



ORMISTON DENES ACADEMY

2nd October 2020

Dear Parent/ Carer of Year 9 students

We are now over half way through the first half term of the new academic year; it has been lovely having 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 9. 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 9 students. I will be supported by Mr Jonathan Wilkinson who is the Year 9 Pastoral Manager and will deal with any pastoral or behaviour matters in the first instance. In addition, Mr Courtney Senior is Head of Key Stage 3 and will oversee all students in Years 7, 8 and 9. 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 an excellent attitude to learning, we also strongly believe that personal and character development are critical aspects of education and we will be working to support students to develop in all areas.

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 progress and I would ask that you please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr Wilkinson if you have any concerns or queries. We welcome your input and very much want to work together with you over the coming years. Contact emails are gryan@ormistonden.co.uk and jwilkinson@ormistonden.co.uk.

Assuring you of our best attention at all times.

Kind regards

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