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Principal's Welcome

I hope you enjoy this edition of Discover Denes. As you turn the pages, you will see so much of what makes Ormiston Denes such a special place to learn, grow and belong. This magazine captures the energy, ambition and sense of community that runs through every aspect of academy life, showcasing a school where we learn together, have fun together and celebrate each other's successes.

This term has been packed with memorable experiences with our Enrichment Days and Sports Days to our Leavers' Assembly and Prom. Alongside these larger celebrations, many students have represented the academy on a variety of trips and visits, broadening their horizons beyond the classroom.

Students have had countless opportunities to challenge themselves, make lasting memories and strengthen friendships. In addition to this, sports teams have continued to excel in tournaments and competitions, demonstrating determination, teamwork and pride in representing Denes.

These experiences are an important part of the education

we provide. They remind us that education is about much more than academic success alone; it is about creating opportunities, building aspirations, developing confidence and character, and it all helps foster the strong sense of belonging that we are so proud of at Ormiston Denes.

Thank you to our dedicated staff, supportive families and fantastic students for everything you do to make Ormiston Denes such a vibrant, caring and successful community. I hope you enjoy reflecting on another wonderful term and celebrating all that has been achieved together.

Mrs Kate Williams

Principal

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Social Media Ban in the UK

On 15 June 2026, the government announced major social media platforms will be banned from providing accounts to people under the age of 16. The new law is expected to come into force in spring 2027.

As technology evolves quickly, it can be hard to keep up – but regular, open conversations make a big difference.

There will be times when children need advice or support, especially when navigating the online world. They might come across harmful content or be contacted by someone they don't know, which can be confusing or upsetting.

As a parent or carer, it's

important to step in when you feel they need a nudge in the right direction. Whether it's about what they're sharing, who they're speaking to, or how they're feeling online, consistent conversations help build trust and confidence.

A useful website for parent/carer support and guidance is:
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

Farewell to Our Amazing Class of 2026

As we say goodbye to our Class of 2026, we want to congratulate every student on the way they approached their final examinations with maturity, resilience and responsibility. They have shown determination

throughout their time at Ormiston Denes Academy and should be incredibly proud of all they have achieved. Their final days as students were filled with laughter, memories and celebration, culminating in a fantastic Leavers' Assembly, complete with the

infamous staff leavers' video, plenty of smiles, and the tradition of signing shirts covered with names, messages and love from friends and staff alike.



June DENES ACADEMY 2026

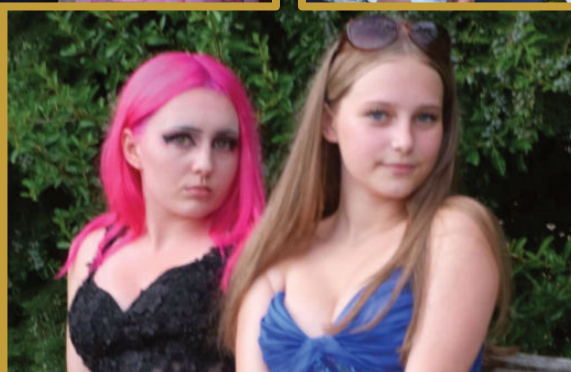
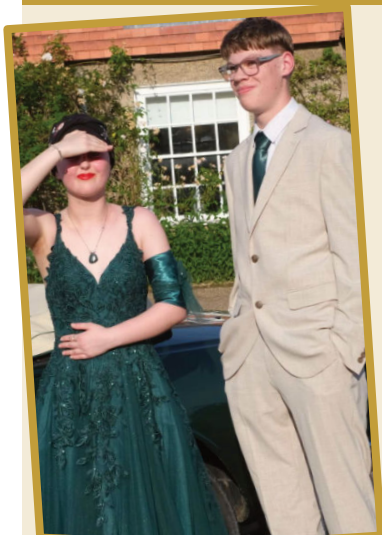


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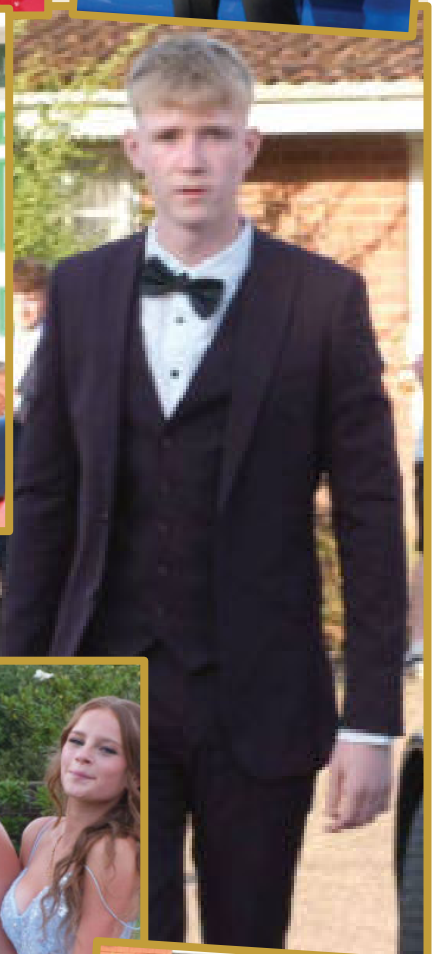


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The year 11 Prom was held on
the June 26th at the
Park Hill Hotel, Lowestoft



Prom 2026

What have our students been up to?

Year 10 students visit Harleston House

As part of Global Intergenerational Week, our fantastic **Year 10** Health and Social Care students enjoyed a special visit to Harleston House Care Home, where they had the opportunity to spend time with

residents and celebrate the power of bringing different generations together.

The visit was filled with laughter, conversation and plenty of smiles as students and residents shared stories, memories and experiences. Our students demonstrated kindness, confidence and excellent communication skills throughout the day.

Visits like these are a valuable part of our Health and Social Care curriculum, helping students to develop empathy, understanding and real-world skills while making a positive difference in the local community. A huge thank you to Harleston House for their warm welcome — it was a truly memorable day that everyone involved thoroughly enjoyed.



Our Student Leadership Team 2026-2027

A huge congratulations to our newly appointed Student Leadership Team, who were successfully selected this term following a highly competitive and rigorous interview process. Candidates demonstrated outstanding commitment, confidence and leadership potential throughout each stage, making the final decisions incredibly difficult. We are exceptionally proud of all students who applied and are delighted to

welcome those who have been chosen to lead and represent the student body next academic year. As ambassadors for the academy, our new Student Leaders will play a vital role in ensuring student voices are heard, helping to shape academy life and representing Ormiston Denes Academy at a range of community and academy events. We are excited to see the positive impact they will make over the coming year and have no doubt that they will bring enthusiasm,

fresh ideas and a strong sense of responsibility to their roles. We wish them every success and look forward to seeing all they achieve!

Head Prefects: Jinitth & Malaja

Deputy Head Prefects:

Emma & Alice

Senior Prefects: Imogen, Louie, Hollie, Jerome & Isla

Prefects: Imogen, Reine, Amy, Lilly, Ella, Via, Fern, Elizabeth, Freya & Kayden.



Green-Fingered Adventures!

A group of our students recently visited a local garden centre to gather ideas and inspiration for enhancing the green spaces around our academy. During the visit, they learned about the different types of plants best suited to our environment and carefully selected a range of flowers and shrubs that will help make our outdoor areas even more welcoming and vibrant.

Thanks to funding from the Nature Parks programme, exciting improvements are now underway across our academy grounds. The students played an important role in shaping the plans, and we look

forward to seeing the new plants take root, flourish and transform our green spaces over the coming weeks. We are excited to watch

these areas grow into thriving environments that can be enjoyed by the whole school community.



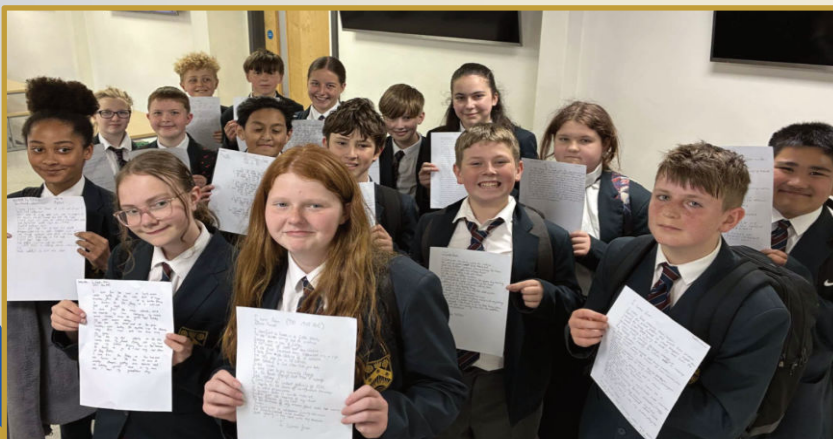
First Light Festival



Our students' voices headed to Lowestoft's brilliant First Light Festival this June. They pre-recorded their creative writing for a live installation, supported by UEA Journalism students (who praised their respect, enthusiasm and professionalism throughout the project). We are incredibly proud of their achievements and were delighted to see their work

showcased at the festival. We also proudly received feedback from the First Light Festival organisers themselves;

"Firstly, a very big thank you for all your hard work. As I previously mentioned your pupils were incredible and a credit to you and your school."



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."

Year 10 visits the UEA Sportspark

Our Year 10 OCR Sport Studies students recently enjoyed an inspiring visit to the University of East Anglia (UEA), where they took part in a range of engaging

workshops designed to showcase the many career opportunities available within the sporting industry. Throughout the day, students explored areas including

sport psychology, PE teaching and sports development, gaining valuable insight into the pathways and qualifications needed to pursue these exciting professions.

The visit provided a fantastic opportunity for students to broaden their understanding of the sporting sector beyond participation and performance. They approached every activity with enthusiasm, curiosity and maturity, making the most of the experiences on offer. Staff were incredibly proud of the students' conduct throughout the day; they represented Ormiston Denes Academy exceptionally well, demonstrating excellent behaviour, respect and engagement at all times. It was an enlightening and enjoyable experience that has undoubtedly inspired many students to consider future careers in sport.



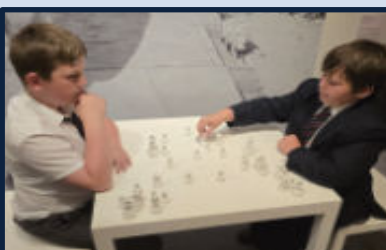
Year 7 UEA UniBoys

A small group of Year 7 boys recently took part in the UniBoys programme, enjoying an exciting and inspiring visit to the University of East Anglia (UEA). The day provided a fantastic opportunity for

students to experience university life while taking part in a range of engaging activities designed to develop their creativity, confidence and problem-solving skills.

During the visit, students explored the renowned Sainsbury Centre through an art workshop and trail, challenged themselves with a hands-on Lego robotics activity, and participated in an interactive session with UEA student ambassadors. The

boys were enthusiastic throughout the day and represented the academy exceptionally well, demonstrating our values and making us incredibly proud. We are already looking forward to their next UniBoys experience, which will see them visit Norwich University of the Arts for another exciting day of learning and discovery.





Duke of Edinburgh Expedition

Congratulations to our Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Expedition Team!

A huge congratulations to our students who successfully completed the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Expedition. Despite experiencing exceptionally hot weather

throughout the challenge, spirits remained high and the group embraced every moment of the adventure. Plenty of water was consumed, sun cream was regularly applied, and the positive attitude shown by everyone ensured that the weather did not dampen the experience. The expedition took students on a demanding two-day

journey, requiring determination, resilience and teamwork throughout. We are incredibly proud of what they achieved. The expedition was a true test of leadership, perseverance and collaboration, and every participant rose to the challenge brilliantly. Their willingness to support one another, overcome difficulties and keep smiling in challenging conditions is a credit to them all. A special thank you also goes to the staff who supported the expedition and helped make it such a memorable success. Well done everyone – you should be immensely proud of your achievement!



Year 10 Work Experience

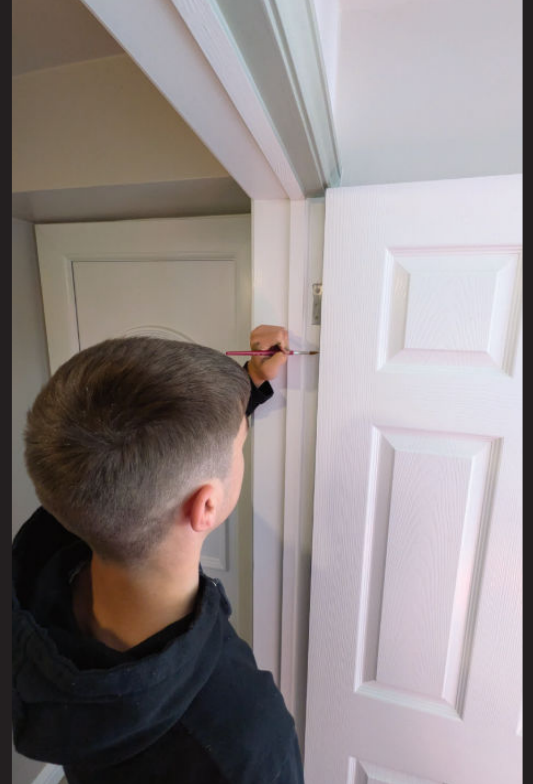
A huge thank you to ALL our wonderful local employers for the time, commitment and support throughout the week to our students this year during work experience.



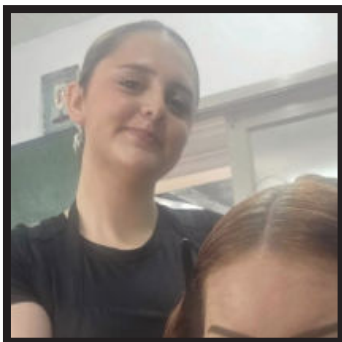
Maci-Jay worked at Annabelles Equestrian Ltd, and it was clear to see that she loved every minute.



Lydia and Elizabeth. Completed work experience at the James Paget University Hospital. Both students fully embraced their week and even visited a theatre one morning!



Callum spent the week learning painting and decorating.



'And just like that Daizee's work experience is done. Honestly, it has been such a pleasure having her work alongside us in the Salon. She brought the best energy, used total common sense and got stuck into everything from salon duties to assisting with colours and washing services.'



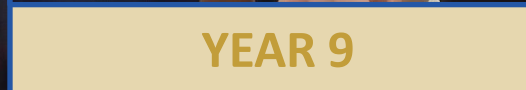
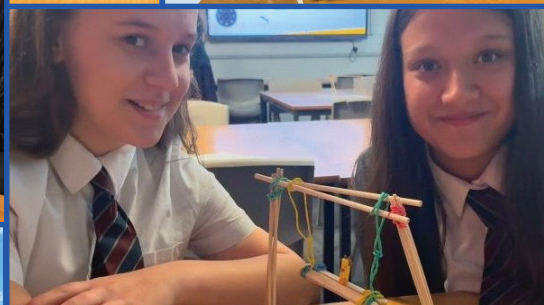
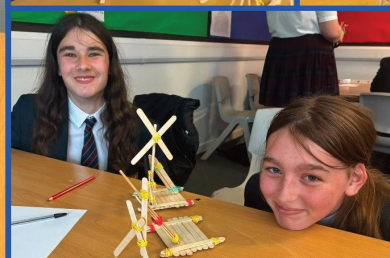
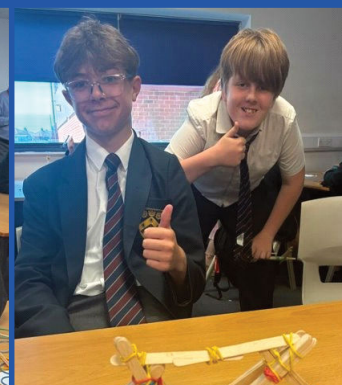
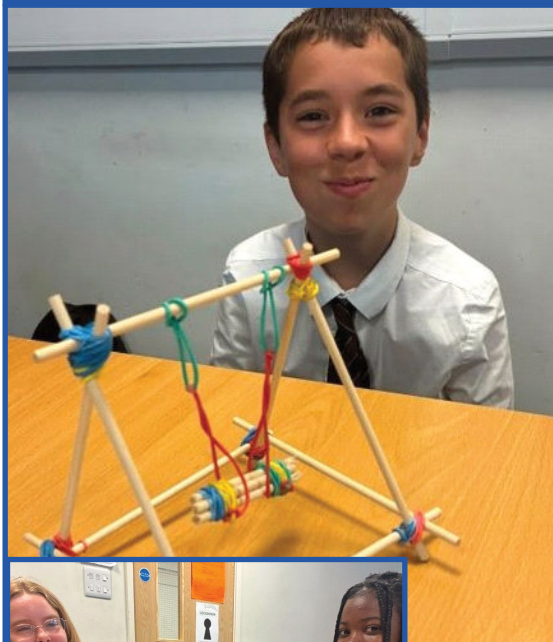
Some of Rhys's designs during his work experience 😊

'Rhys has done incredibly well this week. He has demonstrated excellent independence, confidence and problem solving skills. He has been a pleasure to work with across both teams, and we hope he continues to develop and showcase his fantastic graphic design skills.'



Mason completed a week at McGee Electrical.





Winners of the rocket competition with a launch of 301Ft!!!



Enrichment

Sports Day 2026 • Sports Day 2026 • Sports Day 2026 • Sports Day 2026



Sports Day

Ormiston Denes Academy School calendar 2026/27

August 2026							
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White days: School is open to students (any staggered starts/student inset days will be communicated in advance)
 Green days: School is closed to students for half terms and holidays
 Blue days: School is closed to students for staff training
 Red days: Bank Holidays

Website—don't forget to check out our website for everything you could possible need to know about Ormiston Denes Academy - www.ormistonden.co.uk



**Don't forget to create and use your Arbor.
 This is used for a large amount of
 communications between the school and parents.**

- Payments for any trips
- Consent for all trips and visits
- Timetables
- Booking of appointments
- Detention notifications
- Attendance and behaviour reports
- All general academy communications

In order to have an Arbor account you must supply us with an email address.

Your Arbor username is your email address. To finish creating your Arbor account you need to set a password.

Go to <https://login.arbor.sc> and click 'Forgot your password'



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