



ORMISTON DENES ACADEMY

Dear Parent and Carers,

19th July 2025

Last Friday students and staff took part in a fantastic Sports Day. With competitive athletic events, team competitions and even a tug of war, there was something for everybody. It was truly heart-warming to see our whole community come together and cheer each other on. This was followed by the Summer Fayre on Saturday, which I know many of you attended. It was a pleasure to see you all. Thank you to all staff and students who made both events possible.

This will be my final letter of the term and therefore I have included some key information for you. Firstly, the Denes Directory containing key contact names and details has been updated for September [here](#). A copy is also available on our website.

A summary of the students' achievements this term can be viewed in Discover Denes [here](#). Will your child feature?

Our end of term video can also be viewed here, just in case you missed any of my previous letters. [Click here to view](#).

As we reach the end of term, I would like to share some staff changes with you. Miss Eaton steps into the Year 9 Head of Year role with Miss Evans supporting as Pastoral Assistant during Miss Smith-Howell's maternity leave. Miss Best steps into Head of Year 8 during Mrs Parish-Heath's maternity leave. We also say a fond farewell to some much-loved staff members. Mr Bennett, Mrs Turpin and Mrs Turner are all retiring and Miss Robinson, Mrs Davenport, Miss Chaston and Miss Sharman are all moving on to exciting new roles beyond our classrooms. I am sure you will join me in thanking them all for their dedication to the children in our academy.

In September the academy will be taking over the catering provision from Edwards and Blake. This decision will give us greater control over the quality, quantity, and value of meals to provide your child with the best possible deal. We are working with other local OAT academies who have moved to this model and are confident that students and families will appreciate the changes. Menus will be available on our website soon.

Whilst the summer holidays can be a time to relax and recharge, some young people may struggle with the loss of structure and not seeing their friends every day. It's important that students look after their mental wellbeing during the break. The summer can also be a great time to develop good self-care habits, so that when term starts again, you have techniques you can turn to in stressful times. [This tool kit](#) contains activities, teaching materials and guidance to help support and boost mental wellbeing over the summer and beyond.

If your family is in receipt of benefit-related free school meals, you are eligible for a HAF funded place on activities happening this Summer! Click on the HAF link below to see what's going on over the summer holidays! There may also be paid for places available. A mix of indoors and outdoors, sports, cooking, drama and technology – lots to choose from! Just go to [HAF](#) - search a provider you like the sound of or browse the map and book your place!

Votes for schools - This week students have been voting on "Should skincare products have age limits? If you would like to continue this discussion with your child, please click [here](#) for further resources.

Have a lovely weekend and a fantastic summer.

Yours faithfully

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