



ORMISTON DENES ACADEMY

Dear Parent and Carers,

10th October 2025

As expected, things are getting busy for our Year 11 students. The mock exams commence on 21st October and yesterday all parents would have received a letter and a copy of the timetable (this can also be found on our website, under our Year 11 communications page [also found here](#)). We continue to be proud of our students in the way they are conducting themselves in this important year; attending Open Evenings and college events - we even had the highest numbers at our period 6 maths session this week!

We hope to enable them with all the knowledge they need to make good future choices for themselves by repeatedly bringing in all the local colleges to talk to them during assemblies, and this week we had a lunchtime drop in session with East Coast College (this will be repeated next Tuesday).

However, there has also been some fun times as some of our Year 11 students enjoyed a day at Whitlingham rock climbing and paddle boarding amongst other activities, this was a trip with curriculum links to their Sports Studies.

Two of our Year 8 students Riley B and Landon C got to celebrate the completion of their UniBoys course with UEA. They were both presented with a memory book and enjoyed looking back at and discussing the memories they made during their time at UEA and Norwich University of Arts in the summer term.

Mrs Sheriff is incredibly proud of the selfless volunteering many of our year 7 students are doing by representing the academy, taking responsibility and being incredibly respectful. Mrs Sheriff believes they truly are superstars!

As you all know, attendance matters. We know that cold season has struck but we would encourage you to promote resilience in your child(ren) by sending them to school unless they are unwell. You can support them by ensuring they have plenty of water to drink and if necessary that they take paracetamol or similar before leaving for school. We will do our best to help them throughout the day ensuring they not only stay on track with their learning but build resilience for their future working lives.

A reminder to all parents that the school will be closed to students on Friday 17th October for staff training.

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 – How can I manage stress?

Year 10 – How can I optimise my physical health?

Year 9 – How might drugs affect us?

Year 8 – How am I influenced?

Year 7 – How are families different?

Votes for schools - This week students have been voting on "Should 'respect orders' apply to 16-year-olds"? If you would like to continue this discussion with your child, please click [here](#) for further resources.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully,

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