



Dear Parent and Carers,

21st June 2024

Year 11

This week we have begun our fond farewells to Year 11. The final GCSE examinations are complete, and we have celebrated the end of the era with a Leaver's Assembly. Unfortunately, I could not be there in person for the assembly and so had to convey my pride in each of them via a video link. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish all of them well both in their GCSE results and in the exciting world that awaits them.

This year group had to overcome losing most of their Key Stage three experience due to the pandemic and have despite these challenges demonstrated character and a desire to succeed. It has been a pleasure to watch them grow over the last three years. Thank you to all of you at home for actively supporting your child and the academy during their time with us. I also wanted to thank staff who have played significant roles in helping the Class of 2024. Thank you to the fantastic team of form tutors, led throughout the last five years by Mrs Gardiner who has championed every child as though he or she were her own. Thank you to Mrs Parkes and Mrs Salter who have provided incredible pastoral support over this period and to the raising achievement team who have provided endless cups of tea, biscuits and words of wisdom throughout the final year. Finally thank you to all teachers and support staff who will have played a difference in so many ways. It really does take a village to raise a child!

Attendance

Last week we introduced "Year Group of the Week" to celebrate the best attendance of a year group in school. Year 8 had the best attendance and were handsomely rewarded with a shiny attendance cup. This week's competition is still up for grabs! We also now have forms competing for "Form of the Week" in each year group. They were very proud of themselves and rightly so. All year groups are able to compete based on weekly attendance in school. Please continue to support us in our mission to improve the academic outcomes, opportunities and life chances for your children by improved attendance.

Year 7 Parents Evening

Thank you for attending the year 7 Parents Evening last night. I hope you found the evening helpful and a great opportunity to celebrate your child's first year at the academy.

Summer Fete

Is being held on Saturday 13th July 2024 - 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@ormistondenesc.co.uk.

Form time - The form time focus for next week will be "Ready" – focusing on attendance.

Votes for schools - This week students have been voting on "Do you want national service for British youth?". 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 – can young people make a change.

Year 8 – borrowing money.



Year 9 – change over time, race.

Year 10 – Assessment response to scenarios.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully

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

Kate Williams

Principal