



ORMISTON DENES ACADEMY

11th July 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Firstly, I hope this letter finds you well, and I wanted to say a huge thank you for your unwavering support this year, and we look forward to welcoming you all back to the Academy for the Year 11 Raising Achievement Evening on the 12th of September 2024.

I am writing to update you on your child's recent mock examination results and to emphasise the importance of revision, especially as we enter their final year at Ormiston Denes Academy.

Alongside the important results, we have also included revision timetable templates, an informative booklet filled with advice and key information from the previous Year 11 cohort, and vital exam board information, so you can source appropriate revision guides and resources to enhance and support success.

First and foremost, I want to commend your child for their hard work and dedication leading up to the mock exams. Their efforts have not gone unnoticed, and it is evident that they have put in a significant amount of time and energy into their studies, and towards their impeccable behaviour during the mock season. While the mock results may exceed expectations, some may not be what everyone had hoped for, it is important to remember that these are valuable learning experiences to identify areas for improvement and focus before the final exams.

As we approach Year 11, it is crucial that students understand the significance of this academic year. The grades achieved in Year 11 will play a pivotal role in shaping their future opportunities and creating a solid foundation for their further education, apprenticeships, or career paths. Therefore, consistent revision, attendance to Period 6, and active participation in classes are essential to ensure success in the upcoming examinations. I have included a copy of our *provisional* P6 timetable to commence in September 2024:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
English Study Hall	EBacc: History Geography Languages Study Hall	Maths Study Hall	Science Study Hall	Internal Assessment/PSA subjects Study Hall

Additionally, I would like to highlight the importance of regular attendance and engagement in all classes. Attending school regularly not only ensures that students do not miss out on vital learning opportunities but also reinforces their commitment to their education and personal growth.

I urge you to encourage your child to prioritise their studies, seek help when needed, and engage in effective revision strategies. At Denes we use the Denes Desirables:

1. Mind Dumps
2. Quizzing
3. Collective Memory (Look, Cover, Write, Check)
4. Dual Coding
5. Online Platforms e.g. Tassomai & Sparx, from their Student Launchpad

Setting aside dedicated time for revision, creating study schedules, and seeking support from teachers can greatly impact their performance in the final exams. I have included a blank revision timetable in the mocks pack for them to use, please do not hesitate to send them to the Year Team, if they need guidance in creating one.

The local colleges are also excited to invite you to their informative open evenings/days. The open days allow for valuable insights into the unique educational experiences that each college offers, and allows time for questions, meeting staff and exploring futures. Please mark your calendars for the following dates:

East Norfolk Sixth Form (Gorleston):

- **Saturday 21st September** – Open Saturday
- **Thursday 10th October** - Open Evening

East Coast College (Lowestoft and Great Yarmouth):

- **Lowestoft Campus** (including Lowestoft 6th Form College): Saturday 5th October, Wednesday 13th November
- **Yarmouth Campus**: Saturday 12th October, Thursday 14th November

Sir John Leman High School & Sixth Form (Beccles):

- **Thursday 26th September**, 5pm until 7:30pm
 - Presentation at 6pm

Lastly, I want to express how proud I am of your child for their perseverance and efforts; it is clear that they possess the determination and potential to achieve great things. With your continued support and guidance, I am confident that they will rise to the challenges ahead, and excel in their academic pursuits.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any concerns or require additional support for your child during this critical period. Together, we can empower them to reach their full potential and succeed in their academic endeavors.

Thank you again for your ongoing support and involvement in your child's education, and I am so excited to see what wonderful things they achieve in Year 11.

Yours sincerely



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