



ORMISTON DENES ACADEMY

Dear Parent and Carers,

25th October 2024

Today is the last day of what has been a fantastic first half term in the academy. Our Year 7s have settled in really well, Year 10 have started their GCSEs with maturity and Year 11 are showing great resilience in how they have utilised Period 6, Study Hall and prepared for their mock exams. Year 8 and Year 9 have had success in sporting competitions and are showing renewed focus in lessons. Students are learning more effectively as a result of the four-part lesson and the Denes Way has made the academy a lovely place to be. Thank you to all at home for your support and for ensuring your children are here and ready to learn every day.

Student half termly reports are now available, you can find these by logging into your G4S account. This is how you can easily track how well your child is engaging in learning and see the outcomes of any assessments completed in the first half term.

Students return on **Tuesday 5th November** (the school is closed to students on Monday 4th November, for staff training).

The Form Time Focus for the week we return will be "Ready".

We will be teaching the following **PSHE topics the week of our return**. 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 – Careers - Unifrog

Year 10 – What are the wider effects of vaping?

Year 9 – What does the law say about drugs?

Year 8 – What is grooming?

Year 7 – What is cyber-bullying?

Votes for schools - This week students have been voting on "Are elections just popularity contests?" If you would like to continue this discussion with your child, please click [here](#) for further resources.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully

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