



# ORMISTON DENES ACADEMY

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Dear Parent and Carers,

6<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Yesterday was our annual OAT Review. Whilst we await written feedback, I can share that the team who visited were really impressed with our students who they described as polite and confident in talking to them, making them feel very welcome. Students told them that they felt known and cared for and recognised how the academy has improved. The review also highlighted the ongoing improvements in pedagogical approaches in the classroom, high expectations of all and the high-quality pastoral support.

Our preparations for World Book Day yesterday culminated in our annual character day. Hopefully you have had the opportunity to view the fantastic efforts of students and staff on social media. Students also had the chance to guess which bookshelf belonged to which teacher, to complete a quiz and to get their free book from the library.

We have been asked by Suffolk County Council (SCC) to highlight the funded school transport policy and to remind you that you can apply (if eligible) now. Please access their message to you here - [Message to parents](#). Alternatively, you can call the passenger transport team on 0345 606 6173 or email them at [passenger.transport@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:passenger.transport@suffolk.gov.uk).

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

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** – Is our current electoral system fair?

**Year 10** – What risks might be involved in sexual acts?

**Year 9** – How else might a country be run?

**Year 8** – What are the physical effects of alcohol?

**Year 7** – How can I be safe near roads?

**Votes for schools** - This week students have been voting on “Should employers have to work with schools? 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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