



# ORMISTON DENES ACADEMY

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Dear Parent and Carers,

15<sup>th</sup> March 2024

This week I had the pleasure of celebrating the outstanding achievements and talents of some of our students. During form time, I met and awarded Ziva and Serena who achieved Platinum Awards for attitudes to learning, and last night I watched the brilliant Scarlett receive the Creativity Award at the OAT National Awards in Birmingham. Every day our children do amazing things. Take a moment to find out something your child achieved this week. I can guarantee it will make you proud.

Thank you for enabling your child to support Red Nose Day today. Our students take pride in their responsibility to support those less fortunate through charitable events. We know that sometimes any contribution at all can be hard and therefore really appreciate your support.

We conducted a routine Lockdown Drill on Wednesday and students responded maturely and responsibly. These practices are essential in ensuring we are prepared for any emergency, and we are proud of how well this went.

Our focus on attendance continues. Showing up matters for **R.E.A.L** because it is an opportunity to:

- Build **R**outines - Establishing a routine of daily attendance helps reduce stress at home and supports a habit of attendance that will help your teenager get and keep a job.
- Increase **E**ngagement - Being in school helps students to get to know each other and school staff and builds relationships that can motivate participation in learning.
- Provide **A**ccess to resources - Schools provide access to valuable resources such as: teachers meals, health, mental health support and enrichment activities such as sports, clubs, music, and other afterschool programmes.
- Support **L**earning - Students who attend school regularly do better academically and are more likely to be successful post 16 and access their first choice college or further education provision.

**SENDIASS** are offering a learning disability annual health check online session on 20<sup>th</sup> March from 7pm to 8pm, please [click here](#) to register your interest. They are also offering a Comic Strip Awareness session on 27<sup>th</sup> March from 10am to 11am where a relaxed online session for parents and carers explores how comic strip drawing can be used in school and at home to help children and young people develop social understanding. Please [click here](#) to register your interest.

**Form time** - The form time focus for next week is "Ready".

**Votes for schools** - This week students have been voting on "Is AI generated content too believable?". The results of this discussion can be found [here - Votes for Schools](#)

**PSHE topics** for next week are.

Year 7 – Types of families.

Year 8 – Introduction to First Aid.

Year 9 – Condom negotiation.

Year 10 – How do Courts decide on sentencing.



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Year 11 – Government spending.

Have a lovely weekend.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kate Williams', written in a cursive style.

**Kate Williams**

**Principal**