

Dear Parent and Carers,

31st January 2025

It has been another fantastic week at the academy. I have had the pleasure of taking some OAT visitors around the academy and they were impressed with how well students spoke about their experiences and their focus in lessons. Our students have also worked hard in catering exams, taking part in the Historical Association's Great Debate, the Holocaust Memorial Day and our U15 girls have made it through to the semifinals of the football County Cup, following a 9-1 victory! It is great to see our students showcasing Ormiston Denes Academy so well in everything they do.

A reminder that we have Year 9 Options and Parents Evening on **Thursday 6**th **February 2025**, from 3.30pm. This is an important evening where you can discuss your child's progress and the GCSE/BTEC subjects on offer as they commence Year 10 in September 2025. We look forward to seeing you then.

The Form Time Focus for next week is "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 are taxes calculated?

Year 10 – How might people show their commitment to their partners?

Year 9 – Careers; options.

Year 8 - How do vaccines work?

Year 7 – How can I manage my personal hygiene?

Votes for schools - This week students have been voting on "Should we be more worried about drone use?". If you would like to continue this discussion with your child, please click <u>here</u> for further resources.

Have a lovely weekend.

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Yours faithfully

Kate Williams

Principal



