



Dear Parent and Carers,

25th September 2026

It was fantastic to see so many families at our **Key Stage 4 Raising Achievement** evening last night and to hear how helpful parents had found it. We are also really proud of students who attended alone and grateful for your support in ensuring they did not miss out. If you were unable to attend and have any questions about Key Stage 4 or how to support your child, please contact the appropriate year team. We know the sooner we start working together to prepare students for their GCSE examinations the easier the next two years will be.

This week, we have launched a focused Sparx programme for Year 7 students. Sparx can be accessed through the Student Launchpad, and we have included parent guides below to help you support your child in using the platform effectively.

We encourage all Year 7 students to engage regularly with Sparx and Tassomai to make the most of these valuable learning resources. These online learning platforms are designed to identify and address gaps in students' knowledge by adapting to their individual ability levels.

Both Sparx and Tassomai provide personalised practice opportunities for students while also giving teachers valuable, up-to-date information on areas of strength and development. Research shows that regular use of these platforms can support improved outcomes at GCSE level, so it is important for students to develop good study habits from the start of secondary school.

[What is Sparx maths?](#)

[How can I help my child with their Sparx Maths Homework?](#)

As part of OAT's trust-wide commitment to listen to our parents and carers, we warmly invite you take part in the trust wide survey. This is being shared with the parents and carers of all the children and young people that attend an Ormiston Academy Trust school. The survey will be open across the academic year. You may access the survey by clicking this link which will take you to a QR code, then follow the simple instructions. [Ormiston Denes Academy - QRCode Parent Survey Autum 26.pdf](#)

Our annual **Open Evening takes place on Thursday 01st October from 5-7pm**. We know from survey feedback that 90% parents would recommend Ormiston Denes Academy so please do share this date and your positive experiences with prospective parents and encourage them to come along.

The **Form Time Focus** for next week is "Respectful"

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 – Is it OK to text on animals?

Year 10 – Hould my privacy be protected at all costs?

Year 9 – How do we decide whether to trust a source of information?

Year 8 – How do vaccines work?

Year 7 – How are families different?

Denes Discussions – Next week students will be discussing careers and options.

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