



ORMISTON DENES ACADEMY

17th July 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

I cannot believe that we have come to the end of the academic year. I have to say that I have loved my first year at Ormiston Denes and I am so grateful for the support of all the students, staff and you as parents and carers. We are all determined to do the very best for the young people of the area and the changes that we have made for September will take this ambition even further.

Given the ever-changing climate, whilst last week I sent out our provisional plans for September, you will receive a communication on Friday 21st August which will be our final plan for the full school re-opening. There will be a considerable amount of support in place for all our students when they return so please do not worry about what lies ahead and enjoy the summer holiday. Remember that I will always ensure that I would be happy if it was my boys who were going through the same experience when returning to school.

We have updated our [risk assessment](#) for September's opening and this has been sent to Ormiston Academies Trust. A copy of this can also be found on our website. This has been completed in consultation with staff and unions and may well be amended following any further government announcements.

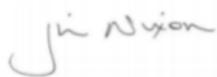
A quick reminder of our GCSE Results day on 20th August. Students have been sent invitations to come into school in small groups, from 9.30am onwards to collect their results and say farewell to staff. A risk assessment has been completed for this day and social distancing will be adhered to.

In addition to the summer holiday food voucher available to families of free school meals, Access Community Trust (supported by Suffolk Community Foundation) are offering a service called "The Pink Orange". This unique service packs and distributes free kits over the summer holidays to household's that would normally receive free school meals during term time. The free kit provides families with all of the items needed to prepare two household meals from scratch each week throughout the summer holidays this year. To register for this service please go to their website www.pinkorange.co.uk and follow the registration process.

I would like to take this opportunity just to mention our departing Year 11 students. As I've said, I was incredibly grateful for how well they supported me as a new Principal, I thoroughly enjoyed visiting their lessons and also the conversations we would have as I walked around the school. It was a real pleasure to be given the opportunity to mentor some of them and I have to say, in some instances, it has been a real highlight of my educational career. Our Year 11 students are unique in having not completed their GCSE exams, however this has been an issue worldwide, not just in this country. Exams and progress is very important to young people but so too is the development of their character. I have always believed courtesy, hard work and dedication are the keys to success and none of that has been taken from them, therefore I'm sure they will all do very well in their future careers. I personally wish them all the very best.

We look forward to September and seeing the students returning to Ormiston Denes Academy but in the meantime I wish you all a happy and enjoyable summer.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mr Nixon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M'.

Mr Nixon
Principal