



ORMISTON DENES ACADEMY

Dear Parent and Carers,

23rd January 2026

This week our Key Stage 3 students have been completing a range of OAT common assessments. We have been really impressed with their commitment to demonstrating their learning and I was blown away by the mature approach Year 9 took to sitting the science exams in the Assembly Hall. They made what could be a daunting experience, look easy. We have also seen our Year 11 students complete the GCSE practical exams in Catering and I have heard fantastic things about their efforts.

Thank you for attending our Year 11 parents evening last night. There was a lovely buzz around the academy as so many of you attended. Our students are fortunate to have the support from their families as well as from the academy. This will be crucial in the months ahead.

A reminder that we hold a Maths Excellence Club is on a Tuesday for Year 8 with Mrs Barber in M7, 3.15pm to 4pm, and with Year 7 on a Thursday 3.15pm - 4pm. Additionally, further Maths for Year 10 is run in school on Wednesday 3.15pm - 4.30pm in PE2, this can also be accessed at home on Thursdays 3.45 - 5pm. If you feel that your child will benefit from these exciting opportunities, please get in contact.

An opportunity has arisen for a parent to join our Local Governing Body. To find out more please email swatson@ormistonden.co.uk to receive further information and an expression of interest form.

The **Form Time Focus** next week will be "Responsible"

Next week we will be teaching the following PSHE topics. 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 – What are pensions?

Year 10 – How does the law try to protect victims of FGM and GBV?

Year 9 – What are the careers options at KS4?

Year 8 – What is CPR and how do defibrillators work?

Year 7 – What are the benefits of physical activity?

Votes for schools - This week students have been voting on "Should reality TV help us reflect on unconscious biases? 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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