



# ORMISTON DENES ACADEMY

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20th May 2022

Dear Parent/ Carer

This week our Year 11 students have made us exceptionally proud. They are the first cohort since 2019 to sit GCSE exams and are doing so after a period of significant disruption to their learning. It would have been easy for them to have given up but instead they have demonstrated the great character that they have developed over their time at Denes, showcasing our core values of aspiration, integrity and respect to younger year groups. Watching them walk down to their Biology exam on Monday, confident and with their heads held high gave us all goose bumps!

Students across all year groups will experience end of year exams and assessments over the coming weeks. Please take time to talk to your child about what is coming up, encourage them to revise and ensure they get a good night's sleep before the exam. Why not send them in to enjoy a free Denes breakfast in our dining hall where they can get ready for the day ahead?

Next week is the last P6 session in English and maths for our Year 10 students and this experience should help them to achieve in their upcoming mock examinations. Further information about the Year 10 mock examinations will be sent separately.

We are in the final stages of preparing our Jubilee-themed golden ticket event for all students with 100% attendance for this half term. There is also another set of 5x£25 Just Eat vouchers up for grabs. We are looking forward to announcing the winners at the end of next week. "*Be In To Win!*"

As always, details of how we support, reward and follow up attendance can be found [HERE](#). Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need any further assistance.

Do you know what your children are saying in their texts/ messages? Do you know what the acronyms mean? Our safeguarding page has also been updated with details of texting language, which can be found [HERE](#).

We know that there have been some issues with anti-social behaviour in the wider community that whilst not involving our students, may have affected them. If they are ever concerned about their journey to and from the academy, it is important we know so we can support them. Equally if you as parents are worried, please get in touch so we can signpost appropriate support. Please don't think that because it does not involve students at Denes, that we cannot help or support.

We are pleased to announce the return of the Ski Trip for December 2022. We will be revisiting Passo Tonale in Italy. **The trip will leave on Friday 16th December and return on Friday 23rd December 2022.** This pre-Christmas trip is a great opportunity to try a new and exciting activity, or continue to progress within the sport, while at the same time visiting a different country and learning a variety of key life skills. A separate letter was issued to all parents and carers earlier in the week with full details, but if you have any questions please contact Mr Armstrong.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Yours faithfully



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