




# ORMISTON DENES ACADEMY

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Dear Parent and Carers, 

22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024

This week has flown by with lots of planned and unplanned events that have been enjoyed by students. We have had a range of trips including an East Suffolk County Youth Induction Day, a PE and Sports Career Day at the University of East Anglia, alongside various sporting events such as badminton, county football and rugby. Auditions for ODA's Got Talent also took place this week with the finale taking place next Tuesday.

We also had the excitement of snow on Wednesday which fell whilst students were at lunch, and many chose to enjoy being outside. One thing that struck me as I stood there bundled up in my coat and scarf were how many children are still coming to school without winter layers. Please encourage your child to come dressed for the weather ensuring they are comfortable and stay well throughout the winter months.

**Attendance** - Good school attendance habits are best started early. Children learn from those around them and you as parents/carers set the standards and expectations for them. Showing your child the importance of attending school every day not only helps your child to settle quickly when starting school but helps them to keep and maintain friendships and enjoy the school environment.

Be organised, have a plan, be consistent and involve your child.

- Create good routines for mornings at home so that your child can arrive punctually, and they are properly equipped
- Talk to them about the things they have been learning. A short chat may produce a better result than a long list of questions.
- Read all school communications.
- Attend school parents' evenings and functions.
- Check your child understands the homework and that it has been completed. Support them in completing homework by creating a calm space for them to work in.
- Avoid absence from school wherever possible. Avoid GP and dental appointments during school hours. Absence means your child will miss out on academic studies and begin to feel that education is not a priority. This can have a negative lifelong effect.

There is often a reason why children become reluctant to attend school. Take the time to listen to your child, share any concerns you or your child may have with the appropriate member of school staff and seek support at the very earliest opportunity.

**The Form Time Focus** next week will be "Responsible".

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 – Careers – making post 16 choices

Year 10 – What parts of our bodies can be donated?

Year 9 – How can I recognise mental health?



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Year 8 – What is hate crime?

Year 7 – How might people with disabilities be treated?

**Votes for schools** - This week students have been voting on “Should UK Parliament move around the country” If you would like to continue this discussion with your child, please click [here](#) for further resources.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully



**Kate Williams**

**Principal**



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# CHRISTMAS FAYRE 2024

## Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024 from 5pm

Join us on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December and get ready for a festive evening featuring

- ❖ Over 30 stall holders
- ❖ Santa in his grotto
- ❖ Spin the wheel & the human fruit machine
- ❖ Christmas Raffle
- ❖ Festive food and drinks available

The evening will include a 45-minute concert and will be raising money for Christmas for CAMHS. The concert will run twice, starting at 5.30pm and 6.45pm. Among a variety of other acts, it includes a world champion Irish dancer and an exclusive sneak peek at the upcoming performance of 'Mary Poppins'.