



# ORMISTON DENES ACADEMY

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Dear Parent and Carers,

1<sup>st</sup> March 2024

It has been a pleasure to welcome students back into the academy after the half term break. Year 11 have shown great resilience as they return to a set of mock examinations. We have also begun to look at the latest Attitude to Learning grades across Years 7-11 and are celebrating some fantastic improvements. If you have not yet viewed your child's latest report, please log on to Go4schools so that you can celebrate their achievements.

**Attendance.** I am very pleased to say that over 220 students achieved 100% attendance during the final four weeks of last term. What an excellent achievement, especially considering the sickness bugs and colds that were about during that term. Students received the following combination of prizes: a lollypop, name in the £10 voucher draw, jump the queue canteen passes and name in the £50 Just Eat voucher draw. We have launched a new attendance challenge with students this week and cannot wait to see the results. Thank you for your continued support in pushing attendance and encouraging all our young people into school every day.

**Congratulations** to Donovan and Cameron who took place this week in the Regional Finals of the MFL Spelling Bee. We find out on Monday if they have progressed to the next round.

A reminder that students can participate in **World Book Day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**. Students are to complete [this attached form](#) to receive a Golden Ticket approving their choice of dress up.

The **St Giles Trust** are once again hosting a webinar for parents and carers to help identify signs and triggers that a child or young person might be involved in county lines and gain an understanding of how to appropriately respond to such indicators. For more information please open the [attached flyer](#) and scan the QR code [St Giles](#).

Mrs Sheriff and three of our brilliant Anti-Bullying Ambassadors were in London this week taking part in the Young Anti-Bullying Alliance. The successful students will be working for the next year with the Young ABA to influence the nationwide Anti-Bullying Week, developing the project, having a voice on ideas and policies, and being part of their nationwide programme work. And we are also so proud to say that we were the only school from Norfolk or Suffolk selected to take part.

**Form time** - The form time focus for the week return is "Responsible".

Votes for schools. This week students have been voting on "Should violence against shop workers be made its own law across the UK?". The results of this discussion can be found [here - Votes for Schools](#)

**PSHE topics** for the week we return will be.

Year 7 – Menstruation.

Year 8 – Managing influence and pressure around alcohol.

Year 9 – Relationships and contraception.

Year 10 – Female Genital mutilation (FGM).

Year 11 – Mortgages and loans.

Have a lovely weekend.



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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kate Williams". The script is cursive and fluid.

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**Principal**