



ORMISTON DENES ACADEMY

Dear Parent and Carers,

23rd October 2026

It is hard to believe our first half term at the academy is coming to an end. Thank you for your support this half term in ensuring students are ready for the academy day. The end of this half term brings darker mornings and colder days. Please remind your child to bring a coat to school after half term, you may also wish to consider reflective strips to ensure they are seen by all on their journey to and from the academy.

This week we held our student election for the East Suffolk Youth Council. With an impressive turnout of 113 student votes, the results were as follows:

- **Evelyn K** – 46 votes
- **Jemima P** – 57 votes
- **Ashleigh W** – 59 votes

Congratulations to **Jemima** and **Ashleigh**, who have been elected as Ormiston Denes Academy's representatives on the East Suffolk Youth Council. Extended congratulations also to Evelyn and to every student who put themselves forward for election. Standing for a role such as this requires confidence, commitment and courage, and we are incredibly proud of all those who chose to take part. Additionally, thank you to every student who took the time to engage with the democratic process by casting their vote. Your participation helps ensure that student voice continues to play an important role in shaping the future of our school and wider community. We look forward to seeing the positive impact our newly elected Youth Councillors will have in the months ahead.

SENDIASS sessions for parents and carers are available to book now. exploring how to support the communication skills of children and young people through our own responses, to better understand their behaviour. The session take place n 09th November (10-11.30am) and is delivered by the [Speech, Language and Communication Service](#). Click here to [Book a place on this session](#)

The **Form Time Focus** after the half term break is "Ready"

The first week back after half term, 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 – Mock Exams

Year 10 – How can I identify meningitis and stroke?

Year 9 – How can I review the information I encounter?

Year 8 – What is grooming?

Year 7 – How can I take a stand when I see bullying behaviour happening?

Enjoy the half term break, we look forward to **welcoming all students back to school on Monday 2nd November**.

Yours faithfully

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Principal



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