



ORMISTON DENES ACADEMY

Dear Parent and Carers,

24th October 2025

Today is the last day of our first half term of the academic year and I am delighted to share that students have made an excellent return both in and outside of lessons, representing the academy well at local and regional events. Visitors to the academy have commented on the warm, positive and calm atmosphere of the academy and excellent focus in lessons. Thank you for your support at home to ensure students are ready every day to get the most out of their school experience. I have recorded a summary of how this term went which you can watch [here](#).

It was lovely to see so many parents at our Year 7 Settling In Evening last night and to hear from you how pleased you are with how your child has become a part of our school community. Thank you for your positive feedback.

We know that some students and families will be taking part in Halloween and bonfire or firework events over half term. Whilst this time of year can be fun for many please bear in mind the following guidance and advice for students:

- It is illegal to buy fireworks if you are under 18
- If you attend a firework display or bonfire, do so with a responsible adult and stay well back. Professional events are safer.
- Follow instructions of the organiser and responsible adult.
- Hold sparklers at arm's length and away from other people. Put them in a bucket of water when they are finished.
- Adults should only light fires or fireworks
- Leave lit fireworks alone, even if they haven't gone off
- Leave pets indoors as they may be startled
- Consider your neighbours and other members of the community as they may not wish to celebrate as much as you.

The **Form Time Focus** for the week we return is "Ready" - The Denes Way

We will be teaching the following PSHE topics on the week we return. 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 might my health affect my performance?

Year 10 – What else should I know about alcohol and drugs?

Year 9 – Why might people use steroids?

Year 8 – What should I know about knife crime?

Year 7 – What is bullying?

Votes for schools - This week students have been voting on "Does ultra-processed food need more warnings on it? If you would like to continue this discussion with your child, please click [here](#) for further resources.

All students return to school on Monday 3rd November 2025. Have a lovely half term week.

Yours faithfully

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