



ORMISTON DENES ACADEMY

Dear Parent and Carers,

26th June 2026

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring students attended the academy this week in warmer weather. Every day really does matter to a child's progress and whilst a day off might seem a nice idea, it places a learner at a disadvantage when they return. We are grateful you share this commitment to learning.

Some of our students took part in the **First Light Festival** and poetry workshops. We have received feedback which made us feel so proud of them. *"As I previously mentioned your pupils were incredible and a credit to you and your school. We are already looking at funding and opportunities for next year, including a better sound system / space for the pupils to perform in. The essence was very much captured on Saturday evening and members of the audience, not attached to your school came to me afterwards to say how moved they were to see local young people raise their voice and show such positivity in a world that can often condemn them"*

Our Bronze **Duke of Edinburgh** students recently completed their two-day expedition, demonstrating remarkable determination and resilience. Despite challenging weather conditions, students set off on Friday 19 June to walk a nine-mile circular route from Southwold to Dunwich and back, before camping overnight. On day two, they continued their journey, covering a further ten miles from Southwold to Kessingland. This is a truly outstanding achievement. Throughout the expedition, students showed exceptional leadership, teamwork and perseverance, embodying the very best of our school community. We are incredibly proud of all those involved.

Our **Year 10 students** have been involved in **two college visits** this week and many have taken part in **geography field work trips**. We have had feedback that they have been excellent ambassadors for the academy. We wish them good luck as they take part in work experience next week and look forward to hearing of their success on their return.

East Suffolk Council has once again arranged a programme of **holiday activities** and food for children and young people aged 5 to 16. Please see our website for more information, as well as our social media platforms. All of our Heads of Year and Pastoral Teams have been sent this information, so if you have any questions please contact them in the first instance.

Bookings are open for parents/carers to register for a **SENDIASS session**, exploring how construction intervention can help children and young people to develop social understanding. The session is delivered by specialist teachers from Suffolk's [Communication and Interaction service](#) which is one of the Specialist Education Services. The session takes place on Tuesday 14 July 2026 (10.30 - 11.30am). Click [Register for session](#)

Following the success of previous years, Suffolk County Council are pleased to be running their **Parental Returnship Programme** for the fourth year. The programme is designed for parents who have been out of work for two years or more due to parental responsibilities and are looking to return to employment. The programme will be advertised publicly next week, and SCC are keen to reach as many families as possible. They offer a 12-week paid placement, working 25 hours per week with flexibility to fit around childcare responsibilities, recognising that returning to work after an extended career break can be challenging. Through workplace experience, development sessions, and ongoing support, the programme helps participants build confidence, refresh their skills, and prepare for a successful return to employment. Applications open on 28 June and can be made via - [Search Jobs - Suffolk County Council Jobs Careers](#) Further information is also available on our Early Careers webpage - [Parental Returners - Careers](#)



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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 9 – Citizenship in action task.

Year 8 – Is a budget actually useful?

Year 7 – What would my platform for election look like?

Votes for schools - This week students have been voting on “Will the social media Baban work? 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', written in a cursive style.

Kate Williams

Principal