



ORMISTON DENES ACADEMY

Dear Parents and Carers,

5th June 2026

It has been lovely to welcome students back into the academy this week and to hear about their half term break. I know that many enjoyed the lovely weather and are hoping it returns soon. As the summer approaches it is important that students remember to bring water bottles to the academy to ensure they can fill up across the day. Please also remind them to apply sunscreen in the morning. As the term progresses, we review the weather daily to make decisions about whether or not any uniform adjustments are necessary so please do keep up to date with checking and reading academy emails or text messages.

Enrichment Days. We are delighted to be offering a range of exciting enrichment days on 2nd and 3rd July 2026 as part of our Key Stage 3 curriculum, designed to broaden students' horizons and develop key skills in teamwork, STEM and employability. These are normal school days, and all students are expected to attend and meet our usual expectations for behaviour and uniform. Students will be supported throughout the two days within their form groups by familiar staff, and will receive clear guidance in advance through assemblies, form tutors and Year teams to help them feel confident with any changes to routine. A separate letter containing further details will be sent to parents and carers next week.

OAT Common Assessment. As we approach the end of the academic year, students will complete their end-of-year assessments, including the Ormiston Academies Trust (OAT) Common Assessments in English, Maths and Science. These assessments help us measure pupils' understanding of key curriculum content, ensure consistency across the Trust, and identify where additional support may be needed. The assessment window will run from the week commencing 15th June until 3rd July, with outcomes informing our End of Year reports in July. Staff will continue to support students through targeted revision guidance, in-class preparation and established study routines, and we will share further information, including timetables, to help students prepare effectively. A letter containing further details has been sent to parents this week. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child is well prepared and attends throughout this important period.

Suffolk County Council (SCC) is pleased to confirm that the discretionary grant vouchers for students in receipt of FSM will be provided for the summer holidays 2026. A **£90** supermarket voucher will be provided from our voucher provider Pluxee. For full details, including the requirements for schools, please read this [Discretionary Grant Fund Vouchers for families in receipt of Free School Meals \(FSM\) 6-week summer holiday 2026 information document](#).

All schools have been asked by the Children's Commissioner to take part in a national survey called The Big Future. The survey will be emailed to every student next week and invites them to share what matters most to them, their hopes and ambitions for this future in their own words. Students are aware this is a voluntary survey, and they only need to take part should they wish to. Results of the survey will be shared with all schools next year.

The **Form Time Focus** for next week is "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 10 – What does the UK have to do with the United Nations?

Year 9 – How our differences are protected by law.



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Year 8 – Careers workshops

Year 7 – Can young people make a change?

Votes for schools - This week students have been voting on “Do we take LGBT+ rights for granted in the UK? If you would like to continue this discussion with your child, please click [here](#) for further resources.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kate Williams'.

Kate Williams

Principal