



ORMISTON DENES ACADEMY

Dear Parent and Carers,

6th September 2024

It has been wonderful to welcome our students back into the academy this week and to get to know our new Year 7 students. Thank you to all of you at home for your support in making this return so successful. Students' uniforms have been smart, they have been punctual, and they have been both kind and courteous. We are excited to work with each of them this year to help them continue to develop academically and as individuals.

All students have taken part in student inset inducting them back into The Denes Way and explicitly teaching students how to make the most of their lessons through the Denes Four Part Lesson.

We have updated our Denes Directory ([click here](#)) in which you will find information and contact details for key staff together with important dates for the Autumn Term.

We will be holding our Year 11 Raising Achievement Evening on **Thursday 12th September, 6.00 to 7.00pm**. Supporting your child through their GCSE/BTEC's can be an overwhelming task and the evening aims to provide you with an opportunity to find out key information on how you can support your son or daughter in preparing for the challenging academic year ahead. Parents of Year 11 students will have received a letter this week with more details. Please confirm your attendance using the Parentmail portal by Monday 9th September.

Next week we begin our GL Assessment testing phase in Year 7 and for some students across the academy who have missed GL Assessments and need to complete them. The tests gather information on curriculum knowledge in English, Maths and Science and test student's reading and spelling abilities. This information helps us support your child if they have either gaps in their learning or need extra support to secure the literacy and numeracy skills required for success in their studies. To support your child, we share information about the tests with students in form time in advance and teachers and the exams team will support them during the assessment.

Form Time Focus next week will be "Ready; at Denes we are..."

We will be teaching the below PSHE topics next week. If you do not wish for your child to participate or have a question relating to the subjects, please contact your child's Head of Year.

Year 11 – Is it OK to test on animals?

Year 10 – How can social media affect me?

Year 9 – How can I judge the reliability of news?

Year 8 – Where do 'Laws' come from?

Year 7 – Why are first impressions important?

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully

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