



Dear Parent and Carers,

24th May 2024

This half term has flown by. I recorded the end of half term video yesterday (which can be viewed [here](#)) and it seemed impossible that we had packed so much in. This week has been no different. Alongside Year 11 exams, we have had a trip to the theatre to watch Macbeth for Year 10 and trips to the UEA focusing on careers and pathways.

Well done to Lucy A, Katie B, Mia B, Bethany D, Ella M, Izzy R, Ziva H and Nathansom S who last weekend completed their bronze Duke of Edinburgh practice exhibition on the school field. They put up their tents, made their own dinner and breakfast and took part in a hike around town on the Sunday. The assessed exhibition is taking place on 21st June 2024.

Attendance

All the evidence shows that every single day in school makes a difference. At Denes we reinforce this vital message with a series of practical measures – including rewards to celebrate good or improved attendance and in rare cases, issuing fines for absence or lateness.

Regular attendance is fundamental to the development of our students.

- All young people between 5 and 16 have the right to full time education. Schools and local education authorities have a duty to ensure that they take up this right.
- Regular attendance is a key factor in raising levels of achievement. Students cannot achieve if they are absent from school.
- Positive attitudes to attendance sets students up for success in the future.
- Attending school regularly promotes the welfare and safety of children whilst they are not in the care of their parents/carers.
- Irregular attendance can place students at risk, isolate them from their peers and lead to poor behaviour both out of school and in school.
- Poor or irregular attendance, persistent lateness, or children missing from education may be considered a safeguarding matter if this places children at risk of harm.

With exam season well under way for year 11 and soon to be mocks in Year 9 and end of year assessments at Key Stage 3 it has never been more important to be in school. For handy tips on how to revise [How to help your child with their revision - five proven strategies \(theparentsguideto.co.uk\)](#)

[How to revise for exams in years 7, 8 and 9: revision tips and techniques \(lifemoreextraordinary.com\)](#)

[How to Revise — 17 Essential Revision Tips | CGP Books](#)

Summer Fete, Saturday 13th July 2023



Save the date! Our Summer Fete is taking place on Saturday 13th July 2024, from 11am to 3pm. If anyone would be interested in having a stall during this event, please contact Mr Hissey at the academy on dhissey@ormistonden.co.uk.

Form time - The form time focus for the week we return will be "Ready" (the Denes way recap).

Votes for schools - This week students have been voting on "Should accent be a protected characteristic" 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 – careers.

Year 8 – spending.

Year 9 – how are those in power held to account?

Year 10 – pregnancy options.

Year 11 - exam revision.

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend and half term holiday. I hope we all see lots of sunshine, please remind your children to be safe in the sun, particularly around water. Remind them of the RNLI sessions they have had this year!

We look forward to students returning to us on Monday 3rd June 2024 at the usual time with breakfast club starting at 7.45am



Kate Williams

Principal