents, and other Christmas songs chosen by the students, everyone had a lovely sing-along. Cody in year 7 gave a endearing solo performance of 'It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas', and the afternoon was finished with a hearty rendition of "We wish you a Merry Christmas!" The residents also joined in the singing, and even some dancing, and it was lovely to see different generations having such a wonderful time together.



# Christmas Fayre at Ormiston Denes



*Thank you to the  
stall holders*

*Thanks to all the  
student helpers*



*Thank you all for  
visiting*



**Thank you to every stall holder, every visitor, every student helper and especially to our staff who helped organise this event, particularly Miss Grimmer, Miss Aves, Mrs Richings, Mrs Osborn and a special thank you to Mr Hissey.**

# Dates to be aware of

**Thursday 4th January** : All students return to school

**Thursday 11th January:** Year 11 Parents Evening

**Thursday 25th January:** Year 9 DIP & Meningitis Vaccinations

**Monday 19th February—Friday 23rd February** : Half Term

**w/c Monday 26th February:** Year 11 Mock Exams Season

**Thursday 7th March:** Year 10 Parents Evening

**Thursday 28th March:** Last day of Spring Term

Our very long serving Senior Science Technician, Mrs Jane Webster is hanging up her lab coat and taking her well earned retirement from the end of this year. Not many of you will know Jane as her work is mostly behind the scenes, however she is the reason why your children have been able to experiment with chemicals, dissections and play with fire—all (thankfully, and because of her years of knowledge and skill) safely, and without a single incident.

Jane was also a long serving member of our Governing Body, representing staff and the wider community. As well as all this, Jane has been an avid supporter and fund raiser for the RNLI, and was the reason we completed the Betty's 5p pot challenge earlier this year.

From everyone at Ormiston Denes Academy Jane, thank you for everything you have done for us and our students over the years.



Don't miss out .....



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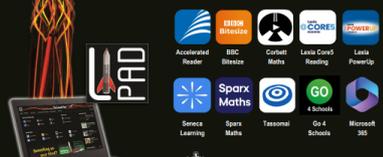
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