



ORMISTON DENES ACADEMY

Dear Parent and Carers,

2nd May 2025

As mentioned in last week's letter, today we have Paul Hannaford in school delivering a talk to our Year 8 students. These talks can be quite hard hitting to please speak with your children if they have any concerns following it.

Last weekend students and staff went on a trip to London taking a tour of the West Ham Football Stadium and a slide down the Helter Skelter at the Olympic Park! I have heard both fantastic reports of how well the students conducted themselves and also of how much they enjoyed it. Thank you to staff for giving up their Saturdays for this experience. This week we have also had trips to the Ink Youth Festival, the launch of our weekly tennis club and a rowing experience at Oulton Broad providing our children with an array of opportunities.

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Our Year 8 Parents' Evening takes place next week (Thursday 8th May) providing you with a great opportunity to meet your child's teachers and to hear how well they are getting on. There are still some appointments available. To book an appointment please visit your ParentMail app or use the ParentMail website.

Details of the Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme have been given to students to take home to parents/carers. HAF enables children and young people to access enriching and fun activities who receive benefit related free school meals or have support needs.

The Form Time Focus next week is "Respectful."

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 – We are learning this so that

Year 10 – How might citizens become involved in the legal system?

Year 9 – What does the law say about sharing nudes?

Year 8 – Careers – challenges and rewards of work.

Year 7 – Careers – future of careers.

Votes for schools - This week students have been voting on "Should ending child poverty be a top priority for the UK Government? If you would like to continue this discussion with your child, please click [here](#) for further resources.

Have a lovely long weekend. We look forward to seeing the students back in the academy on **Tuesday 06th May**.

Yours faithfully

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