



# ORMISTON DENES ACADEMY

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9th July 2021

Dear Parent/ Carer

I would like to remind you all the students will be **finishing the academic year next Friday, 16th July at 1.25pm**. We expect our normal high standards from both students and staff right up to the very end, but we are looking forward to this last week with the children, hopefully with some warmer weather and we will be wishing them all an enjoyable summer break.

Yesterday was our final strategic progress board and local governing body meeting, both focused on where we are as a school at the end of the academic year. It is a strange time for an outgoing principal – this is the 3rd time for me personally, so I am starting to get used to it – as in the last few weeks of term, a lot of the work that goes on in a school is to prepare for September. This includes timetables, staffing, classrooms and offices, meeting schedules, training days and so on. As I am not personally involved in such decisions, I am busy out and about even more so than usual.

Following our decision last week to allow students to **wear PE kit into school** if they have PE on their timetable for that day, we have decided to continue this into next week. Only Ormiston Denes PE kit will be acceptable. And again a reminder that in this warmer weather, please ensure your child has a water bottle with them.

**Year 11 students, results day.** This year our results day is being held on Thursday 12th August from 9.30am to 10.30am. All Year 11 students will be contacted separately with further details, but it will be lovely to see the students back in school celebrating their well-deserved grades.

This weekend I will be out on my bike in-between the showers and will also watch some Wimbledon. I am not a football fan but I will watch the European Cup final and cheer on England. I am not sure how many of my fellow Scots will be doing the same but although I was born in Glasgow, I moved down to the south east (Canterbury in Kent) in 1974 to train to be a teacher and have stayed in England ever since. I am often asked if I have ever considered moving back up north and answer is always no; the weather down here is much nicer for a start!

I hope you have a great weekend too.

Yours faithfully

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