



ORMISTON DENES ACADEMY

Dear Parent and Carers,

14th February 2025

Thank you for the positive feedback collated following parents' evening. We have shared some of the lovely comments with staff and also considered suggestions and responded to any personal concerns that you expressed. It was fantastic to see that you are increasingly happy with the work we are doing. Over 90% of you would recommend us to another parent.

World Book Day takes place on 6th March. Staff are already planning their book themed outfits and we will be extending the invitation to our students again. You will receive separate communication regarding guidance for this event, but we wanted to give you as much notice as possible to prepare.

We are excited to inform you that your child is using Sparx Maths to complete their weekly maths homework. Sparx provides a highly personalised weekly homework to students, tailored to their attainment level and working speed. Your child's mathematics homework will be set on **Wednesday** and due on **Wednesday** every week and we know you want to support your child's progress. You can access more information and support resources on our website [here](#).

Year 10 and Year 11 students can log into their Tassomai accounts at 4pm every day during half term to take part in free live lessons each day, supporting with English, maths and science subjects.

A further reminder that we are holding our **Year 10 Parents Evening on Thursday 27th February** starting from 3.30pm. Appointments can be made via ParentMail.

Just a reminder that Suffolk County Council has confirmed a six-month extension to the Household Support Fund from September 2024 to March 2025. The funds are in support of low-income families in receipt of Free School Meals (FSM) over the February half term and Easter holidays 2025. To allow sufficient time for families to redeem their vouchers, Suffolk County Council will be distributing the vouchers for both holiday periods together, prior to the start of the February half term. The grant will be issued as a £45 supermarket voucher for each eligible child from our provider Pluxee to cover both the February Half term (£15) and Easter holidays (£30).

The Form Time Focus when we return is "Ready".

We will be teaching the following **PSHE topics** following half term. 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 – Am I allowed to vote?

Year 10 – How pornography impacts our understanding of consent?

Year 9 – Careers; Unifrog.

Year 8 – What are prescription drugs?

Year 7 – What are the emotional changes in puberty?

Votes for schools - This week students have been voting on "Are online scams always too good to be true? If you would like to continue this discussion with your child, please click [here](#) for further resources.



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A reminder the school will be closed during half term week, Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February and additionally, the school will be closed to all students on Monday 24th February for staff training. **All students return to school on Tuesday 25th February.**

Have a lovely half term break

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kate Williams', written in a cursive style.

Kate Williams

Principal