



ORMISTON DENES ACADEMY

Dear Parent and Carers,

9th February 2024

Thank you for your positive responses to Year 9 parents' evening last week. I have shared some of your kind comments with staff who appreciate it.

We have been impressed with the high numbers of students whose attendance is 100% and are enjoying the rewards associated with this. Those with 100% need to keep it up for one more week, to be entered into the four week final draw challenge where they have the chance to win a £50 voucher.

Attendance. The importance of attending everyday - making Fridays and the run up to holidays and half term count.

Fridays are a fifth of the learning week. Conversely, half a Friday missed a fortnight is a tenth of the school year. The same holds for the last week – it is 8% of the term's learning. It's not just important to consolidate learnings from the week or term, but also for social connection and creating a culture of belonging in school. Keep an eye out for our Friday stars - celebrating Friday attendance.

Year 11 Mock Exams. Next week, our Year 11 Spring Term mocks will begin and students are currently working hard to make sure they are prepared for them. We have a lot of support in place for students, such as Period 6 and timetabled intervention. If students are finding this period difficult, they should reach out to the Year Team in the first instance. Attendance to mock exams is compulsory, and any absence must be reported via the attendance team so that we can ensure your child is able to catch up. A separate Year 11 letter and the mock exam timetable will soon be available on the website under Year 11 Communication.

The form time focus for next week is "Respectful".

Votes for schools. This week students have been voting on "Are adults equipped to teach you about the online world?". The results of this discussion can be found [here - Votes for Schools](#)

PSHE topics next week will be.

Year 7 – Key features of the anatomy.

Year 8 – Physical effects of alcohol.

Year 9 – Careers.

Year 10 – Unit Wealth.

Year 11 – Euthanasia.

Have a lovely weekend.

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