



ORMISTON DENES ACADEMY

Dear Parent and Carers,

29th November 2024

This week we have had visitors from other schools in the academy and have received some lovely feedback about students, with one commenting on how polite and engaging our pupils were when they talked to them. Similarly, governors conducted student panels yesterday and noted how articulate and confident students are becoming. They also noted how clear students were on how to be successful in lessons. We are so proud of our school community and hope you feel the same.

We also enjoyed *Denes' got Talent* on Tuesday evening. With a range of singers, dancers and story tellers and presented by the students themselves, students showcased their talent and confidence. Whilst all performers are to be congratulated, my favourite memories are of the performers cheering and congratulating each other. Thank you to all who supported this event.

We are well into our Christmas Fayre countdown – with just days to go until we open for all on **Wednesday 4th December 2024**. We have over 30 staff holders attending, as well as games and refreshments and twice during the evening our students will be performing and we would love for you to pop along and support them. The performances take place at 5.30pm and 6.45pm

On Thursday 12th December, we wish to invite all students to join us **for a full Christmas lunch**. We are subsidising the costs for all students and will serve the menu (below) for £3.00. Those students who receive a free school meal will also be entitled to a Christmas lunch at no additional cost. Form tutors will collect any Christmas dinner orders during form time over the next week. Only Christmas dinners will be available during lunchtime on this day. Break service will be as normal. We have invited all staff to join this celebration meal and we look forward to sharing it with as many of our students as possible.

On this same day, we will be taking part in **Save the Children National Christmas Jumper Day**. Students are invited to wear a Christmas jumper over their shirts/blouse & tie with their trousers/skirt; blazers are not required on this day. We suggest a donation of £1.00 cash which is to be brought into the school on the morning of Thursday 12th December.

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 – How can I maturely end a relationship?

Year 10 – What services are available to manage my health?

Year 9 – How can I manage loss and grief?

Year 8 – What is homophobia?

Year 7 – How might people with disabilities be treated?

Votes for schools - This week students have been voting on “Should we learn more about coping with extreme weather? 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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CHRISTMAS FAYRE
Wednesday 4th December from 5pm

Enjoy over 30 stall holders
Visit Santa in his grotto
Play some festive games
Get your ticket for the Christmas Raffle
Enjoy some festive food and drinks
Sit back, relax and watch our Christmas Concert
(performances at 5.30pm and 6.45pm)



'tis the season

Menu

Roast Turkey
or
Vegetable Wellington

Served With

Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding,
Sage & Onion Stuffing, Cocktail Sausage,
Brussel Sprouts, Carrots, Peas & Gravy