



# ORMISTON DENES ACADEMY

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1st July 2022

Dear Parent/ Carer

## **Ormiston Denes Talent Show**

On Tuesday evening we held our Ormiston Denes Talent Show. A range of students across year groups dazzled and entertained the audience with a varied array of performances. It was an incredibly close competition but I am delighted to be able to share with you that the winner was Thomas, playing "Perfect" on the piano.

## **Year 11 Leavers' Assembly**

This week we held our leavers' assembly with Year 11, though we hope to see lots of them again at prom this evening. We were able to celebrate their time with us and the incredible journey they have been on. Although I have only been a part of the journey for this final year, it has been a genuine pleasure to watch students grow in confidence and to see them develop into young adults that we are all exceptionally proud of.

## **Year 10 Raising Achievement Evening**

Next week, **Thursday 7th July 6.00pm to 7.00pm**, we hold our Year 10 Raising Achievement Evening. This evening is designed to enable students to begin making informed decisions about their post 16 education, employment or training and we hope that this will build aspiration as they enter Year 11.

## **End of Year Assessments**

Students in Key Stage 3 have been taking part in a range of end of year assessments. I must say how impressive Year 9 have been managing this experience. They, supported by their brilliant year team, have shown a maturity that will ensure they are successful as they begin their options and Key Stage 4 next term.

## **Edenred Vouchers**

We have been advised that Edenred vouchers will be issued to support those in receipt of free school meals this summer and will arrange for these to be issued to families as we have done previously. We know that many families are facing additional challenges but that it can be hard asking for help. There are a wide range of services that you can access that you might not be aware of, so please do contact us via your year team and we can help signpost these to you. We will of course not share your personal circumstances with anyone, we just want to help.

## **Summer Fete Saturday 16th July 2022**

Our Eco-Schools stall at our Summer Fete this year will be a free, recycle, swap shop. Any unwanted new gifts, unused stationery, whole jigsaw puzzles, good condition books, complete board games, complete outside games, anything that is of decent quality for someone else to take on would be greatly appreciated. Please bring your very kind donations to Mrs Richings office by **Thursday 7th July 2022**.

Our stall is free, but we will have a bucket for donations to our Eco-Garden transformation. Currently the school garden is a little unkempt, we want to be able to share it with nature and transform it into a captivating Eco-Garden.



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## Attendance

With Year 7 to 10 busy engaging in our end of year exams as we approach the end of term, it is ever more important we value each academy day, given the lost learning and disruption over the past 2 years. As part of these efforts, I would like to take this opportunity to emphasise that standard lessons will continue up to and including the last day of term. Consequently, we will not authorise any absence unless there are significant extenuating circumstances. Our [attendance guide](#) has further details regarding how we support and challenge attendance.

As part of our partnership with the local authority's early help team, our website has also been updated with support on how to manage concerns regarding [self harm](#) and [safer strategies](#) as an alternative to reduce these incidents.

## PSHE focus for next week

- Year 7 - Financial decision making
- Year 8 - Equality and Diversity
- Year 9 and Year 10 - Life beyond school

Wishing you all a lovely weekend

Yours faithfully



Kate Williams  
Principal