



# ORMISTON DENES ACADEMY

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Dear Parent and Carers,

7<sup>th</sup> June 2024

**Year 11** - I wanted to take a moment to appreciate the hard work and dedication that our Year 11 students have demonstrated during their exams so far. With just a couple of weeks remaining, the finish line is in sight, and we want to encourage your children to keep going strong! A reminder that tickets to prom for invited students can be purchased on ParentMail alongside a "Leavers 2024" hoodie.

External examinations in Year 11 are the culmination of years of hard work both in school and at home and that work starts at Ormiston Denes in Year 7. As we approach the final stages of the academic year, students in all year groups will take part in a range of subject based assessments in classrooms, computer suites, specialist areas and of course, in the hall. Learning the routines associated with exams early on, reduces anxiety as students move through the school and also enables us to both celebrate success and address any gaps in learning. It is crucial all students prepare and try their best in all exams.

Your continued support and encouragement at home play a crucial role in helping our students stay motivated and focused during this challenging period. We are confident that with your assistance and their perseverance, they will achieve great results. Please continue to provide a positive environment for study and revision at home and remember to emphasise the importance of self-care and breaks to ensure they stay healthy and refreshed.

**Year 10** - Thank you to parents and students who attended our Step into Year 11 evening last night. We hope that you found the event informative and beneficial as we prepare for the upcoming academic year. Printed copies of the mock timetable, revision timetables, and exam board information are available for collection from our Raising Achievement team or your child's Head of Year. Please feel free to reach out to either of them should you require any further assistance or information. Thank you for your continued support and involvement in your child's education. Together, we can ensure they have the best possible preparation for the challenges ahead. A reminder that the **Year 10 mock exams begin on 12<sup>th</sup> June**, details of which have been communicated to you separately.

**Attendance** - School isn't just about academic outcomes; it is also about developing children into fully rounded happy young people. School is a place for forging and strengthening relationships and making connections. School isn't just about learning. It's a warm, supportive environment where your child can get a healthy meal and see their friends. **One day absent is five missed lessons, as well as time spent with friends and doing extracurricular activities.** You can support your child's physical, social and mental wellbeing by ensuring they are in school every day.

We know that parents and carers worry about their children's mental health. Rather than keeping your child off school, let us know about your concerns. We can then work together on supporting your child. School is an enriching environment that can help your child with their social and mental wellbeing. School attendance is important for equipping your child with skills for life. Attending school every day can help your child to achieve their aspirations, and the aspirations you have for them.



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**Anti bullying workshop for parents and carers on Thursday 18 July, 6.30pm** - We have a fantastic opportunity to join an Anti-Bullying 101 online FREE interactive workshop from the Youth Board. This workshop is for parents and carers who want to learn more about supporting their child, and spotting the signs of bullying behaviour, including LGBTQ+ targeted behaviour. Please register your interest in attending through the link : [here](#). If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact Miss Sheriff.

### **Year 7 Parents Evening**

Our Year 7 Parents Evening will be taking place on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024**, parents would have received a separate letter confirming the details. We look forward to seeing you all soon.

### **Summer Fete, Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

Save the date! Our Summer Fete is taking place on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:dhissey@ormistonden.co.uk).

**Form time** - The form time focus for next week will be “Responsible”.

**Votes for schools** - This week students have been voting on “Should UK football clubs be fan-owned?” 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 – changes over time – sexuality.

Year 10 – what happens in pregnancy, including miscarriage.

Year 11 - exam revision.

Have a lovely weekend

Yours faithfully



**Kate Williams**

**Principal**