



ORMISTON DENES ACADEMY

Dear Parent and Carers,

9th October 2026

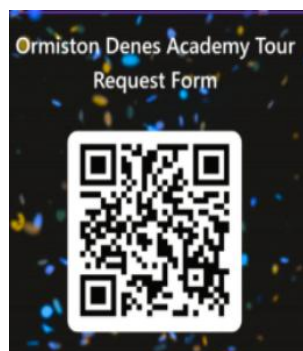
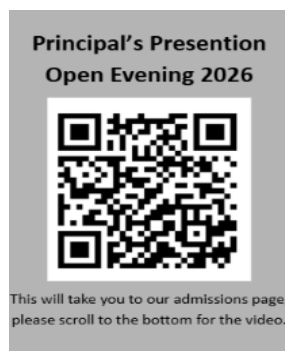
As the mornings get darker and colder, getting out of bed can be more difficult for us all. The main reason students report that they are late for school is that they did not set an alarm or did not hear it. One thing you can do to help your child develop good habits of punctuality is to check they have set an alarm each night. Being on time gets students off to a great start ensuring they are ready and organised for the day. We also offer a breakfast Club from 7.45am to support the start of the day and would love to see your child take advantage of this.

We are looking forward to welcoming our new parents to our **Year 7 Settling in Evening, on Thursday 14th October, starting at 3.30pm**. This is a great opportunity for you to meet your child's form tutor and gather some guidance on how to support your child with homework, good mental health as well as excellent attendance. Appointments are live on Arbor. Please go to Guardian Consultations and choose Parents Evenings and select a time slot to suit.

Good attendance is key to success in school. We encourage all students to aim for at least 95% attendance; however, even at 95%, this still equates to around 10 days of learning missed across the academic year. Every lesson count, and being in school every day helps students make the most of every opportunity. As we move into the colder months, please remember that many winter illnesses can be managed at home while still attending school. We encourage families to follow NHS guidance and support students to attend whenever they are well enough to do so.

Year 7 students were introduced to Tassomai for English this week as a part of their staggered **home learning** launch. Next week students will be introduced to science, also available via Tassomai.

Following our recent **Open Evening** event, if you could not watch the principal's presentation, please scan on the QR code below. Additionally, if you wish to **tour the school** during a normal school day to get a real flavour of daily life at Denes, please scan the tour request form.



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 – What is the morality around abortion?

Year 10 – How does the law protect bodily autonomy?



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Year 9 – How can emotions be used to manipulate audiences?

Year 8 – What do I need to know about gangs?

Year 7 – Which is bullying behaviour?

Denes Discussions. Next week students will be discussing the students protests that have taken place in France.

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