



# ORMISTON DENES ACADEMY

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7th January 2022

Dear Parent/ Carer

It has been a pleasure to welcome back Year 7, 8, 10 and 11 into the academy this week. We look forward to Year 9 joining us on Monday. I have had several lovely conversations with students about their Christmas break but we know that not everyone will have had a good Christmas. If there have been any changes in family circumstances or you have any concerns at all about your child's return to the academy, please do get in touch with us so that we can help to support your child and family.

Thank you for your significant support for testing. Students conduct throughout was excellent. I would also like to thank the staff that supported this testing. Volunteering to help takes them away from their day jobs and as result they often have much to catch up on. Their generosity helps us all stay safe. If your child wasn't able to have a lateral flow test in school, please can we ask them to test prior to their return on Monday, or if they are struggling with this, please ask them to speak to their Head of Year for any support they may need. To assist with our ongoing efforts, and in accordance with updated national guidelines, the use of face coverings by students, staff and visitors has been extended to include classrooms, as well as communal areas, unless exempt. We politely request students bring a face covering with them each day and would appreciate your cooperation with this in order to help protect against additional Covid absence.

Next week will see a number of students in Year 10 and 11 undertake BTEC and other vocational exams in Music, Travel and Tourism and Engineering. Pre exam boosters will take place but it is important that all students continue to revise, not only for these exams but for those in the summer term, which are expected to take place. Students in all year groups can access a range of resources to support their learning, including GCSEPod and our knowledge organisers which can be found [here](#).

From Monday, Period 6 sessions for Year 11, academic tutoring in other year groups and a range of clubs will commence and we encourage your children to get involved in our offer.

We are also seeking to recruit an additional parent governor. To find out more about the role of governors please take a look at our [governor information](#). If you would be interested in this voluntary role, please complete [this form](#) and email it to [swatson@ormistonden.co.uk](mailto:swatson@ormistonden.co.uk) or call us if you would like to talk about the role.

Attendance across the academy continues to improve and following the success of the 100% raffle £25 Just Eat vouchers, we are repeating this event for this half term and this is in addition to our usual gifts and certificates already awarded. To stand a chance of winning one of these £25 vouchers, your son/daughter needs to be in school each day until February half term (excluding any Covid absence). *Be in to win!*

Following on from our two previous letters, I would like to remind all parents of Year 11 students to visit <https://ormistonden.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to book your appointments for Parents Evening on Thursday 13th January, if you haven't already done so.



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Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kate Williams'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a prominent initial 'K'.

Kate Williams  
Principal