



# ORMISTON DENES ACADEMY

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24th June 2022

Dear Parent/ Carer

Congratulations to all our Year 11 students who have now finished their exams. Whilst there were some tears as we said goodbye, it won't be for long. Next week we have our leavers' assembly (28th June 9.15am) which students should attend in full school uniform, followed by the much-anticipated prom (1st July) and we look forward to sending our fantastic year group off in style.

Year 10 have also demonstrated their maturity and aspiration through their own series of mock exams. Year 11 have clearly been good role models to them. Year 7-9 prepare for a range of GL assessments and end of year subject assessments. This will be a new experience but one we know they are ready for and which will stand them in excellent stead for the future. To support our KS4 students we have a **Year 10 Raising Achievement Evening planned for Thursday 7th July 2022**, 6.00pm to 7.00pm. Details have been issued in a separate letter.

I would like to share with you an amazing opportunity for our students. Off the back of STEMFEST, Ormiston Academies Trust are intending on running a 6-night residential trip to Miami in June of 2024 and have asked that we share the details with you [HERE](#).

## Mental health support

We understand that uncertainty, particularly at points of transition, together with the pressures of growing up and social media can affect mental health, result in poor attendance or, in some cases, self-harm. In partnership with Kooth, please click [HERE](#) for details of the online counselling service that may be of assistance. Details of the activities and services they offer can be found [HERE](#).

With Key Stage 3 also shortly starting their end of year assessments as part of our examinations season, details on how to manage feelings of low mood or anxiety associated with these can be found [HERE](#).

Our [mental health](#) and [safeguarding](#) pages are routinely updated and provide a range of details of services that can help support [you](#) and your child.

All students are required to attend the academy every day until the end of term. We are unable to authorise any holiday requests as students need to utilise these last few weeks to catch up on learning missed during the pandemic.

## PSHE topics

- Year 7 challenging differences/celebrating diversity and equality
- Year 8 staying safe / child exploitation online safety
- Year 9 life beyond school / what is anger?
- Year 10 life beyond school / Instagram generation

I'd like to remind you that the academy is **closed on Monday 27th June** for a published training day. The academy reopens as normal on Tuesday 28th June.



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Finally, I would like to say a massive thank you to all the staff at Ormiston Denes who have worked so hard throughout the year but especially through this period of exams. From the site team who have had to ensure so many spaces are ready for exams, to teachers who have ran extensive boosters or covered others to allow Year 11 access to the right people at the right time, to the pastoral teams who have settled nerves, the exams officer who made sure everything ran like clockwork and the raising achievement team who have helped all students across the year, every single member of the Denes Team has gone above and beyond. I could not be prouder to work with such an incredible team of professionals.

Yours faithfully

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

Kate Williams  
Principal