

DISCOVER DENES



Summer 2023

Goodbye Class of 2023

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What have we been
up to this term

Meet our Art & Graphics
Department

ASPIRATION • INTEGRITY • RESPECT

Principal's Welcome



This is the final Discover Denes of the year and I am delighted that it is as action packed as all the others. Over the last two years my dedicated staff team has worked relentlessly to increase the range of opportunities available to our students, to re-forged relationships with our community that diminished during the pandemic and to find new ways to celebrate and reward our fantastic students. As a result, more young people are experiencing success than previously, with positive points at an all time high and more parents are choosing to send their children to the academy. I hope you will enjoy reading about the last term as much as we enjoyed living it!

As we approach the end of the summer term, I'd like to take a moment to thank the staff and students of Ormiston Denes Academy who make our community so vibrant and to thank all of you at home for your support, helping our students to be ready, responsible and respectful every single day.

Mrs Kate Williams
Principal



As well as Union Jack cakes our students joined Mrs Williams in scattering some wild seed into our meadow; something we hope, King Charles would approve of.



For more of what our students have been up to, please read on.....

Introducing our Head Students; Lillia & Jamie



Lillia *"I wanted to be a head student so I could help others more and make a positive impact to the school. I was really amazed when I found out I had been appointed head student as there was quite a few other students who had gone for it, I was mainly hoping to get through to the interview but to go all the way was great!"*

"I'm really looking forward to seeing what I can bring to the role, and I can't wait to get started"

Jamie *"One of the reasons I applied for the role of head student was because I have experienced the many opportunities that our students have to access to within our academy. I would like to continue to promote the sheer brilliance of the opportunities on offer to all students. When receiving the role of head student, I was excited to*

work as a team with the other members, they are really friendly and willing to work as a team to achieve our goals. Within this next year I plan to help represent and showcase our school to others such as parents to give them the reason why they should send their children here"

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Lillia, Jamie, Olivia, Andrew, Jason, Neveah, Elle-May & Mia



Melody (Prefect)- *"I wanted to become a prefect to help improve our school for the new year 7's and everyone else. I want to be able to support the younger students and be a positive role model in the academy!"*

Elle-May (Senior Prefect) - *"I am very pleased about being nominated for my position as senior prefect and I am thankful for this opportunity. I hope that we can all work hard together and build a good foundation for our school and work as a team to make school a better place for all. I'm proud of everyone who has signed up for their positions and I think that we will all work very well together and I'm happy to be a part of such a well-balanced team with great people who all have their unique skills and can bring a lot to the table to help the school and think of new ideas."*

Olivia (Deputy Head Student) - *"I wanted to achieve Head Student as I want to help make my peers feel happier and safer in the school and I knew the best way to do so was having a role that worked with higher members of staff to help my point get across to them and therefore the whole school. Despite not achieving Head Student, I am extremely thankful for my role as Deputy Head Student as I can still make a difference for the good of the school and everyone in it."*

What have our students been doing?

Year 11 geography students had been designing tasks on rivers to teach to Year 7, who are now beginning to study rivers. This was a great revision task for Year 11 just prior to their exams, and a fantastic introduction for Year 7!

All students involved worked extremely hard and were really creative in their learning, demonstrated by the brilliant high scores in the competition quiz at the end of the session. Well done to all involved, you have made the geography department extremely proud.



Some lucky year 9 students visited Ipswich Endeavour Academy for a 5 academy physics competition. There were 3 tasks for each group of 4 and the group containing **Amara, Lorna, Gracie-Mai & Darcie Sutton WON** the structure building task. They were only given a small amount of paper & sellotape to construct the tallest tower to be able to hold a full can of beans for the longest time. The students were impeccably behaved and represented Ormiston Denes Academy extremely well. We were very proud of their efforts too.

Osmington Adventure Weekend 2023



In May, 38 students and 4 members of staff

travelled to Osmington Bay in Dorset for a Maths Activity Weekend. We arrived in lovely sunshine late Friday afternoon and were very much looking forward to abseiling, axe throwing, zip wiring, archery, and the giant swing in glorious sunshine and an amazing view of the sea.

The weather had other ideas and we woke up Saturday morning to torrential rain - we couldn't even see the sea due to the mist that accompanied it. Despite this, everyone soldiered on and didn't moan about getting absolutely drenched whilst facing their fears - staff included. We didn't dry out all day but that didn't stop our students getting stuck in! I am so proud of all our students, watching them achieve in something they thought they couldn't do - challenging heights mixed in with maths! It was an absolute pleasure to take them and because of how fantastic they were I am already pricing up for next year. Thank you to Mr Armstrong, Mrs Richings and Dr B for supporting me for the weekend!

Mrs Wilkinson.



Year 11 Leavers Celebration



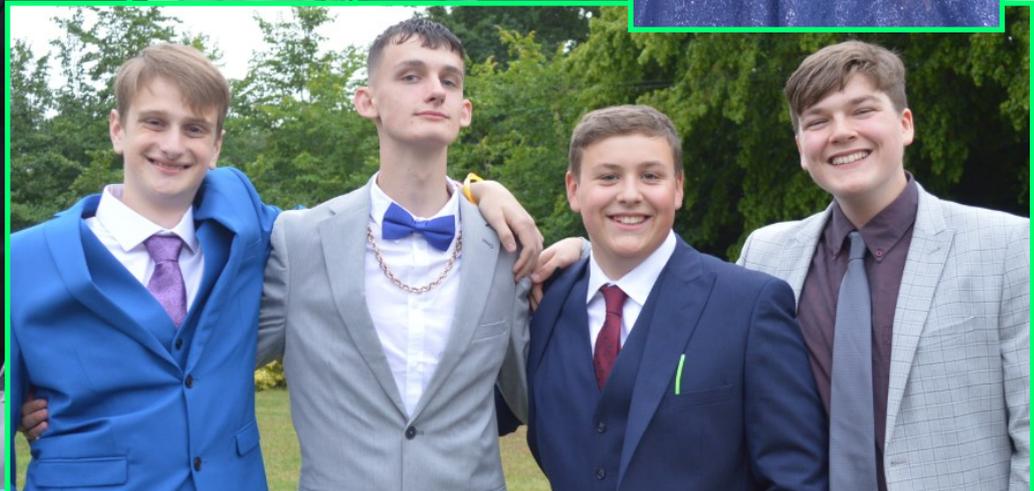
It seems quite incredible that your journey at Ormiston Denes, which started 5 years ago, is coming to an end. We want you to be proud of what you have achieved, be proud of where you come from and be proud of who you have become. We hope that you take what you learned with us and use it to shape your future. - Mr Donovan.



Year 11 Prom 2023



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Its been a blast Y11



Rewards & Celebration

Students have won over 262,838 reward points this year

REWARD POINTS RESULTS 2022-2023

Year 7 = 88,596

Year 8 = 63,964

Year 9 = 54,969

Year 10 = 36,306

Year 11 = 19,003



CONGRATULATIONS TO YEAR 7 WHO WERE THE TOP YEAR GROUP FOR REWARD POINTS!!



Well done to Oliver who successfully entered a competition to win some spectacular houseplants. These fascinating plants arrived last week and will be used in the art department for their shape and form (and they also look pretty wild!).

Congratulations to **Drew** who entered the Pokémon European International Championship event playing people from all over the world. He completed in the senior division (12-15) and came second overall, narrowly being beating from a Belgium opponent who had previously won 4 internationals!



So many students auditioned for our next school production "Beauty and the Beast". Congratulations to those below who secured main roles. More details about this amazing show will be posted next academic year;

Belle - Mia B

Beast - Hayden V

Gaston - Olivia H

Lumiere - Jamie C

Mrs Potts - Scarlett H

Maurice - Bethany D

Plumette - Alyssa Ha

Babette - Melody WI

Monsieur D'Arque - Michel S



Ormiston Denes Academy Sports Day 2023

Congratulations to everyone who took part—you are all winners!



Introducing our Arts & Graphics Department

My name is Jo Westgate. I am Head of Art. This is now my 21st year of working at the Ormiston Denes. I work with Jess Fellas who has taught alongside me for 11 years and Amy Barwood our Art technician who has supported the department for 10 years. Our backgrounds are all very different, I studied at The University of Chichester taking Art with Related Arts. Jess studied at University of Reading taking Fine Art and History of Art and finally Amy studied at Norwich University of the Arts taking Fine Art. Our specialism and expertise are all very different which enables us to offer a broad curriculum and meet the needs of our students. We are also really lucky at Ormiston Denes to have Maxine Rudd, who also holds a degree in Art and Design. She volunteers her own time to run a KS3 art club after school. The students get to continue to build on their skills tapping into Maxine's skill set of printmaking. Students are creating their own designs to print onto tote bags.

The creative sector is one of the UK's biggest growing industries; including fashion, visual arts, publishing TV and film. With the ever growing and changing needs of this sector, we have increased our offer of the creative subjects and now offer students GCSE's in Art & Design, Graphics and Photography. This enables us to tailor skills to suit and allow students to make choices.



The Art and Design course encourages students to be independent, making creative choices in three main skill areas of painting, drawing and sculpture. Photography is art through a lens. Students explore photography through digital and practical/manual manipulation. Graphics is the newest course we offer and is a bridge between the two subjects. This is more tailored towards advertising, illustration and publishing. Students develop their skills again both manually and use ICT and photoshop to aid their designs, also creating 3d outcomes.

A student's educational experience is really important to their learning process. As a department we like to get them to experience the Art firsthand through the offer of trips and artist workshops. Our yr10 Art and Graphics students went to NUA to see the end of Year show and get a taste for the range of courses they have on offer. Yr10 Art got to work alongside Sue Brinkhurst to create mixed media collages inspired by the old post office building in the town centre. Our students work was then part of the exhibition put on inside the building.

To support our students in their preparation for their Yr11 exam, we annually fund a trip to London for them to gather primary research to help inspire them leading up to the exam. This is always a really exciting with this year looking round the Natural History Museum and the Victoria and Albert.

We always like to celebrate students consistent hard work in lessons and showcase the work they all create.

We do this weekly through our Instagram account—

ODA Art&Tech.



Gradfest Norwich University of the Arts trip, Y10 art and graphics students visited the NUA graduation show covering Fine Art, Fashion and Textiles, Photography, Graphics, Architecture and Video Production. They were awestruck and inspired by the work on display and a lot of them did express interest about going there. They also visited the Cathedral and were incredibly well behaved and a real credit to the academy.

**GRAD
FEST**
16.6-
22.6 **23**



Farewell to our staff ...

Mrs Vanessa Crawford

Mrs Dawn Carver

Mr Tom Woodrow

Miss Polly Grice

Miss Millie Bobby

Mr Ollie Bailey

Mrs Lisa George

Mr Steve Craft

Mr Andy Baker

Mrs Sarah Napthan

Dates to be aware of

Thursday 24th August 2023 -Year 11 Results Day

Wednesday 6th September - all students return to school



Don't miss out



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