



ORMISTON DENES ACADEMY

Dear Parent and Carers,

3rd July 2026

This week our **Year 10** students have been out on **work experience** and we have had some lovely feedback about how well they have conducted themselves. From the feedback we have received so far, it is clear that our students have approached their work experience placements with enthusiasm, maturity and a genuine commitment to doing their very best. Employers have praised students for their positive attitudes, professionalism and willingness to get involved. One particularly heart-warming piece of feedback came from Zoe at Poplars Primary School, who said: *"It has been an absolute delight having him here with us this week. He is a polite, kind, caring lad and has engaged really well not only with the children but the staff as well. He is a real credit to both your school and his parents."* This feedback reflects the high standards and values our students have demonstrated throughout their placements and highlights the positive impression they have made within our local community.

Our **Year 7, 8 and 9** students have been taking part in two **Enrichment Days** and their enthusiasm has been infectious. Experiences have included sessions with the RAF, STEM technology projects, Duke of Edinburgh crafting, Carrers workshops, Egg drops and marble runs. Thank you to staff for the time taken to put together such fantastic sessions, to external providers who have ran sessions including Mark Scales from Gleeds LLP, Hollie Bartram from East Coast College and Will Isgrove from NEACO. and those of you at home who were able to support with voluntary contributions. The children have had a really worthwhile experience.

Suffolk Community Libraries is launching its popular summer reading programme this July with the new, exciting theme of [Curious Creatures](#). Children of all ages and reading abilities are welcome to join in the fun when the Reading Quest runs from 18 July - 31 August 2026. All libraries in Suffolk will be offering the programme aimed at getting children reading across the six-week summer holiday. Activities are library based, with staff and volunteers on hand to help children join in, choose books to read and discover something new over the summer. Full details can be found at: [Reading Quest: Curious Creatures - Suffolk Community Libraries \(suffolkcommunitylibraries.co.uk\)](#) or by contacting Erin Hamilton at readingquest@suffolk.gov.uk.

East Suffolk Council have a series of 3 x FREE print workshops for children and young people coming up at the Seagull Theatre over the summer holidays, please click this link for more information.

https://theseagull.co.uk/seagull_shows/pocket-zine-a-print-making-course-for-young-people-aged-11-16/

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 – Careers - post work experience.

Year 9 – Citizenship in action task.

Year 8 – How does credit work?

Year 7 – What happens in a general election?

Votes for schools - This week students have been voting on "Should we talk more about the risks of gambling? If you would like to continue this discussion with your child, please click [here](#) for further resources.

Have a lovely weekend.



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Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kate Williams', written in a cursive style.

Kate Williams

Principal