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Principal's Welcome



At Ormiston Denes Academy we talk a lot about being proud of what we achieve as individuals and as a community and this term I have been a very proud principal because of our fabulous students and our dedicated staff. I hope that as you read through this edition of Discover Denes, you will feel the same sense of pride.

Thank you to everyone who makes Denes such a special place.

Mrs Kate Williams
Principal

We are delighted to announce that, for the second time, our academy has been awarded the prestigious 360 Degree Safe Online Accreditation. This recognition reflects our unwavering commitment to providing outstanding online safety standards, placing us amongst the very best in the field.



We are thrilled to celebrate the outstanding achievement of our Denes Diner Team, who have once again secured the highest possible 5* rating from the Food Standards Agency. This accolade reflects their exceptional dedication to maintaining the very highest standards of food hygiene and safety, and we couldn't be prouder of their continued excellence.



What have our students been up to?

Some of our **Year 11 students** had a blast at Whitlingham Adventures taking part in an outdoor and adventurous activities assessment as part of their Sport Studies Course.



Students from **Years 7, 8 & 10** represented us at the East Maths Community Challenge against 7 other academies – and they smashed it!

Huge shoutout to our amazing team: **Lidia, Ellis Tymofii, Charles, Harvey, Aubrey, Baikey & India.**



What have our students been up to?

Jemima & Harrison received praise from the Chair of East Suffolk Council for attending lots of events and committees on behalf of Ormiston Denes Academy.



Jemima also helped to write a letter to Lowestoft's MP Jess Asato, calling on Parliament to support a rollout of youth councils in other districts; and our council has come to the attention of Parliament and other councils, who are implementing their own versions of it and were attending today to learn how to do it themselves!



Big shoutout to our amazing students!

They took over East Suffolk Council for National Youth Takeover Day, tackling a real-world challenge around loneliness. From brainstorming bold ideas to presenting their solutions to councillors and council staff, these young innovators showed teamwork, creativity, and confidence across three-year groups.

We couldn't be prouder of their energy and vision!

Huge CONGRATULATIONS to all of our students who took to the stage for our Poetry & Music Event this term. They performed beautifully and should be really proud.





What have our students been up to?

Some lucky students in 7LBA went to the Fisher Theatre in Bungay to watch Snow White as part of the INTO Film Festival.



Big cheers to our amazing students who took on the Oxford University Computer Challenge and absolutely smashed it!

We've got a whole squad of future tech geniuses in the making. Results will be out in a couple of weeks—so keep those fingers crossed!

We are immensely proud of our students for the respect and dignity they demonstrated during the community Remembrance Service in Lowestoft Town, as well as during our own service in school. Their conduct reflects the values we uphold and the importance of honouring those who served.



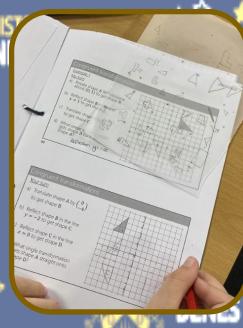


PROUD of our students

Year 11 bringing focus and determination to every lesson and Study Hall — hard work in action!



Year 10 showing fantastic concentration and producing beautiful work in maths today — impressive effort!



Year 9 confidently showing off their whiteboard skills in History — active learning at its best!



Year 8 enjoying MFL Spanish and giving it their all — *¡Bien hecho, Year 8!*



We are also very proud to confirm that our staff and students raised an incredible £334.98 in this year's non uniform day, supporting Children In Need.



Year 7 working brilliantly in Geography, mastering essential atlas skills like pros!



Enrichment at Denes





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Our students have taken part in a wide range of sporting events this term. While not every result went our way, we could not be prouder of the commitment, resilience, and 100% effort shown by everyone who represented the school.





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Events coming up next term

Year 11 Parents Evening on 22nd January 2026

Year 9 Parents Evening / Options Evening on 12th February 2026

Year 10 Parents Evening on 26th February 2026

World Book Day on 5th March 2026

Red Nose Day on 20th March 2026

ODA's Got Talent on 26th March 2026

Check out our **WEBSITE** for all events, updates and parent information you need

[Ormiston Denes Academy](#)

We have updated our Denes Directory with all your key contacts. You can find the latest version on this on our website [Ormiston Denes Academy - The Denes Directory](#)



**FREE
breakfast for
EVERY
student
EVERY day.**

Our new Spring term break-time and lunchtime menus are here! These will be shared daily with students and are also available on our website — and yes... they're delicious!



Staff Farewells.

We would like to say a huge thank you and farewell to the staff below who are either off to enjoy their well deserved retirement, or are moving on to other things.

Thank you to **Mrs Meades, Mrs Hillier, Miss M Evans & Miss A Evans**, you will be missed greatly, by staff and students alike.



Merry Christmas from all at Denes.





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