



# ORMISTON DENES ACADEMY

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Dear Parent and Carers,

10<sup>th</sup> July 2026

It was a pleasure to meet so many new students and their families at our transition evening and days this week. I have received wonderful feedback from staff about our new students, and we are looking forward to getting to know them more in September.

Today is our Sports Day and we are looking forward to both watching our students compete and competing ourselves in the staff relay. Thank you for your support in ensuring students arrived today with sun cream and sun hats.

You will have received a letter earlier this week explaining our move to becoming a phone free school in September. If you missed this, please read it [here](#).

Our MIS system Arbor has recently noticed an uptake in reports about parents having trouble logging into the Arbor App. Arbor attributes this to an essential security update which has changed the way the system handles duplicate records. As a result, some parents who previously logged in with no issues are now being blocked from the mobile app because they have a duplicate profile or a shared email address sitting in your system. If this is you, please let us know and we can fix it from this end.

From 25 June to 1 September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions. Combined with free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England, families and young people will be able to enjoy experiences that make summer special, including visits to the kinds of cultural and educational attractions that enrich children's lives outside the classroom. Type in your postcode and find participating venues near you to make the most of summer savings. To use the attraction finder, please visit <https://summersavings.gov.uk>.

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

**Year 9** – How can I prepare for Y10

**Year 8** – Should gambling be banned?

**Year 7** – What do MP's do?

**Votes for schools** - This week students have been voting on "Should there be a general election if the Prime Minister changes"? 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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