



ORMISTON DENES ACADEMY

Dear Parent and Carers,

8th March 2024

Yesterday was World Book Day and in response to feedback from parents and students, for the first time in several years, our students joined staff in dressing up as book characters. The academy had a fantastic community feel and I think we all learnt about books that we had never heard of but that meant a lot to someone else. Those who chose not to dress up could still get involved in a range of activities and of course had a chance to spend their book token.

It was a pleasure to welcome so many of you to Year 10 Parents' Evening last night. This year we have seen an increase in parent attendance across all year groups and really appreciate your support. It is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate how brilliant your child is. If you have not made it along to one for a while, please do look out for the next opportunity to be a part of our community.

Attendance. Well done to all those students with 100% attendance last week this was: 121 students in year 7, 125 students in year 8, 100 students in year 9, 101 students in year 10 and 88 students in year 11 making a total of 535 students with 100% attendance. Congratulations to all those students, parents and carers for their commitment to attending school and being our attendance HEROes (here, everyday, ready and on time). Next week there is the opportunity to win in the £10 draw in each year group plus sweets! Thank you to all parents and carers who continue to support the school in getting their young people into the academy - we do appreciate it.

Lock down drill - Please be aware that every year we must complete a Lockdown Drill and are planning to do so in the next week. This is to ensure that all staff and students are aware of what to do in the event of an emergency.

Form time - The form time focus for next week is "Respectful" – at Denes we are kind.

Votes for schools - This week students have been voting on "Should the gender of your role models matter?". The results of this discussion can be found [here - Votes for Schools](#)

PSHE topics for next week are.

Year 7 – Emotional changes of puberty.

Year 8 – Common health conditions.

Year 9 – Disrespect nobody (sharing sexual images).

Year 10 – How might you become involved in the legal system.

Year 11 – Taxes.

Have a lovely weekend.

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