



ORMISTON DENES ACADEMY

Dear Parent and Carers,

12th July 2024

This week it has been a pleasure to welcome Year 10 back into the academy from work experience. We have had wonderful reports from employers, including offers of summer and part-time jobs and future apprenticeships. We are so proud of them all.

We have also enjoyed two fantastic days getting to meet our future Year 7 students during Year 6 transition days. My favourite part is watching students leave at the end of each day, happy and excited about high school, alongside watching our other students being so caring to the new year group.

Our Year 8 girls represented the academy at the County Rounders finals eventually finishing sixth out of forty schools. We are exceptionally proud of their efforts and applaud their determination to do even better next year.

Today is our new look Sports Day involving track and field events along with team activities. I am particularly interested to see how our staff fare against the students in the relay race!

Summer Fete Our Summer Fete is taking place on Saturday 13th July 2024, from 11am to 3pm and we look forward to seeing you all.

We know that whilst the summer holidays can be fun, they can also be challenging for families struggling to manage finances and work alongside caring for children. The following may be of interest to you:

- Free KoothTalks webinars “*Parenting pressures during the summer holiday and how we can help*” - here’s the [booking form](#) for you to email to parents
- [This toolkit](#) contains activities, teaching materials and guidance to help support and boost mental wellbeing over the summer and beyond.
- **Suffolk Summer HAF is now live for bookings** Parents/carers can log onto the HAF booking system (Eequ) to register children who are in receipt of Free School Meals (FSM) for support over the summer holidays. Further information can be found at: [Suffolk InfoLink | Holiday Activity and Food \(HAF\) programme 2024 in Suffolk](#). Bookings can be made via [Eequ - After school - In place of school - Beyond school](#). Codes will no longer be issued. (Bookings will be subject to eligibility checks and suitability of activities chosen.)

There is a small discretionary fund available for children who are not in receipt of FSM but who would benefit from this extra support; a referral form or more information can be requested from HAF Enquiries:

HAFenquiries@suffolk.gov.uk.

These places are limited so early applications are encouraged.

Form time - The form time focus for next week will be “Ready for the holidays”.

Votes for schools - This week students have been voting on “Did the election campaign cover the most important issues?” If you would like to continue this discussion with your child, please click [here](#) for further resources.

PSHE Topics for next week are.



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Year 7 – what do MP's do?

Year 8 – gambling.

Year 9 – moving into Year 10.

Year 10 – fertility.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kate Williams".

Kate Williams

Principal