



# ORMISTON DENES ACADEMY

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Dear Parent and Carers,

19<sup>th</sup> April 2024

It has been fantastic to welcome students back to the academy after the Easter break and to see so many really embracing *The Denes Way*. Thank you for ensuring that students have returned smart and ready to learn. All students were issued new knowledge organisers and planners. Please check that your child brings these to the academy every day to support their learning.

We know how important it is that we work together to help your child be successful. To help you get help from the right person, I have included a link to the updated **Denes Directory** which can also be found on our website [here](#).

**Attendance** We appreciate that for some of our families getting your children into school can be a challenge and we thank you for your ongoing support. There can be many barriers to attending school such as mental health, poverty, being a young carer, feeling left behind, missing previous learning or peer relationships. So, to further support families, we are sign-posting additional support available to help families overcome attendance barriers, including the [mental health attendance guidance](#) and [Education Hub post](#) on Attendance advice for parents, [including guidance for parents on school attendance](#)

**Easter School** was a success with a good proportion of students coming in and taking advantage of the staff and resources available, thank you to our staff who supported with this.

All students learnt about Kooth this week. **Kooth** is an online tool to support students manage their mental health. In addition to this they offer exam support. Suffolk County Council are hosting a webinar for parents and carers to support students sitting their exams. Information and the link sign up is [here](#)

**Summer Fayre 2024** - The student leadership team has started to plan for the summer fayre, which will be taking place on **Saturday 13th July**. If you or somebody you know would be interested in hiring a stall at the fayre, please contact Mr Hissey at [dhissey@ormistonden.co.uk](mailto:dhissey@ormistonden.co.uk) to be added to the mailing list and kept updated on developments. We look forward to seeing you there.

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

**Votes for schools** - This week students have been voting on "Would you like to see more wildlife brought into your built up area? If you would like to continue this discussion with your child, please click [here](#) for further resources.

**PSHE Topics** for next week are.

Year 7 – how can I be safe near the roads?

Year 8 – what does a vaccine do?

Year 9 – democracy.

Year 10 – personal boundaries.

Year 11 - exam revision.



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Have a lovely weekend.

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

**Kate Williams**

**Principal**