



ORMISTON DENES ACADEMY

Dear Parent and Carers,

3rd October 2025

We held our Open Evening last night. Thank you to those of you who attended or who allowed students to represent the academy. They were excellent ambassadors for the academy and we were proud of their contributions to the evening.

I know that many of you have asked after Denes staff who have gone on maternity leave. I'm pleased to announce the safe arrival of two Denes babies. Miss Smith Howell delivered lovely Eddie and Mrs Parish-Heath delivered beautiful Lillian.

Our Heads of Year have been sharing how amazing their year groups are. Miss Arnold is proud to see our **Year 11's** working hard as we have seen an increase in their Tassomai completion this week, especially our MFL cohort.

Miss Eaton is proud of the hard work in **Year 9** NGRT testing this last week, which has resulted in some students moving out of intervention.

In Year 8 Miss Best reports that lots of students put themselves forward to become Regional Student Voice representatives and spent their social time campaigning and persuading students in other year groups about why they should vote for them. They showed great passion and determination, and we are excited to find out the results of the vote soon!

Exciting times for **Year 7** ahead as they will be taking part in a short stories' competition based on their writing this half term in English.

We are so impressed with how September has gone with our students earning over 48,000 positive points so far for being ready, responsible and respectful. For the first four full weeks of this term, students have the opportunity to earn a £5 amazon voucher if they are in school 90% of the time or more and engage in their lessons without any reminders, warnings or removals - we are so proud with the HUGE numbers of students entered into the weekly raffle for this.

For this year, students can order their rewards on the Student Launchpad and spend their hard earned points this way. These will then be given out at line ups, from next week. Students continue to have the option of buying Freddos, Haribos, crisps, queue jump passes or branded stationery or can save up 200 points for the bigger reward of a non-uniform day to be redeemed at the end of the term (Christmas). Remember, points can only be spent once so once they are gone, they are gone! Students can also see their year team to replenish their 5 a day, with each item costing 5 points.

Vancol's Photographers are pleased to confirm that the **School Photographs** are ready to view using the QR code on your proof card. If you have already scanned the QR code on the Proof and registered you will receive an auto email notification. If you have not done it yet, don't panic, you can still view by scanning the QR code on your Proof and following the instructions. If by chance you have not received your Proof or it has been lost you can call Vancols Parent Line on 01206 273711, for class photos you will need the school number. For individual photographs you will need the pupil's admission number from the school database.

The **Form Time Focus** next week is "Responsible"

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 – What is the morality around euthanasia?

Year 10 – How can I optimise my mental health?

Year 9 – How might the media influence the way I feel about my body?



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Year 8 – Are all courtrooms the same?

Year 7 – What makes a healthy relationship?

Votes for schools - This week students have been voting on “Does fashion teach us about Black history? 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