



Dear Parent and Carers,

17th October 2025

At Denes we are always proud of our students and their achievements. Yesterday, a mixed group of students took part in county Cross Country trials and not only did our Year 11 students Fran, Cheyenne, Harrison and Harry qualify for the next Regional Event, Harrison achieved first place in the under 16's race! Well done to all students who took part!

Our Year 11 students begin their mock exam's next week, the timetable can be found [here](#).

We are incredibly proud for our Year 10 students who are being proactive with researching and sourcing their work experience placements, and the support given from local employers. This week saw Sam, from The Veterinary Hospital, come into the academy to chat to students about what a placement in a vets would entail, and about their application process.

We had two transition visits this week, from St Margarets Primary School and Jamma Wellbeing, it was lovely to see some of our year 7 students reflect on their positive transition to our academy, and to hear just how settled they feel as part of the academy community.

Following this, we hold our **Year 7 Settling in Evening on Thursday 23rd October 2025**. This is a great opportunity for parents to meet their child's form tutor and access guidance on a range of systems parents will need to use to support children in their time at Ormiston Denes Academy. An invitation letter was sent out on the 12th September to parents along with guidance on how to make appointments.

We are proud to confirm that our ODA's **Christmas Fayre is confirmed for Thursday 27th November 2025**. More details will follow over the next few weeks, however if you are a stallholder or know a stallholder and wish to enquire about this, please email Mr Hissey on dhissey@ormistondenescos.co.uk

The Department for Education has reissued NHS guidance to parents to help you make decisions about when your child is too ill to attend school, please take a moment to read this [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)

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

We will be teaching the following PSHE topics next week. If you have any concerns regarding the content of the PSHE lessons, please refer to our policy for clarification on withdrawals. The policy can be found [here](#).

Year 11 – How can I deal with disappointment?

Year 10 – How can I identify meningitis and strokes?

Year 9 – Why do people use drugs?

Year 8 – What do I need to know about gangs?

Year 7 – What do healthy friendships look like?

Votes for schools - This week students have been voting on "Does climate change worry you often? If you would like to continue this discussion with your child, please click [here](#) for further resources.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Kate Williams

Principal

