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DENES ACADEMY

# **The Denes Directory Autumn Term 2025-2026**

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## **Key Contacts**

### **Main switch board**

01502 574474 [info@ormistonden.es.co.uk](mailto:info@ormistonden.es.co.uk)

### **Attendance Officer. Mrs Zoe Petersen**

01502 574474 followed by number 1 [attendance@ormistonden.es.co.uk](mailto:attendance@ormistonden.es.co.uk)

### **Designated Safeguarding Lead. Ms Rosie Horsfield**

01502 574474 then extension 108 [rhorsfield@ormistonden.es.co.uk](mailto:rhorsfield@ormistonden.es.co.uk)

### **Safeguarding Officer. Mrs Michelle Read**

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### **SENDco. Mrs Karen Hillier**

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## **Senior Leadership Team**

Mrs Kate Williams – Principal

Mrs Rebecca Andrews – Senior Vice Principal

Mr Adrian Donovan – Vice Principal Teaching & Learning

Ms Megan Aves – Assistant Principal Behaviour & Attitudes

Miss Caitlin Beales – Assistant Principal Raising Achievement

Ms Rosie Horsfield – Assistant Principal Attendance & Safeguarding

Mr Matthew Wallace – Assistant Principal Teaching & Learning

## **Key Dates**

**Autumn Term 1. Starts Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Ends Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October**

(Half Term Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October)

**Autumn Term 2. Starts Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Ends Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

(School closed to students on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December for staff training. Christmas break Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December to Friday 2nd January. School closed to students on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December for staff training)

**Spring Term 1. Starts Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January. Ends Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February**

(Half Term Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February).

**Spring Term 2. Starts Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February. Ends Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

(School closed to students on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February for staff training. Easter Break Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April)

**Summer Term 1. Starts Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April. Ends Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

(Bank holiday Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May. Half Term Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May)

**Summer Term 2. Starts Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June Ends Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July**

## **Parents' Evenings and Events**

Welcome to KS4 / Raising Achievement Evening 18<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Open Evening 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2025

Year 7 Settling In Evening 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025

Year 11 Parents Evening 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026

Year 9 Parents Evening 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Year 10 Parents Evening 26<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Year 8 Parents Evening 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Year 7 Parents Evening 18<sup>th</sup> June 2026

## Communications

### ParentMail ParentMail

ParentMail is used for a variety of reasons. Primarily it is used to send out letters from the school as well as important notices and information, but it is also used for submitting payments, completing online forms and booking parents evening appointments. **We strongly recommend all families to sign up to ParentMail.** Any family without email will receive communications in the post, or with a letter given to their child to take home. If you would like to add or update an email address, please send this information to [info@ormistonden.es.co.uk](mailto:info@ormistonden.es.co.uk) , along with your child's name, year and form group.

### Text message

Text messages are used to send truancy notifications. A truancy call is triggered when your child is absent from the school and we have not been contacted to provide a reason why. Text messages are also used when we need to get an important messages communicated very quickly.

### Go4Schools

Go4Schools gives you access to up to date detailed assessment information for each subject area, the timetable, attendance information and progress reports. To be able to see information about your child, log on to [www.go4schools.com](http://www.go4schools.com) and click the parent icon in the top right hand corner. Use the email address you provided to the school, you will be sent a password to that email address to enable you to log on to the site. If you have any issues please contact us.

### Social Media

We have the following social media accounts;



Facebook: OrmistonDenes



Instagram: @ormistonden.es



Twitter: @OrmistonDenes

**Please also check out our website at <http://www.ormistonden.es.co.uk/>**

## **Parent View**

We want to understand which areas we are doing well in and where we could improve our provision even more. To facilitate this, we will send out surveys via Parentmail after each Parents Evening and ask if you would kindly take the time to complete them.

## **Contact Us**

Key Contacts can be found on page two of this booklet and on the following two pages, however you can also contact us using the “Contact Form” on our website. We try to answer any query within 24 hours, however this is not always possible.

**During the school day, our students come first so it is not always possible for staff members to see parents or receive phone calls without prior arrangement.** Our staff expect to be shown the same respect as we show others.

## **Photo Consent**

We kindly ask that you review the current photo permissions we have on file for your child. In instances where we do not have the appropriate consent, your child’s face will be obscured in any group photographs used in school publications or shared on our social media platforms.

If you would like to update or confirm your preferences, please contact us at [ODA info@ormistonden.co.uk](mailto:ODA_info@ormistonden.co.uk).

## Curriculum Leaders

English	Mrs Caitlin Dobson	<a href="mailto:cdobson@ormistonden.es.co.uk">cdobson@ormistonden.es.co.uk</a>
Maths	Mrs Claire Wilkinson	<a href="mailto:cwilkinson@ormistonden.es.co.uk">cwilkinson@ormistonden.es.co.uk</a>
Science	Mr Simon Roper	<a href="mailto:sroper@ormistonden.es.co.uk">sroper@ormistonden.es.co.uk</a>
History	Mr Daniel Hissey	<a href="mailto:dhissey@ormistonden.es.co.uk">dhissey@ormistonden.es.co.uk</a>
Geography	Miss Sophie Steward	<a href="mailto:ssteward@ormistonden.es.co.uk">ssteward@ormistonden.es.co.uk</a>
Modern Foreign Languages	Miss Georgina Best	<a href="mailto:gbest@ormistonden.es.co.uk">gbest@ormistonden.es.co.uk</a>
Physical Education	Miss Cherelle Gogar	<a href="mailto:cgogar@ormistonden.es.co.uk">cgogar@ormistonden.es.co.uk</a>
Art & Technology	Mrs Jo Westgate	<a href="mailto:jwestgate@ormistonden.es.co.uk">jwestgate@ormistonden.es.co.uk</a>
Performing Arts	Mrs Charlotte Howard	<a href="mailto:choward@ormistonden.es.co.uk">choward@ormistonden.es.co.uk</a>
IT/Business Studies	Mr Derek Haysom	<a href="mailto:dhaysom@ormistonden.es.co.uk">dhaysom@ormistonden.es.co.uk</a>

## Year Teams

Head of Year 11	Miss Megan Arnold	<a href="mailto:marnold@ormistonden.es.co.uk">marnold@ormistonden.es.co.uk</a>
Pastoral Manager Year 11	Miss Kayleigh Ward	<a href="mailto:kward@ormistonden.es.co.uk">kward@ormistonden.es.co.uk</a>
Head of Year 10	Miss Liberty Grimmer	<a href="mailto:lgrimmer@ormistonden.es.co.uk">lgrimmer@ormistonden.es.co.uk</a>
Pastoral Manager Year 10	Mrs Nicola Schroder	<a href="mailto:nschroder@ormistonden.es.co.uk">nschroder@ormistonden.es.co.uk</a>
Head of Year 9	Miss Hannah Smith-Howell <sup>1</sup>	<a href="mailto:HaSmith-Howell@ormistonden.es.co.uk">HaSmith-Howell@ormistonden.es.co.uk</a>
Pastoral Manager Year 9	Miss Lizzie Eaton	<a href="mailto:Leaton@ormistonden.es.co.uk">Leaton@ormistonden.es.co.uk</a>
Head of Year 8	Miss Lisa Parish-Heath <sup>2</sup>	<a href="mailto:lparish-heath@ormistonden.es.co.uk">lparish-heath@ormistonden.es.co.uk</a>
Pastoral Manager Year 8	Mrs G Calver	<a href="mailto:gcalver@ormistonden.es.co.uk">gcalver@ormistonden.es.co.uk</a>
Head of Year 7	Mrs Jolene Sheriff-Horner	<a href="mailto:jsheriff@ormistonden.es.co.uk">jsheriff@ormistonden.es.co.uk</a>
Pastoral Manager Year 7	Miss Annie Ward	<a href="mailto:award@ormistonden.es.co.uk">award@ormistonden.es.co.uk</a>

<sup>1</sup> During Miss Hannah Smith-Howell's maternity leave, Miss Lizzie Eaton will step into the Head of Year role, and Miss Megan Evans ([mevans@ormistonden.es.co.uk](mailto:mevans@ormistonden.es.co.uk)) will support in a Pastoral Assistant role.

<sup>2</sup> During Mrs Lisa Parish-Heath's maternity, Miss Georgina Best ([gbest@ormistonden.es.co.uk](mailto:gbest@ormistonden.es.co.uk)) will be Head of Year.

## **Other Points of Contact**

Immediate concerns about your child's welfare or safety	Mrs Michelle Read, Safeguarding Officer <a href="mailto:mread@ormistonden.es.co.uk">mread@ormistonden.es.co.uk</a>
Pastoral support	Relevant Pastoral Manager (see page 6)
Concerns about any additional needs your child has	Mrs Karen Hillier, SENDco <a href="mailto:khillier@ormistonden.es.co.uk">khillier@ormistonden.es.co.uk</a>
Questions the Form Tutor has been unable to resolve	Relevant Head of Year (see page 6)
Questions that the Head of Year has been unable to resolve	Mr Adrian Donovan <a href="mailto:adonovan@ormistonden.es.co.uk">adonovan@ormistonden.es.co.uk</a>
Questions regarding a particular subject	Curriculum Leader (see page 6)
Questions that the Curriculum Leader has been unable to resolve	Mr Adrian Donovan <a href="mailto:adonovan@ormistonden.es.co.uk">adonovan@ormistonden.es.co.uk</a>
Careers and Options	Mr Ollie Cooper <a href="mailto:ocooper@ormistonden.es.co.uk">ocooper@ormistonden.es.co.uk</a>
Transition and Curriculum Enrichment Co-Coordinator	Mrs Julie Richings <a href="mailto:jrichings@ormistonden.es.co.uk">jrichings@ormistonden.es.co.uk</a>
Admissions	Mrs Kathy Osborn <a href="mailto:kosborn@ormistonden.es.co.uk">kosborn@ormistonden.es.co.uk</a>
Clerk to the Governors	Mrs Sarah Pitts <a href="mailto:Sarah.Pitts@ormistonacademies.co.uk">Sarah.Pitts@ormistonacademies.co.uk</a>
Complaints Co-Ordinator	Miss Sarah Watson <a href="mailto:swatson@ormistonden.es.co.uk">swatson@ormistonden.es.co.uk</a>