



# ORMISTON DENES ACADEMY

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Dear Parent and Carers,

11<sup>th</sup> October 2024

It has been another busy week in the academy with lots to celebrate. A highlight for me was having the OAT photographer on site. It has been nearly two years since he was last here and he was blown away by how polite and respectful our students were. It has also been fantastic to see our students take part in a growing range of sporting competitions with our netballers out in action this week.

We are very proud to announce that **Harry in year 7** and **Ella in year 10** have been elected to senior positions for the OAT East Regional Student Voice. Mr Hissey, who leads our own student voice said “they will represent the East Region in OAT National Student Voice, and I couldn’t be more thrilled for them both”

**Attendance** - We would like to share some tips with you that can help your child prepare effectively for school and have a more successful school day.

- Preparation is key. Encourage your child to pack their school bag the night before, using their timetable to ensure they have everything they need for the next day. Checking books, homework, stationery, and required equipment will help them be well-prepared for their lessons.
- School uniform. Remind your child about the importance of a neat school uniform. Encourage them to fold their uniform neatly after coming home and to keep their tie and school shoes in a safe space, to prevent it from getting lost.
- Set an alarm. Adequate sleep is essential for a successful school day. Encourage your child to go to bed at a reasonable hour and to set an alarm to avoid rushing in the morning, which can lead to unnecessary stress.
- Talk about it. Life events such as illness or family changes can disrupt your child's routine. Encourage them to communicate with their form tutor or head of year if such situations arise, as they can provide guidance on getting back into a positive routine and can keep teachers informed if needed.

Staying organised and following a good school routine can greatly benefit your child's school experience.

**PSHE consultation.** Once again we would like to provide parents and carers with an opportunity to share their views on our Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education curriculum which is part of the PSHE curriculum. In the week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> October we will open our parental consultation which will run until Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November. This will be sent to you via Parent Mail and will ask you to provide feedback via [this Microsoft Form](#) The consultation will close on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

**The Form Time Focus** next week will be “Respectful”.

We will be teaching the following **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 – How can I deal with disappointment?

Year 10 – How can I identify meningitis and strokes?

Year 9 – Why do people use drugs?

Year 8 – What do I need to know about gangs?

Year 7 – What do healthy friendships look like?



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**Votes for schools** - This week students have been voting on “Will the zombie knife and machete amnesty help with knife crime in your area?” If you would like to continue this discussion with your child, please click [here](#) for further resources.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kate Williams". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K'.

**Kate Williams**

**Principal**