



## ORMISTON DENES ACADEMY

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Dear Parent and Carers,

13<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Yesterday our Governors met with students and learnt more about how they are learning to take responsibility for themselves. We are proud of how students spoke articulately and with confidence to adults. Governors are able to use student responses to triangulate our work and always love meeting them.

At the heart of everything we do — both here at Denes and across Ormiston Academies Trust — is a shared commitment to providing every student with the very best education. As part of this commitment, the Trust are introducing a new curriculum that reflects the highest standards and is designed to support excellent teaching in every classroom. To ensure this important development is implemented successfully, staff inset days (staff training) we will be increasing the number of INSET (staff training) days to a maximum of eight for the 2025/2026 academic year. The **revised term dates** for 2025-2026 can be viewed [here](#).

**Year 11 Leavers Celebration event.** Earlier in the week we put out on social media a few logistics in readiness for this event on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June. A few important points from this are;

Any student not in the Spanish exam that morning is to arrive at school at 11.20am, and not before. Students are to arrive in full and correct uniform (shirt must be clean and not be written on). They will have a final assembly and be invited to the Class of 2025 group photo, students can then take part in the shirt signing event.

**Year 10** have shown great maturity in their approach to mock exams and their mock results celebration assembly is planned for Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July.

**Year 9 Options update.** We are delighted to share that over **98% of parents** signed the Options Passport and supported their child in making this important decision. This marks the first of many key milestones over the next two years as our Year 9 students begin their Key Stage 4 journey and start preparing for life beyond secondary school.

The information submitted is now being carefully reviewed and students will receive confirmation of their final option choices during the **Year 9 Celebration Assembly on 10<sup>th</sup> July**. At this event, they will also be given important feedback from their recent **GL Assessments** in English, Maths, and Science. Thank you for your continued support in helping our students make informed and confident choices for their future.

**Lexonik Vocabulary Sessions.** Students across Year 7-10 have been continuing their work in the Lexonik Vocabulary Session. This programme allows students to understand how words are constructed. Students can also decode unfamiliar vocabulary, make sense of complex texts, and improve their spelling and comprehension across all subjects.

**12<sup>th</sup> July Summer Fayre** – it is not too late for stall holders to secure a spot. Anyone interested should email Mr Hissey at [dhissey@ormistonden.co.uk](mailto:dhissey@ormistonden.co.uk)

**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 – Exams

Year 10 – Mock Exams & Careers

Year 9 – How have attitudes to gender changed over time?



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Year 8 – What are my rights as a consumer?

Year 7 – What is Parliament?

**Votes for schools** - This week students have been voting on “Is ghosting easier for everyone? If you would like to continue this discussion with your child, please click [here](#) for further resources.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kate Williams'.

**Kate Williams**

**Principal**