



ORMISTON DENES ACADEMY

16th April 2021

Dear Parent/ Carer

We were really pleased to welcome back all of our students into school again on Monday, hoping they (and you) had a nice break.

Year 11

We have had an excellent and very busy start to the summer term. Behind the scenes there is a lot to do, not least getting everything in place for the various tests our Year 11 students are completing, to give them the chance to demonstrate their learning and get the grade they deserve. We are working in close collaboration with Ormiston Venture and also strictly following the guidance from Ormiston Academies Trust so that grades are accurate and moderated.

School uniform

Thank you for your ongoing support with regards to school uniform, I am pleased to see that our students are looking smarter. It is not only about being smart however, but also about our students' clothing being appropriate and that is one of the reasons why I was keen to re-emphasise our uniform policy. We are now looking at how we can expand the social areas in school and also make full use of our changing rooms, given the recent change in government guidance, so that will help as well. I will write more about this giving details and dates next week.

Year 8 parents' evening

This is to be held on Thursday 22nd April. The families involved have received a separate letter explaining the process and how to make appointments.

Year 9 vaccinations

The ACWY and DTP vaccinations will be given to our Year 9 students on Tuesday 20th April, providing the appropriate consent form has been received.

Visitors into the academy

Yesterday we had two guests in school, David Didau who is the Ormiston National Lead for English and Claire Wolsey who is the Regional Lead Practitioner for English. David is well known nationally for his work on literacy and reading in particular, so it is fantastic to have him supporting us as well as Claire. Reading is so important so it saddens me if I speak to students and they say that they don't read; they should, and I urge you to encourage them to do so. The other side of the coin is that we have students who immerse themselves in reading and writing their own stories and poems.



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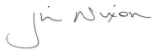
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And finally

This weekend we are hoping to meet up with our boys somewhere between Lincoln and London. We celebrated Richard's 30th birthday at Rutland water over the Easter weekend and it was fantastic, so I suspect we may well revisit that area. I have continually said that one of the highlights of getting together is being sat round a table chatting and that was the case over Easter, even if it was outside and not exactly warm.

Have a fantastic weekend and enjoy the dry weather.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Nixon".

Jim Nixon
Principal