ORMISTON
DENES ACADEMY

Dear Parent and Carers,

13th November 2026

This week students at Ormiston Denes have shone in different ways representing the academy at local remembrance services and taking part in our own service in school, showing immense empathy and respect. A group of Year 7 and 8 students met with our governors this week and spoke about their experiences at the academy. They showed great confidence and pride in their school and in turn made me exceptionally proud of them. Today our students come together showing kindness in supporting Children in Need. Thank you as always for your work you do at home to enable our children to be so successful.

You may notice a small watermark on some of our photographs. This has been added as part of our ongoing efforts to safeguard the images we share online while continuing to celebrate and showcase our students' achievements.

Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) Programme
Families of children eligible for Targeted Free School Meals may be able to access the Suffolk HAF Programme during the winter holidays. The programme offers a range of free activities, nutritious meals and additional food support, including holiday food boxes. Bookings open at **3:00pm on 27 November**. For further information and to book activities, please visit **https://eequ.org/suffolkhaf**. Some activities are added regularly, so please check the website for the latest opportunities.

SENDIASS sessions for parents and carers

SENDIASS are offering parents an opportunity to take part in an online session where specialist teachers from the Social, Emotional and Mental Health Service will explore ways to help children and young people to understand and manage their feelings and strategies schools may use. Book onto SENDIASS session

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 – Common assessments / mocks

Year 10 – What else should I know about drugs and alcohol?

Year 9 – Is happiness the same for everyone?

Year 8 – What is extremism?

Year 7 – What are stereotypes?

Denes Discussion. Next week students will be discussing if it's too early to play Christmas music!

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully

Kate Williams. Principal