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# Welcome



I am very proud to be the Principal of Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy (OBA). Our motto *Lucere Aude* - 'Dare to Shine' is at the heart of everything we do and truly reflects what we hope for, for all of our students. We want our students to excel and gain the confidence to be whatever they want to be, regardless of background or circumstances. We want to build ambition and a determination to succeed; students leave us as forward-thinking young adults who have the skills and knowledge to make informed choices and live a successful and rewarding life.

We offer fantastic opportunities for students to gain the qualifications they need to be successful. Our talented, hardworking and committed staff provide individual care and attention while also challenging students to achieve their goals.

At OBA everyone is valued; students work hard but also make the most of the enrichment opportunities on offer to develop them as well-rounded young adults ready to face their future with courage. We want to ensure that our students can go to university or can enter the world of work with a choice of career pathways ahead of them. I believe that the opportunities and unique pastoral support available are also very special and can transform lives. OBA is truly a community school and we are proud of this.

Come and see our facilities and find out how OBA can support you through the next stage of your education. I look forward to meeting you at one of our open events. It is your time to shine.

**Kathryn Evans**  
Principal

**Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy**  
Supplementary information  
2021 – 2022

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# The Team

Mrs K Evans – Principal

Mr D Jones – Chair of Governors

## Senior Leadership Team

Miss D Kelly – Senior Vice Principal

Mr G McIntyre – Assistant Principal: Behaviour and Attitudes

Mrs C Fitzgerald – Assistant Principal: Student Progress

Mr J Wynne – Assistant Principal: Curriculum

Mr M Oakes – Assistant Principal: Personal Development

Mr S Fenner – Assistant Principal: Head of Sixth Form

Miss Z Porschke – Associate Assistant Principal:  
Attendance and Student Welfare

Mrs S Snagg – Associate Assistant Principal: Culture

# The Ormiston Bolingbroke Curriculum

We have designed a curriculum to dare our students to shine – to be courageous and to make positive choices that lead to a happy and healthy future. We deliver our curriculum over a one-week cycle. There are 25 lessons per week with 5 lessons and one tutorial period each day. Throughout Key Stage 3 pupils are separated into two broadly equal bands, 'O' and 'B'. Students are set by prior attainment in mathematics, languages and science and in more mixed groups for humanities, physical education and the creative curriculum.

On average we have 26 students per class.

In Years 7, 8 and 9 students study a curriculum of:

- English (5 lessons)
- Mathematics (5 lessons)
- Science (3 lessons)
- Physical Education (P.E.) (1 lesson)
- Geography (1 lesson)
- History (1 lesson)
- Spanish/French (2 lessons)
- Design and Technology (1 lesson)
- Computing and Business (1 lesson)
- Music (1 lesson)
- Art (1 lesson)

- Drama (1 lesson)
- Philosophy and Religious Education (1 lesson)

In Year 10 and 11, students choose a personalised curriculum and are placed into two bands of mixed prior attainment, O and B. The banding is used to increase timetabling flexibility to allow the greatest choice of qualification options delivered by subject specialists.

In Year 10 and Year 11, all students study a core curriculum of:

- English Literature and English Language (5 lessons)
- Mathematics (5 lessons)
- Combined Science (Inc. modules in Biology, Chemistry and Physics) (5 lessons)
- P.E. (Core P.E. is based around essential health and fitness and does not lead to a qualification) (1 lesson.)
- PSHE and Careers (delivered through tutor time and bespoke events.)

Students personalise their remaining curriculum time by selecting further optional qualifications to study at Key Stage 4. We do not limit the curriculum choices for any of our students. All students receive guidance and are able to freely choose to study all available subjects including the English Baccalaureate (EBacc), which is achieved by completing qualification in English, Mathematics, Science, History/Geography and Spanish. Other options such as Separate Science GCSEs in Biology, Chemistry and Physics are also open to all regardless of prior attainment.

Current option choices include:

- Art
- Business Studies (GCSE and BTEC)
- Catering
- Computer Science
- Construction
- Dance
- Drama
- Engineering
- Film Studies
- Graphic Design
- Hair and Beauty
- ICT
- Music
- Philosophy of Religion
- Photography
- Psychology
- Sociology

In Year 12 and 13, we continue to offer a wide range of qualifications that allow our students to progress from their studies at Key Stage 4. There is a comprehensive range of academic A-Levels on offer and a variety of vocational BTEC qualifications as well as opportunity to resit essential qualifications in Mathematics and English. We deliver our personal development and wellbeing curriculum to all years through tutor periods, assemblies and one-off events.

We offer extensive extracurricular enrichment each day in which students have the opportunity to engage with academic intervention and support, and to participate in a wide variety of clubs and groups.

# The House System

At Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy we pride ourselves on our strong pastoral care. We have a two-pronged approach using our house system to run alongside our bespoke year group format.

In 2020 we re-vamped our house system, moving from the traditional five writers we have used since opening in 2010, to four brand new houses based around the night sky. Constellations was chosen following a competition amongst our students and was decided upon due to their links with our motto 'Lucere Aude' – Dare to Shine. Each House has two forms from each year group, the house system runs from Year 7 all the way through to the end of Year 13 and students will remain with their house for their entire school life. There is a full programme of inter-house events and competitions throughout the school year involving all of our faculties, for example our math's magicians, spelling bees, public speaking and sports day to name a few. Below is a more in-depth look at each House.

*To shine is to be the best version of yourself, to have the knowledge and skills that empower you with luminous confidence. Stars shine every night. They are beautiful on their own but are even more powerful within a constellation. By working together, they have guided generations of travellers for as long as humans have walked the Earth.*

**Name - DRACO (The Dragon)**

**Colour – RED**

**Head of House – MISS PORSCHEKE**



DRACO (pronounced DRAY-co) is large but faint constellation always present in the UK Sky - we call this type of constellation circumpolar as they can be found circling around the North Pole. The tail of the dragon wraps around Ursa Minor (the little dipper) and Polaris - the North Star.

## Mythology

Ancient Egyptians identified it as a goddess with the body of a crocodile. In Greek mythology the constellation represents many different dragons. Often said to be ever-vigilant fitting it's circumpolar nature. In one legend the constellation represents Tiamat, an ancient Titan who transformed herself into a dragon in a battle against the Greek gods of Olympus. In the battle Tiamat was defeated by Athena and flung into the heavens above.

**Name – PEGASUS (The Winged Horse)**

**Colour – BLUE**

**Head of House – MR WYNNE**



Pegasus (pronounced PEG-u-sus) can be found in the Autumn/ Winter night sky, It can be located by searching for the faint but large "Great Square of Pegasus". Pegasus is used by astronomers to locate the Andromeda Galaxy - our closest neighbouring galaxy and the source of the oldest and faintest light visible to the naked eye.

## Mythology

In Greek mythology Pegasus was the son of Poseidon and Medusa. Poseidon the God of the sea and horses seduced Medusa, a mortal, in the Temple of Athena. As a punishment Athena covered Medusa's body in scales and turned her hair into snakes! Anyone mortal who looked at Medusa turned to stone. The hero Perseus slew Medusa and Pegasus sprang from her blood up into the heavens where the winged horse carried Zeus' lightning bolts.

**Name – URSA (The Bear)**

**Colour – YELLOW**

**Head of House – MR OAKES**



Ursa (pronounced ER-suh) are two constellations in the night sky. Ursa Major and Ursa Minor are visible throughout the year in the UK. It is a circumpolar constellation that contains Polaris - the North Star - which is approximately above the North Pole and remains relatively still and ever present and is so useful for navigation. Ursa Major the large constellation contains the asterism - recognisable shape - of the plough. The bucket of the plough points to Polaris in the constellation Ursa Minor.

## Mythology

The Great Bear may be the oldest constellation, dating back to a Paleolithic bear cult 50,000 years ago. In Greek mythology, Ursa Major is identified with Callisto, a renowned huntress who was transformed into a bear by Zeus' wife Hera.

**Name – ORION (The Hunter)**

**Colour – GREEN**

**Head of House – MRS FITZGERALD**



Orion (pronounced oh-RYE-un) is one of the most easily identifiable constellations. Orion is one of the few constellations that is visible from everywhere on Earth. It is visible in the UK in the winter months from October through to April by looking south. Orion contains more bright stars than any other constellation and it also contains the sky's brightest stellar nebular - the birthplace of new stars - located just below "Orion's Belt" on the celestial equator.

## Mythology

Although there is no central account of Orion's life in Greek mythology, stories about Orion are woven into many Greek legends. In one myth, Orion boasted that he was such a great hunter that he was a match for any beast. The goddess Hera decided to teach him a lesson and sent a tiny scorpion (Scorpio) to sting him. Orion crushed the scorpion, but only after he was fatally stung. The pair were both placed in the sky as a reminder of the cost of hubris. Canis Major and Minor - to other prominent constellations - are said to be Orions hunting dogs, while Taurus - another constellation - is said to be his quarry.

# Academy Day

| Year 7            |                                      |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 8.30am – 9.00am   | Registration and Tutor Time/Assembly |
| 9.00am – 10.00am  | Lesson 1                             |
| 10.00am – 10.20am | <b>Break</b>                         |
| 10.20am – 11.20am | Lesson 2                             |
| 11.20am – 12.20pm | Lesson 3                             |
| 12.20pm – 12.50pm | Lesson 4a                            |
| 12:50pm – 1:20pm  | <b>Lunch</b>                         |
| 1.20pm – 1.50pm   | Lesson 4b                            |
| 1.50pm – 3.00pm   | Lesson 5                             |
| 3.10pm – 4.00pm   | Enrichment                           |

| Years 8, 10 and Sixth Form |                                      |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 8.30am – 9.00am            | Registration and Tutor Time/Assembly |
| 9.00am – 10.00am           | Lesson 1                             |
| 10.00am – 11.00am          | Lesson 2                             |
| 11.00am – 11.20am          | <b>Break</b>                         |
| 11.20am – 12.20pm          | Lesson 3                             |
| 12.20pm – 1.20pm           | Lesson 4                             |
| 1.20pm – 1.50pm            | <b>Lunch</b>                         |
| 1.50pm – 3.00pm            | Lesson 5                             |
| 3.10pm – 4.00pm            | Enrichment                           |

| Years 9 and 11    |                                      |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 8.30am – 9.00am   | Registration and Tutor Time/Assembly |
| 9.00am – 10.00am  | Lesson 1                             |
| 10.00am – 10.20am | <b>Break</b>                         |
| 10.20am – 11.20am | Lesson 2                             |
| 11.20am – 12.20pm | Lesson 3                             |
| 12.20pm – 12.50pm | <b>Lunch</b>                         |
| 12:50pm – 1.50pm  | Lesson 4                             |
| 1.50pm – 3.00pm   | Lesson 5                             |
| 3.10pm – 4.00pm   | Enrichment                           |



# School Uniform and P.E. Kit Requirements

| Boy's Uniform Items   |
|---|
| Grey School Blazer  |
| White shirt (long or short sleeve but not open neck)                |
| House Coloured Tie  |
| <i>*A tie is provided for Year 7 students</i>                       |
| Black Tailored Trousers   |
| Black or Dark Grey Socks  |
| Black School Shoes (leather or leather-look, no trainers or canvas) |
| Grey School Jumper (optional)                                       |

| Girl's Uniform Items  |
|---|
| Grey School Blazer  |
| White shirt (long or short sleeve but not open neck)                              |
| House Coloured Tie  |
| <i>*A tie is provided for Year 7 students</i>                                     |
| Black Tailored Trousers, Skirt or Pinafore (suitable school style knee-length)    |
| Black Socks or Plain Black Tights   |
| Black School Shoes (Leather or leather-look, no trainers, heels, boots or canvas) |
| Grey School Jumper or Cardigan (optional)   |

| P.E. Kit   |
|--|
| 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 |
| A choice of OBA branded hoodie or sweatshirt. Hoodie or sweatshirt is optional. However, if a warm top is to be worn, it must be one of these  |
| Trainers   |
| Football boots (recommended)   |

# Term Dates

## Term and holiday dates 2021/2022

| Term        | Open for Students  | Closes for Students   |
|-------------|--|-----------------------|
| Autumn 2021 | Thursday 02 September – For Year 7 and 12                                |                       |
|             | Friday 03 September – For all year groups                                |                       |
|             |  |                       |
|             | <b>Half Term:</b> Monday 25 – Friday 29 October 2021                     |                       |
|             | Monday 01 November   | Thursday 26 November  |
|             | <b>Inset Days:</b> Friday 26 – Monday 29 November 2021                   |                       |
|             | Tuesday 30 November 2021   | Wednesday 22 December |
|             | <b>Christmas Holiday:</b> Thursday 23 December – Tuesday 04 January 2022 |                       |
| Spring 2022 | Wednesday 05 January   | Thursday 17 February  |
|             | <b>Inset Day:</b> Friday 18 February 2022                                |                       |
|             | <b>Half Term:</b> Monday 21 – Friday 25 February 2022                    |                       |
|             | Monday 28 February   | Friday 01 March       |
|             | <b>Easter Holiday:</b> Monday 04 – Monday 18 April 2021                  |                       |
|             | <b>Inset Day:</b> Tuesday 19 April 2022                                  |                       |
| Summer 2022 | Wednesday 20 April   | Friday 29 April       |
|             | <b>Bank Holiday:</b> Monday 02 May 2022                                  |                       |
|             | Tuesday 03 May   | Friday 27 May         |
|             | <b>Half Term:</b> Monday 30 May – Friday 03 June 2022                    |                       |
|             | Monday 06 June   | Wednesday 20 July     |

## Inset days

(Staff training days, students not in school):

- Wednesday 01 September 2021
- Friday 26 November 2021
- Monday 29 November 2021
- Friday 18 February 2022
- Thursday 19 April 2022

*All dates are correct as of May 2021 but may be subject to change in relation to Covid-19 circumstances.*

## Key information

List of polices can be found on the academy website – [www.ormistonbolingbrokeacademy.co.uk](http://www.ormistonbolingbrokeacademy.co.uk)

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