



# ORMISTON DENES ACADEMY

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24th September 2021

Dear Parent/ Carer

It is impossible to believe we have only been back in the academy for three weeks. The time has simply flown by. Our Year 7 and 8 students are becoming more confident in moving around the academy and our older students continue to be excellent role models. Year 11 in particular have embraced the Period 6 opportunities available and are working hard in preparation for their autumn term mocks which take place next half term.

Thank you to all of you who supported your child taking part in Open Evening last night. Every child was a fantastic ambassador for Ormiston Denes Academy and highlighted our values of **aspiration, integrity and respect**. I could not have been prouder of them. Last night was also a great opportunity to introduce our new prefects to everybody including our Head Prefects, Archie Muir and Lydia Murrant. I am excited to see the direction that they take our student leadership in this year with the able support of Miss Grimmer.

## **COVID-19 Vaccinations**

As part of the National Vaccination Programme, students, aged 12-15, will be issued with a Covid-19 Vaccination letter for in school Covid-19 vaccinations. For any students aged 16 or older, they will receive a letter with instructions to find an off-site clinic to receive a vaccination. At this stage the school vaccinations are only eligible for young people aged 12 and over on the vaccination date (21st October).

Lateral flow testing remains a key way for ensuring disruption to learning is minimised by making sure those who are asymptomatic self-isolate pending a PCR test. I politely request we continue to carry these out twice per week and report the result to the academy and NHS test and trace. Useful guidance can be found [HERE](#).

## **Safeguarding Concern**

We have recently been made aware of a concern regarding “Gacha Heat” within the game “Gacha Life”. It involves characters and backgrounds of a popular role playing game, but does also include abusive and extreme content.

Further details can be found [HERE](#).

## **Year 11 Raising Achievement and Post 16 Options Evening - Thursday 14th October 2021**

Our Year 11 Raising Achievement and Post 16 Options Evening is an important event for all of our Year 11 students and will be held on Thursday 14th October. A separate letter with full details will be issued to all relevant parents and carers shortly.

Yours faithfully

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