



ORMISTON DENES ACADEMY

12th November 2021

Dear Parent/ Carer

This week has been another busy one at the academy. Year 11 students are preparing for their mock examinations which begin next week and have also had some post 16 provider talks, and representatives from all year groups took part in our Ormiston Denes Act of Remembrance on 11th November. These students proudly wore uniforms from the groups they are a part of and demonstrated remarkable pride and respect for those who made the ultimate sacrifice serving their country. We have also had subject reviews taking place in Science and MFL and I have felt very proud of the progress these teams have made in terms of their curriculum.

So far this term we have provided almost 2,400 breakfasts for students at the academy. We were therefore very pleased to have been awarded a £1,000 grant from Kellogg's to support our breakfast club programme. Breakfast clubs help with everything from attendance and attainment, to alleviating hunger and providing pre-school care; 68% of teachers believe students would struggle to concentrate in class without their breakfast club, according to Kellogg's research. We are so grateful to receive this generous donation. We have since been able to purchase additional resources to support those students attending our breakfast provision.

On 14th November 2021, the Remembrance Day Service will take place on the Royal Green. We are proud that our students will be in attendance and reading the poem "Why do I wear a poppy" by Anne Starr.

On Monday 15th November, we invite students and staff to wear odd socks along with their full school uniform in support of Anti-bullying Week 2021. It's a great way to celebrate what makes us all unique!

On Friday 19th November, we will be hosting a full non-school uniform day in support of Children in Need. Sensible and appropriate clothing will be expected, students who push these boundaries will be asked to go home and get changed back into their school uniform. A suggested donation of £1 will be collected from students during form time on the day.

The school immunisation team will be in school on Monday 15th November and Wednesday 15th December and, over these two dates, will administer the flu vaccines to all students where we have received parental consent. Thank you to all those that have returned consents, over 400 have been received to date. If you haven't there is still time to do so before the December vaccination date. If you require a further consent form please contact the school office. The vaccine is the best way to protect our students, academy and the wider community against flu and the potential serious complications it can bring.

PSHE topics next week beginning 15 November:

- Year 7 Careers and stereotyping.
- Year 8 The world of work and stereotyping.
- Year 9 Radicalisation and Extremism part 2.
- Year 10 Drugs and alcohol - seeking help.
- Year 11 Post 16 options - Looking at the differences in the qualifications available.



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Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kate Williams". The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent initial "K".

Kate Williams
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