



ORMISTON DENES ACADEMY

27th May 2022

Dear Parent/ Carer

This half term has flown by and has been one in which it really has felt like things are finally returning to something like normal. We have held parents' evenings on site, been able to watch students perform, held charity events and been on trips. This week, to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee we have opened the academy to tours for former students and today we are celebrating with a jubilee picnic on the field and a variety of games. It has been fantastic to come together as a community. Thank you as always for your support. It has been incredible.

It has been a privilege to see so many students participate in the jubilee-themed VIP golden ticket event after achieving 100% attendance for the half term. This half term has seen the highest attendance rates of the academic year so far. We genuinely appreciate that outstanding attendance is a collective effort and thank all our families for your hard work to ensure your children are in school as much as possible.

At the time of writing, we are busy identifying all our students with 100% attendance this half term, with the winners of our 5x£25 Just Eat Vouchers being announced in our next edition. There is also another chance to win next half term. *Be In To Win!*

We now look forward to our end of year attendance awards, with our annual attendance badge ceremony for those with 100% for the year, and in many cases, multiple academic years.

We have updated our safeguarding pages with additional links for parents/carers with language that some young people may use to communicate, either through use of [emojis](#) or indicators of [gang-related](#) language.

It has been a pleasure seeing our Year 11 students engaging so positively with our pre-exam booster sessions. We understand the pressures that external assessments can cause. So that students attend as fully, especially during examination season, please find some links you may find helpful, including [exam support](#) as well as general guidance on how to manage discussions relating to [self harm](#) and [sleep](#). Broader support for families can also be found [HERE](#).

We will be inviting all Year 11 students to have their year group photograph on the morning of Wednesday 22nd June 2022. Students will be invited in for 8.50am with the photo being taken at 9.00am. Students can then proceed to their planned chemistry booster session. Year 11 students will be invited back into school on Thursday 30th June for a special Year 11 leavers assembly - more details of this will follow.

Year 7 Parents Evening is coming up on 16th June 2022. You can access the appointment sheet via your ParentMail account. If you are having difficulty accessing this, please contact your child's Head of Year.



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Finally, this week students have been filling in postcards to “thank a teacher” or staff member who has made a difference to them. It seems only fitting to end the half term by thanking the exceptional staff at Ormiston Denes Academy who every day help to shape our young people, valuing the characteristics of aspiration, integrity and respect.

If you’d like to view my half term message you can do so on the website, [here](#).

I hope you all enjoy some family time this half term and over the long bank holiday weekend.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'K Williams'.

Kate Williams
Principal