



# ORMISTON DENES ACADEMY

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12th July 2018

Dear Parent / Carer

## **End of Term Arrangements and Updates for September**

As we near the end of the academic year I write to you with plans for our final day of the summer term and updates for September.

### **Last Day of Term – Friday 20th July 2018**

In a change from previous years this will be a three quarter day with standard lessons periods 1, 2 and 3. Students will have lunch as normal and will then return to their form groups to finish the academic year. Dismissal will then be by form group from 2.00pm to 2.15pm. The George Orwell Library will remain open until 3.10pm for any students who wish to remain on site.

### **First Day of Term – Thursday 6th September 2018**

We look forward to welcoming students back to the academy on Thursday 6th September, which will be a Week 1. Students should be on site by 8.45am and will go straight to their form. Form time will be extended so that timetables can be distributed and house assemblies held. Any students unsure of their form location should report to the entrance hall where staff will be available to guide and support.

### **Parent / Carer Handbook and Home Academy Agreement – Updated**

Please find attached our updated parent / carer handbook. Please take the time to review this over the summer to ensure that your son or daughter is fully prepared for their return to the academy in September. Included in this is our updated home academy agreement which lays out our expectations for how we will continue to work in partnership to ensure our young people realise their potential.

### **Uniform – Updated**

Full details of the uniform expectations can be found in the parent / carer handbook. However, as we are moving towards a new uniform it would be worth highlighting the following:

- Our new uniform supplier is Screens, of Lowestoft.
- The only significant compulsory change for current students are that as previously publicised, trousers must be the grey trousers available from Screens and skirts must be the blue and burgundy tartan skirt available from Screens.
- Current blazers may continue to be worn until September 2019.
- Students will be issued with a new tie, free of charge, in exchange for their old tie on the first day back.
- Please check the guidelines for minor details such as sock or tights colour.
- There is no change to the PE kit required.

Once again, thank you for the overwhelmingly positive feedback you have provided regarding both the look and the greater consistency the new uniform will provide. In response to some queries relating to pricing, I am pleased to share that we have been able to secure a reduction in the price of several items, bringing the overall cost of our uniform in line with, or significantly below that of other schools in the local area. This is shown for your interest on the attached sheet.

With your support, I am confident that we will achieve our core aims of greater consistency and ensuring that our students are proud to wear their uniform, clearly recognisable as Ormiston Denes students and presenting in a manner that is in keeping with the school's tradition.

#### **Results Day – Thursday 23rd August 2018**

As a community our thoughts will be with our outgoing Year 11 students who will be receiving their GCSE results on Thursday 23rd August. They have been an exceptional year group and a pleasure to lead through Year 2 of our academy's development. I am confident they will go on to many future successes and always represent the best of Ormiston Denes. Good luck to them all, now and in their future endeavours.

#### **Lowestoft Scores Race – Sunday 9th September 2018**

The 2018 Scores Race will take place on Sunday 9th September, with the senior and junior races starting at 2.00pm and 2.05pm respectively. Last year saw over 20 athletes from Ormiston Denes taking part and taking home the ladies team and mixed team trophies. This year we are encouraging even more entries and would welcome any student, staff member, or parent who would like to represent Ormiston Denes, either through running or supporting. Please contact Mr Aldous at the academy for further details.

#### **Open Evening – Tuesday 25th September 2018**

Our annual Open Evening will take place on Tuesday 25th September. We look forward to welcoming Year 6 students and their parents to tour the academy and experience the best of what we have to offer. We would welcome any current parents who would also like to experience the evening, either as a visitor, or in support.

#### **Final Word**

It has been another historic year for Ormiston Denes. Our students have once again displayed excellence and endeavour in all that they do, from the classroom, to the sports pitches, to the artist's studio, to the stage. I would like to share our congratulations to all of our young people for their individual successes, and pass on our thanks to them and you, for working together to ensure the continued success of our community.

We hope that you all enjoy time as a family over the summer holiday, and look forward to welcoming refreshed and enthusiastic students back to the academy in September.

Yours faithfully



Mr B Driver

Principal

Enc: Parent / Carer handbook and uniform cost comparison sheet.