



ORMISTON DENES ACADEMY

18th September 2020

Dear Parents and carers of year 10 students,

Welcome to the new academic year, we are delighted to now have all our students back in school.

As you are aware, the academy structure has changed and I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as Head of Year 10. Firstly, may I thank you for choosing Ormiston Denes Academy and for trusting us with your child's education: it is a responsibility we take very seriously. In my role as Head of Year, I will be responsible for academic progress plus overall management of the attendance, behaviour and welfare of all Year 10 students. I will be supported by Mr Dean Fisher who is the Year 10 Pastoral Manager and will deal with any pastoral or behaviour matters in the first instance. In addition, Mr Ben Jones is Head of Key Stage 4 and will oversee all students in Years 10 and 11. As a team, we will support your child through until the end of Year 11 so that continuity is ensured.

Whilst we rightly place very high value on academic rigour and a conscientious attitude towards subject studies, we also strongly believe that personal development and character building are critical aspects of education. Therefore, we shall be promoting resilience, self-belief, independence and ambition in all of our students through opportunities to speak publicly, to lead on school issues and to provide community service. In addition, work experience is a very valuable aspect of the Year 10 experience and we very much hope this will be able to happen. However, it will be dependent on the Covid situation at the time and we will provide further information later in the year.

We absolutely intend for every student to have a positive educational experience here with us, to achieve their potential and to leave us as confident young adults equipped to pursue their goals in an ever changing world. We really appreciate all the support that you provide at home and we recognise that we are all working towards the same goal - success for your child, our student. Accordingly, I will ensure you are kept closely informed of your child's progress and ask that you let me or Mr Fisher know if you have any concerns or queries or want to share news of your child's success in external clubs or competitions. We welcome your input and very much want to work together with you over the next two years. Contact emails are suzannesmith@ormistonden.co.uk and dfisher@ormistonden.co.uk.

Assuring you of our best attention at all times.

Yours sincerely,

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