



ORMISTON DENES ACADEMY

Dear Parent and Carers,

28th November 2025

It was fantastic to see so many of you attending the Christmas Fayre last night and to see so many students supporting the academy. We were incredibly proud of the great community spirit on display. Thank you to everyone who organised and supported the event and of course to the stall holders who took part.

Year 7 and Year 8 students were involved this week with an iWill Hack Assembly “unleashing public health benefits through social action”. The event looked at young people’s views in several areas, including communities, mental health and health, and environment. All students worked really hard and were all a credit to their schools. They shared their ideas on suggestions for improvements, and each group presented the work to their peers. Their work will be put into a report to link into the Suffolk Youth Strategy.

An **important letter will be sent shortly** informing you about our migrating to a new central information management system called **Arbor**. This change will reduce the number of parent portals you need to use to support your child at the academy and will streamline how we manage information at the academy. This letter contains important information for parents about this process. We will continue to provide both updates and guidance on this process, so we are ready for our school return after the Christmas holidays and our start with Arbor in January 2026.

Suffolk County Council (SCC) is pleased to confirm that the government announced an extension to the Household Support Fund from April 2025 to March 2026. The grant will be issued as a £30 supermarket voucher for each eligible child from our provider Pluxee to cover the 2-week Christmas holiday period.

Please be reminded that the school is closed to students next Friday 5th December, for staff training.

The **Form Time Focus** next week is “Respectful”

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 maturely end a relationship?

Year 10 – What services are available to manage my mental health?

Year 9 – How can I manage loss and grief?

Year 8 – What is homophobia?

Year 7 – How can we deal with racism?

Votes for schools - This week students have been voting on “Should your school help you prepare for votes at 16? 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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