



ORMISTON DENES ACADEMY

Dear Parent and Carers,

30th January 2026

This week we launched our **Countdown to World Book Day**, and the buzz around the academy is already building! Students are invited to take on a series of fun and meaningful reading challenges—from choosing a book and sharing why it speaks to them, to reflecting on its difficulty and exploring what it teaches the reader. Every student can get involved, no matter their reading level, and there are plenty of opportunities to earn **prizes, rewards, and special recognition** along the way. Our countdown will culminate on **World Book Day, on 5th March 2026**, when students are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite book characters. This is always a much-loved day in the academy—staff included, who fully embrace the chance to join in the fun! You will receive a separate letter soon with all the details your child needs to come to the academy in costume.

Last Friday, a principal from a non-OAT academy visited Ormiston Denes. He emailed me afterwards asking me to pass on to staff and students his thanks for how kind and welcoming they were. He said students were a real credit to our school. We have shared this message with students, but I thought that you would enjoy hearing how amazing your children are!

A reminder we have our **Year 9 options and Parents Evening coming up on Thursday 12th February from 3.30pm**. Additional details about this evening and how to confirm your appointments has been sent to parents.

The **Form Time Focus** next week will be “Respectable”

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 – How are taxes calculated?

Year 10 – How might people show their commitment to their partners?

Year 9 – Careers – what is the labour market and why is it important?

Year 8 – What do antibiotics do?

Year 7 – How can I manage my personal hygiene?

Votes for schools - This week students have been voting on “Should there be a social media ban for under 16’s? 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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