



ORMISTON DENES ACADEMY

Dear Parent and Carers,

4th September 2026

It has been a pleasure to welcome students back to the academy alongside our new Year 7s. Thank you for your support in ensuring they returned on time, in smart uniform, equipped with their five a day in a bag.

Good attendance at the start of the academic year is crucial. Research supports that students without absence in the first two weeks are likely to maintain strong attendance across the school year. This is important not only for academic success but for wellbeing and future employment habits. If you need any support to help your child attend, please contact your child's year team. We really want to help them be successful this year.

This year, we are opening a **Homework Club** at Ormiston Denes Academy, providing students with a quiet, supportive environment to complete homework and develop positive study habits. The club runs **every day from 3.10pm in the library**, with specific year groups invited on different days:

Monday - Year 7 and 8

Tuesday - Year 9 and 10

Wednesday - Year 11

Thursday - Year 9 and 10

Friday - Year 7 and 8

Students will have access to computers, so that they can get ahead of home learning such as Sparx Maths and Tassomai (Y7 and KS4 only), as well as provide a quiet space for other independent work, such as revision using the Denes Desirables.

Homework Club gives students the opportunity to work independently, access support when needed, stay organised and build confidence in managing their workload. Students can also earn stamps in their planners and receive rewards each time they attend, encouraging regular participation and positive study routines. Good homework and revision habits established early will help students as they move through the academy and towards their final GCSE examinations. Homework is recorded in planners at the moment, but you will be able to track this on Arbor shortly. Please encourage your child to complete homework and revision at school and at home.

Please note that our Reception opening hours have been adjusted slightly. Reception will now close at 4pm. I'd also like to take this opportunity to remind you that the driveway barrier is closed from 3.05pm to 3.20pm each day and vehicle movement is prohibited. If you are here for a meeting and need to leave during these times, please alert the staff member you are with and the meeting time can be adjusted.

For your awareness, **Suffolk County Council** have written to parents of all Year 9 students about educational opportunities in Year 10 at University Technical Colleges (UTCs) and Studio Schools.



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Vaccination UK will be delivering their Flu Vaccination Programme in the academy during the course of the next few weeks. They will be contacting all parents/carers through an e-consent system called MAVIS, asking for completion of a flu consent form. All parents/carers are asked to complete the form when received, which has a box to either consent or decline the vaccination. Further information can be found on our website [here](#), including why vaccinations are important, and the safest way to protect yourself and the people around you.

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 11 – How can I deal with disappointment?

Year 10 – How should human rights be balanced?

Year 9 – How is news different from other types of information?

Year 8 – What services are available to manage my mental health?

Year 7 – Which common health condition should I know about?

Votes for schools – Next week students will be discussing and voting on “should children be expected to keep up with the news”

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully



Kate Williams

Principal