

# DISCOVER DENES

Edition 9—Summer 2024

## Goodbye Class of 2024

Year 11 Prom and Leavers Assembly

Year 10 Work Experience

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Enrichment

Sports Day

Find out why we are so proud of our students!

**ASPIRATION—INTEGRITY—RESPECT**

# Principal's Welcome



It is hard to believe we are almost at the end of the school year and as always there is much to be proud of. As I look at what our students have achieved across the year academically, personally and as a community, I feel an immense sense of pride.

We have asked our students to expect more of themselves and of us as school and this has translated into a school with a growing sense of kindness, community and positivity. Our students are more willing to risk failure and are loving the success they experience.

This edition gives you just a small flavour of what makes Ormiston Denes a vibrant learning community, always striving to do better.

Mrs Kate Williams  
Principal



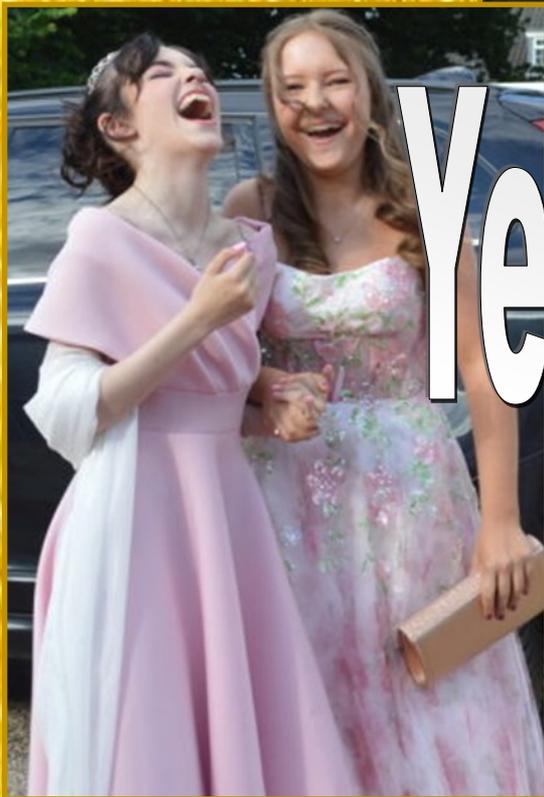
Congratulations to our new Head Students Umo & Lola and well done to our entire Student Leadership Team. We look forward to working even more closely with you next year.



# Year 11 Leavers Assembly



The official Class of 2024 photograph will be released shortly (this one was just for fun!!)

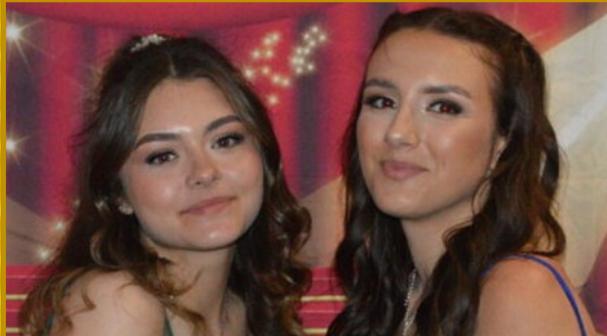


# Year 11 PROM





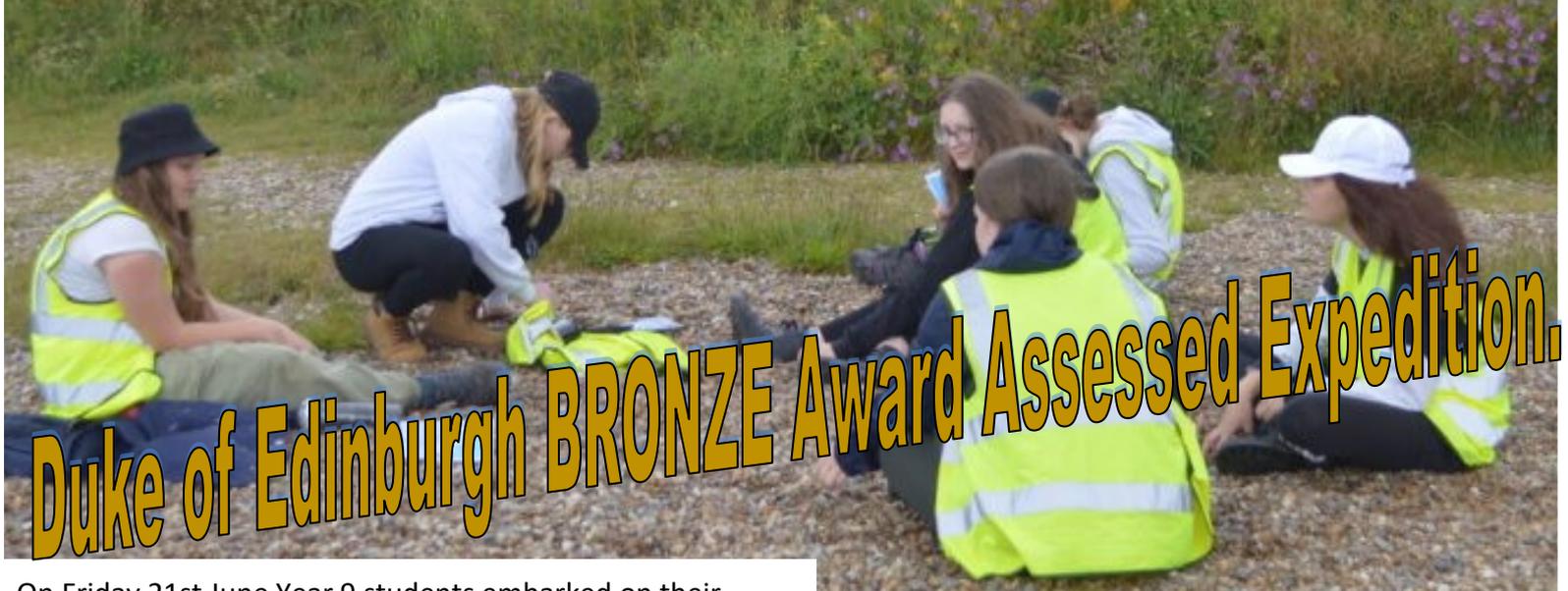






# PGL Math's Trip 2024





# Duke of Edinburgh BRONZE Award Assessed Expedition.

On Friday 21st June Year 9 students embarked on their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. Laden with bright orange rucksacks packed with tents, clothing, sleeping bags, camp cookers and food for the two days, they set off from Southwold harbour at 9.15am. Their destination, the cafe at Dunwich approximately 5 miles away. It was the hottest day of the year so far and they walked along the river side, through reed beds, along the beach and through woodland. Lunch was a well earned rest. After some squashed sandwiches, various Haribo combinations, lots of water and the reapplication of suncream, they set off back to Southwold. A 6 mile journey to the Pigs in Blankets Campsite. On arrival at the campsite they were tired and a little emotional. However, there was little time to rest, tents were put up and food prepared. This gave some sustenance, before an early night in readiness for day 2.

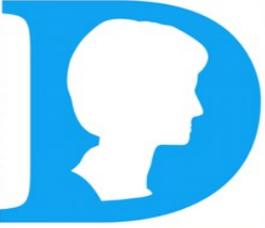
Day two - the forecast was warm weather, overcast with the possibility of rain showers. Up at 7am, ablutions, breakfast (strange combinations of brioche, porridge and more Haribo)! Tents came down and were packed away, blisters treated and suncream applied. The groups set off at 9am. They walked into an overgrown footpath where they exercised their problem solving skills and ended up at a secluded chicken farm. The mini bus is sent to help get them back on track!. By Lunch the group were very tired but were motivating each other and determined to push on to Kessingland and the agreed finishing point. Then the rain came. For the last hour of walking, it was that really big but warm rain—but all students pressed on. Finally, they all arrived at the finish line, 19.5 miles in 2 days, exhausted but not broken in spirit. They embraced each other and talked of take-away food (all the Haribo had gone by this point)! Well done to the Super 8! The Duke would be so proud of you.

- Mr Armstrong, DoE Coordinator.



# What have our students been doing?

THE DIANA AWARD



Thank you to everyone below for completing a 3 hour intensive anti-bullying training session on anti-homophobia, biphobia and transphobia. Well done!



*"It is great to hear how well they have done and their level of commitment to supporting other students.*

*Please pass on my congratulations to them for their achievement and my thanks to them for doing what they are doing!"*

Mrs Carole Davies,  
Governor

## Stepping into Year 11

This term we hosted a Stepping into Year 11 evening in which parents and students could hear & discuss the expectations and opportunities presented for our year 10 students, in the next academic year.

It was great to see so many year 10 students participate, excited about what is to come!



## Visitors were "beelown" away by our KS3 student art-work!



Suffolk County Council invited schools to participate in an art project to raise awareness of the importance of putting waste in the right place, helping to protect our towns and countryside.

Our brilliantly creative students made a HUGE sunflower and bees using old cardboard, cans, bottles and plastic trays.

We think it's BEEtiful!



# Year 10 students—making us proud !

**Work experience**—thank you to our local community and businesses who provided a placement and support for our Year 10 students on their valuable work experience week at the beginning of July. The comments and feedback from these companies has been overwhelmingly positive. A huge well done to our Year 10 students.

*Doing brilliantly! Incredible! Is going to volunteer in the summer.*

*She's awesome!*

*She's doing really well, getting really stuck in. She's a really lovely girl.*

*A credit to Denes!*

*Doing so well, she has a level of maturity we have never seen before.*

*She is using her initiative well and approaching customers.*

*Good as gold!*

*Really keen and shows true potential.*

*Working really hard. Definitely found his vocation.*

*Absolutely lovely!*

**Year 10 Geography Field Trip to Southwold.**

At the end of June, Year 10 students studying geography set out on a 2 day field trip around the county participating in fieldwork, whilst being responsible for their own time management. All students spoke to members of the public respectfully and confidently- they were a real credit to the school. I am very proud of all of them.

**-Miss S Steward, Head of Geography.**



# Just some of our amazing students .....

Well done to **Jake, Reuben, Oscar N and Oscar H** who took part in the final of the OAT Matholympics challenge. Even though some of them were disappointed to be missing an afternoon of sports day, they all took part and **beat off all the competition coming first place!**



Thank you to our **Year 11 Students** who conducted themselves so beautifully during their recent Prom. The Coach House in Carlton Colville had to let us know "It was a pleasure to host the prom again all the students looked amazing and were well behaved the whole evening, a real credit to the school.

Well done to **Emma, India, India-Blue, Imogen, Mia, Hollie, Holly, Ellis, Esme and Heather** who absolutely gave everything into every rounders game. They played incredibly well, and their behaviour and sportsmanship was outstanding, demonstrating the absolute best of Denes.

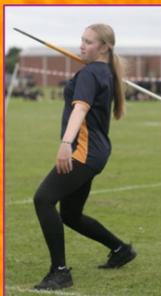
Overall, they finished **6th in the County** out of a total of 40 schools in the tournament!

When our girls arrived at Essex University for their Dora Love presentation, the music they had prepared wouldn't play at first and the space for their performance was smaller than expected, so they had to re-choreograph their piece with

The Mayor of Colchester was at the presentation and explicitly mentioned the Ormiston Denes' presentation saying how impressed she was by our group's dance performance despite the technical difficulties they encountered.



# Sports Day 2024



# Enrichment Days 2024



Pasta Towers

DANCE

Archery



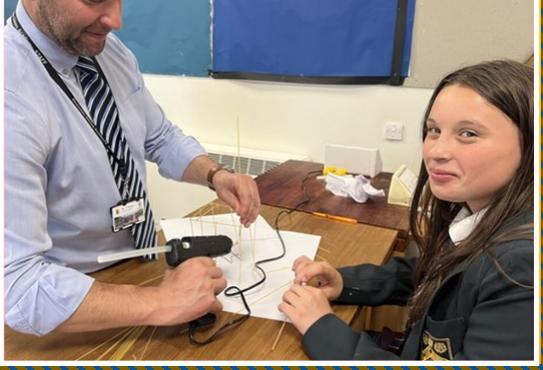
Catering

Photoshop



Escape Rooms

Stem Technology



*Farewell* to our amazing staff who are retiring or moving on to other opportunities this summer. We will miss them all and wish them all the luck and happiness. Thank you for all you have done.



Mrs Ellison, SENDCO



Mrs Green, Cover Supervisor



Mrs Gardiner, English Teacher & Head of Year



Dr Alan Berthnal-Hooker, Teacher of Maths



Mrs Read, Assistant Principal for Quality of Education



Mrs Howard, Teacher of English



Miss Casseka Weir-Williams, TA

Thank you!  
AND FAREWELL

Term Dates 2024-2025

**Autumn Term 1:** Wednesday 4th September 2024 to Friday 25th October 2024

***Year 7 & Year 11 students are expected in school on Wednesday 4th September***

***Year 7, 10 & 11 students are expected in school on Thursday 5th September***

***All students are expected in school from Friday 6th September***

**Autumn Term 2:** Tuesday 5th October 2024 to Tuesday 20th December 2024

**Spring Term 1:** Tuesday 7th January 2025 to Friday 14th February 2025

**Spring Term 2:** Tuesday 25th February 2025 to Friday 4th April 2025

**Summer Term 1:** Tuesday 22nd April 2025 to Friday 23rd May 2025

**Summer Term 2:** Monday 2nd June 2025 to Tuesday 22nd July 2025

# Dates to be aware of

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September. Year 11 Raising Achievement Evening

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September. Year 7 Settling In Evening

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September. Welcome to GCSE Evening (Year 10)

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Open Evening

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January. Year 11 Parents Evening

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February. Year 9 Parents Evening & Options

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March. Year 10 Parents Evening

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May. Year 8 Parents Evening

Don't miss out . . . . .

**FREE BREAKFAST EVERY DAY.**

7.45am to 8.30am every day in the Dining Hall.



**Start your day the ODA way!**

**STUDY HALL AND PERIOD 6**



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