



# ORMISTON DENES ACADEMY

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20th August 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Head of Year 7 and to thank you for choosing Ormiston Denes Academy for your child.

As a parent myself, I fully understand the magnitude of this decision and the concerns that arise in relation to a child transitioning to secondary education. To this end, I would assure you that my focus is to maintain the highest expectations across the year group so that students are able to thrive in our care; a necessity if we are to create optimum learning opportunities to ensure future success. We will also be creating opportunities to work closely with families and carers to better understand our students and enable them to reach their full potential. In addition, we will be moving through to Year 11 with this current Year 7 cohort - allowing new opportunities to develop relationships and a deeper understanding of individual needs. However, my first task this academic year is to facilitate a confident transition back into education after our extended period of home learning.

Therefore, myself and our dedicated team of tutors and pastoral staff will be eagerly awaiting the arrival of your child on Thursday 3rd September 2020. We will be available at the front gate, at the start of the day, to meet students and direct them to our first assembly. We will then deliver a series of tutorials and lessons to ensure every student understands the expectations of the academy and how to excel in their first term at Ormiston Denes. In addition to this, students will be supported by Mrs Honey Turpin, our Pastoral Manager, and Mrs Amanda Gee who will be providing a range of interventions and transition support.

Should you have any queries prior to the start of term, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Julie Mayo, our Transition Manager. She is a familiar figure to students at all our local primary schools and is available over the summer as the main point of contact. Please contact Ms Mayo via email at [transition@ormistonden.es.co.uk](mailto:transition@ormistonden.es.co.uk), or by leaving a message on 01502 442615. Messages will be collected regularly and responded to by an appropriate member of staff. I would also direct you to our website where you will find introductions to staff and various other transition information at <http://www.ormistonden.es.co.uk/admissions/transition/> and our Facebook page @OrmistonDenes. Detailed plans for our return to school are being communicated by our Principal, Mr Jim Nixon.

Finally, I believe that it is vital to create and communicate jointly held expectations and aspirations between home and school. Moving forward, I hope very much that we can work closely together to ensure your child reaches their full potential in their time at Ormiston Denes.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Rachel Read

Head of Year 7