



A STUDENT GUIDE TO TRANSITION

2021



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Welcome to the OBA Family

Dear Student

I am delighted you will be attending Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy in September and I would like to warmly welcome you into the OBA family.

You are about to start the next stage of your academic career and how you choose to spend the next 5-7 years will have a big impact on the rest of your life.

We will provide a safe and exciting learning environment in which you will be happy, make new friends, enjoy new experiences and be challenged to learn and achieve. Our aim is that you will leave the academy as a courageous young adult with the knowledge and skills needed to make good life choices.

All we ask in return is that you try your best, work hard, look smart and live up to the academy's motto 'Lucere Aude', which means 'Dare to Shine'.

I look forward to seeing you at OBA in September.



Mrs Evans - Principal

Key Information

Your Year 7 Team

There is a team of people who look after Year 7 on a daily basis and these include your Form Tutors, Head of Year, Pastoral Manager and SLT link.

You will see your Form Tutor every day and along with your Head of Year and they will stay with you throughout your time at the academy. They will get to know you really well and help make sure you get the most out of your time at the academy.



Mrs Snagg

Associate Assistant Principle (Transition)

Senior Link for Year 7



Mrs McKeivitt

Head of Year 7



Mr Gilligan

Pastoral Manager



OBA House System

When you start at OBA you will be in Year 7 and you will also be part of a 'house'.

Each week you will have an assembly with everyone else in your year group but at the end of every half term you will have an assembly with everyone in your house. Houses are made up of people in years 7 to 11. The Houses are very competitive when it comes

to things like 'best attendance and punctuality' and 'most enrichments attended'. Every house wants to be the best!

We have 4 houses which are named after constellations and linked to our academy motto 'Dare to Shine'.

You can easily tell who else is in your house by the coloured stripe in their tie.

Times of the School Day

8.30am - 9.00am	Registration and Tutor Time/Assembly
9.00am - 10.00am	Lesson 1
10.00am - 10.20am	Break
10.20am - 11.20am	Lesson 2
11.20am - 12.20pm	Lesson 3
12.20pm - 12.50pm	Lesson 4a
12.50pm - 1.20pm	Lunch
1.20pm - 1.50pm	Lesson 4b
1.50pm - 3.00pm	Lesson 5
3.00pm - 4.00pm	Enrichment





It is important that you arrive at school on time every day, looking smart and equipped ready to learn.

All students are expected to attend school with the following five essential items; **Bag, Timetable, Pen, Pencil and Ruler.**

Example Timetable

You will be given a timetable which tells you where you need to be and when during the school day. This is what a timetable looks like.

Tips!

- Rooms beginning with **G** are on the **Ground Floor**
- Rooms beginning with **F** are on the **First Floor**
- **SH** means **Sports Hall**
- **DS** means **Dance Studio**

Day	Lesson Number	Room Number	Teacher's Initials	Subject
Mon:1 RE JMN	Tue:1 English AHH	Wed:1 Tech JFR	Thu:1 English AHH	Fri:1 Art SSH
Mon:2 IT MOS	Tue:2 Pe ZPE	Wed:2 Maths JFT	Thu:2 Science CKK	Fri:2 Maths JFT
Mon:3 Science CKK	Tue:3 English AHH	Wed:3 History ABW	Thu:3 Science NCR	Fri:3 Music PTT
Mon:4 English AHH	Tue:4 Geography DMR	Wed:4 Spanish JMR	Thu:4 Maths JFT	Fri:4 French JMR
Mon:5 Maths JFT	Tue:5 Drama GMT	Wed:5 Pe NRN	Thu:5 Geography DMR	Fri:5 History ABW

Break 9.55am

Lunch 12.20pm



OBA School Uniform

This is what you will be wearing in September! We are very proud of our School uniform and have high standards in terms of how it is worn. Please see the details on the photo below of what is and isn't allowed.

Blazers must be worn, shirts tucked in and top buttons fastened. Ties must be worn full length and only black leather/leather look shoes are allowed. No trainers!

You are representing the academy

when you wear this uniform, so please wear it with pride!

Any students who do not adhere to our high standards may be left out of circulation until uniform/ footwear is corrected.

Boys

White Shirt

Black Trousers

Dark Grey or
Black Socks

Black Traditional Shoes
(Note: No Boots or Trainers)

School Specific

Silver-Grey Blazer with
School Logo

School Tie (House Colour)
*Ties must be worn full length

Grey V-Neck Jumper
with School Logo
(optional)



Girls

White Blouse

Black Skirt (knee length
and suitable style) or Black
Trousers (Non Fashion) or
Black Pinafore

Black Socks or Plain
Tights (No Patterns)

Black Shoes with low
heels (Note: No Boots and/
or Trainers)

School Specific

Silver-Grey Blazer with
School Logo

School Tie (House Colour)
*Ties must be worn full length

Grey Cardigan with
School Logo (optional)

Jewellery and Accessories

Please note that jewellery is strictly limited to a pair of small plain stud earrings. No rings, bracelets or necklaces are to be worn. No make up, nail varnish, acrylic or gel nails to be worn. No coloured/ Jewelled bows/clips. Plain dark hair bands or bobbles only. Hair colour must be natural. No extreme colours/styles will be permitted.

OBA PE Kit Options

- It is not compulsory to buy all items
- Students may wear shorts or socks if preferred to wearing a tracksuit
- OBA branded polo shirt is compulsory for all.
- Socks are only compulsory if wearing shorts.
- A choice of shorts/leggings/ tracksuit bottoms. Any plain black leggings or tracksuit bottoms from any shop can be worn. Logo only allowed if cannot be seen - i.e. polo shirt will cover.
- OBA branded hoodie is optional. However, if a warm top is to be worn, it must be the branded hoodie.



Dare to Shine

An OBA Student

Is

- Hardworking
- Ambitious
- Positive
- Polite
- Respectful
- Considerate
- Resilient
- Punctual
- Pro-active
- Accepting of others

Has

- Excellent attendance and punctuality to school
- Impeccable behaviour scores
- An outstanding work ethic

Does

- Dare to shine
- Works hard in all lessons
- Completes homework and online learning promptly
- Wears correct school uniform with pride
- Brings the correct equipment to school
- Follows the academy rules
- Always tries their best
- Encourages others to achieve
- Speaks to staff to raise any issues or concerns

Lucere Aude



Year 7 Advice

Hear it from the people who know best!

What our current Year 7 students like best about the academy and their advice for starting at OBA!

Always tell someone if you have any worries like your Form Tutor, Pastoral Manager, Head of Year, Teachers, SLT and friends.

Gracie B

Don't be scared, it's a very fun place and everyone is nice

Shania W

Try and be friendly with everyone

Toby G

Be kind and respectful to the school/teachers/students.

Sienna F

Concentrate and do all your work.

Liam F

Make sure that you always look smart, tuck your shirt in and wear black school shoes!

Liam W

Always do your homework so you don't get detentions!

Ellie W

Just do your best and be good!

Tia I

You will not regret coming to Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy. Our school is so caring and we have the best teachers by far, you will get such a good education here at OBA. I haven't had a full year of year seven yet but I love this school. OBA is where I have met loads of my new friends and I will always be grateful for that. You will get that chance to make new friends just like I have. The thing I will be the most grateful for is the teachers and how much they have taught me and now it's your turn to appreciate the teachers for how much they are going to do for you. I can tell you so much about how great this school is but we will be here forever. OBA is the reason I am who I am today.

Tianna G

Don't worry about finding your way around because it doesn't take long.

Mollie P

Always be kind!

Lilly W

My favourite thing about OBA is...

The food options, the wraps are the best tasting things in the world!

Daniel M

The teachers plan such great lessons. Every teacher is so kind and caring and they want the best for you.

Gracie B

PE because it is fun

Toby G

I love how the teachers are so kind and supportive.

Chloe D

All the teachers are helpful and will always support you. There is always someone there for you at any time.

Adam M

The teachers are all so friendly and it just makes coming to school fun!

Taylor N

All of the people because they are kind!

Amelia C

The enrichments because they are really fun.

Evie-Marie F

Getting to meet new people

Bethany S

The students are well cared for and they have a good education because of the teachers.

Nancy R

We get to do fun things like dissect things in science and go on trips

Tia I

Learning and making new friends

Olivia H

Getting to see my friends and the opportunity to do new things, such as science experiments

Oliver H

When we do PE because you get to play football and more sports that are fun.

Luke T

All the kind teachers because they will always help and listen to you!

Lennon W

Dinner time because you get to eat and see your mates from other forms

Eneas G

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

We know that right now, you are probably feeling a mix of nerves and excitement about starting at the academy. Don't worry – so is everyone else! We know that you will have a lot of questions about your new school so we have answered some of the ones we get asked a lot here.

What will happen if I get lost?

During your first few days in Year 7 there will be lots of people in the corridors helping you to your lessons but if you get stuck, just speak to a member of staff or an older student and they will take you to where you need to be.

Will I get into trouble if I am late for my lesson?

Your teachers know that it will take you a bit of time to get used to the academy and they will understand if you are a little late whilst you are finding your way around in the first week.

Is it true that you get your head flushed down the toilet?

No, definitely not! This is a rumour that has been going around for years and if you ask any member of staff or any of the older students, they will tell you it has never happened!

I am worried about being bullied. What will happen if I am?

Bullying of any kind is NOT acceptable at the academy. If you feel worried or upset about the way that someone is treating you then it is really important to tell someone. In school, there are lots of people you can talk to. i.e. your Form Tutor, Head of Year, Pastoral Manager, a teacher or any other member of staff that you feel confident talking to. As soon as we know about a problem, we can help you to deal with it.

When can I go to the toilet?

Students are encouraged to go to the toilet at break and lunch time rather than lesson time (unless they have a medical pass) so that learning time is interrupted as little as possible.

What food options are there?

Students who arrive in school before 8.15am are allowed a free breakfast. Breakfast includes cereal, toast, fruit, bacon, sausages and hot drinks.

At break time you can buy toast, cheese-on-toast, bacon and egg muffins, bagels, bacon barmes and fruit juice.

The canteen is split into different serving areas and at lunch time these areas all serve different types of food.

Lunch options include; Roast Dinners, Spaghetti Bolognese, Noodles, Curry and Rice, Pasta, Chicken Wraps, Pizza, Jacket Potatoes, Salads, Sandwiches, Panini's, Fruit, Yoghurts and a tasty selection of homemade cakes!

Meal Deal _____ £2.50

(This meal deal includes a hot meal, a small cake/biscuit and a drink)

Toast _____ £0.25

Cheese on a mini baguette £0.45

Pizza slice _____ £1.00

Jacket potato & filling _____ £1.80

Cakes & biscuits _____ £0.70

Fruit pot _____ £0.90

Large piece of fruit _____ £0.40

Drinks _____ from £0.25

Cold pasta & chicken salad _ £1.80

Hot chicken curry rice/pasta £1.80

Chicken wrap _____ £1.80

Chicken burger _____ £1.80

Deli subs _____ from £1.80

Sandwiches _____ from £1.80

How do I pay for my snack/lunch?

Parents/Carers add money to your online school lunch account. You will

have your fingerprint taken during your first week at school and then use your fingerprint to pay for any food/drink you buy in the canteen.

How many lessons do we have per day?

5 lessons per day. You will also have a form period each morning.

How long is each lesson?

Each lesson is 1 hour long.

How many break times are there?

There are 2 break times. 20 minutes in the morning for break and 30 minutes for lunch.

How many people will be in my class?

Approximately 25 people.

How many people will be in Year 7?

180 people!

Will I still see my friends from primary school?

Yes, if you are coming from a primary school where some of your friends are also coming from then we will try our best to place you in a form with someone you know. Some of these friends might also be in your lessons, but either way you will still be able to meet up with them at break and lunchtime.

I do not know anyone who goes to Bolingbroke Academy - Will I make new friends?

Yes - making new friends is one of the most exciting things about starting high school! There are lots of opportunities to make new friends as you will be with different people in your lessons, PE groups and after school clubs. Try to remember that there will be lots of other people just like you who feel shy and nervous and they will all want to make new friends as well!

Are the teachers nice?

Yes! All the teachers at OBA are really nice, friendly and helpful. They are here to support you and help you to succeed. All your teachers



will ask of you, is that you try hard and do your best.

How many different teachers will I have?

Approximately 12 – you will have a different teacher for each of your subjects.

What is a Form Tutor?

A Form Tutor is the person who registers you in the morning. They monitor your attendance and punctuality, read with you and make sure you are set up for the day ahead. You will have the same form tutor throughout your time at the academy so they will get to know you really well. You can talk to your form tutor about any worries or problems you may have.

What is a Pastoral Manager?

A pastoral manager works with your Form Tutor and Head of Year to help with any day to day support you may need.

What is a Head of Year?

Every year group has a Head of Year. This person will stay with you as your Head of Year until you reach Year 11. They look after all the day to day issues concerning students in their year group. They provide

support as well as being responsible for monitoring students attendance, punctuality and behavior. The Head of Year 7 2021 is Miss McKeivitt and she is really excited to meet you!

If I am late for school – will I get a detention?

Punctuality is a very important part of life at OBA and if you are late without a valid reason then you will receive a consequence (i.e. a detention at lunch time or at the end of the day). It is really important that you arrive in school for 8.30am every day because when you are late you miss important learning time. Form time sets you up for the rest of the day and if you are late you might miss vital information you need to know.

Will I get lots of homework?

Homework is spaced out throughout the week so that you have enough time to do it. Your homework is an important part of your learning and therefore it is important that it is completed properly and on time.

Are there any after school clubs?

Yes, there are lots! After school clubs at OBA are called 'Enrichment' and they run after school between

3.00pm and 4.00pm. Enrichment activities include; football, netball, rowing, drama, music, dance, cooking, science, chess, fitness and archeology.

Will we have assemblies?

Yes, you will have an assembly every week with everyone else in Year 7. Year group assemblies give important messages about key topics. You will also have an assembly every half term with everyone else in your house. House assemblies are linked to competitions!

What if I am feeling shy and nervous?

Don't Worry!

It is completely normal to feel shy and nervous as everything is new to you. Just remember that everyone else is feeling the same way as you, even if they are not saying so! Hopefully the comments and stories you have read in this booklet from our current year 7 students show you that you have nothing to worry about!

We look forward to seeing you at OBA soon!



OBA is the place to be this summer!

One of the best ways you will get to know the academy and start to make friends before September is by attending the OBA Summer School.

**Monday 9th - Friday 13th August
9:30am - 3:00pm**

Activities

Activities: Maths and English lessons, Multi-Sports (Including football, Bubble Footie, Retro Sports, Volleyball and basketball), Trampoline, Climbing Wall, Inflatable Assault Course, Cooking, Science, Dance, Drama, Technology and Archaeology!

You will have the chance to meet teachers, make new friends, have fun and try something new!

You can sign up for summer school via the booking form on the academy website or by collecting a hard copy from the academy reception.



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