



ORMISTON DENES ACADEMY

21st July 2022

Dear Parent/ Carer

The end of the school year is upon us. It feels like yesterday that I was writing my first update to you. It has been a fantastic year in the academy with so many activities and events starting up again so that the academy feels a truly vibrant place where education is valued along with the whole child. If you [click here](#) you can read much of what students have taken part in, in the Summer Edition of our Discover Denes Magazine. We have ended the year on a high with our first ever summer fete. It was exceptionally well supported by students, families, staff and our wider community and I have received lovely reports about how much people enjoyed it. Thanks to your generous support I am delighted to announce that we raised over a thousand pounds to support the academy and help the Events Team become self-sufficient moving forwards.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all staff for their tremendous hard work this year and to wish the very best to those staff moving to new roles within and beyond the academy. Every member of our team has helped to ensure the best possible experience for students this year and I am proud to have the opportunity to work with them.

Lowestoft FISH (Food In School Holidays) is once again supporting our community in providing a free hot, two course meal for the whole family during this summer break across a range of venues. To benefit from this, and to find out what is on the weekly menus please click on this link <https://www.facebook.com/lowestoftfish>. There will also be crafts and fun games to enjoy.

We appreciate that a holiday period can be a worrying time for some young people. Our [safeguarding](#) and [mental health](#) pages have been updated and provide a useful source of information, as well as signposting to other services. If your child is spending more time online over the summer break, these [safety cards](#) for various apps and messenger services will be of use. We have been made aware of a safeguarding alert relating to snapchat and its new "meet-up" function. This gives it the ability to join together information from Google and Apple Maps to provide specific directions to individuals through a "snap map" without any warning or notification. More details can be found [HERE](#).

The Mental Health Support Teams in Schools are pleased to be running a programme of free online workshops for parents to aid their understanding of how they can best support their child's mental wellbeing. For information, and to book sessions for secondary school students, parents can follow this link; <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/wellbeing-webinars-parents-of-year-7-13s-855899> or simply search "wellbeing webinars for parents of year 7-13" on www.eventbrite.com.

We are committed to providing the highest quality support for your child. In addition to recently receiving the Wellbeing Award Quality Mark, we are also delighted to announce that our 360 Safe Digital Safeguarding Award was also validated. This recognises how our curriculum, training, communication and monitoring work together tirelessly to teach and empower online safety.



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Thank you for your support this year in ensuring your child has high levels of attendance and is in the correct uniform, well equipped for the day ahead. Your support this year has been essential to your child's success. To help you prepare your child for September we have included:

- An updated uniform and "five a day" equipment list, which has been modified to help reduce costs where possible - [click here](#)
- A Parent and Carer Handbook, with all essential guidance and information for the year ahead - [click here](#)
- The Denes Directory to help you get help from the appropriate staff member - [click here](#)

Finally, can I remind you that the academy reopens to all students in Year 7-11 at 8.45am on Monday 5th September. Breakfast club will be available as usual from 7.45am, every day. School photos will also take place on the first day back.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kate Williams'.

Kate Williams
Principal