



A STUDENT GUIDE TO TRANSITION 2023

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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 Dates

Monday 3rd July (8.45am – 2.45pm) – Induction Day 1

Tuesday 4th July (8.45am – 2.45pm) – Induction Day 2

Tuesday 4th July (4.30pm – 6.30pm) – Induction Evening – A chance for parents to meet form tutors and other key staff.

Wednesday 5th July (8.45am – 2.45pm) – Induction Day 3

(Please note that students make their own way to and from the academy on induction days as per travel arrangements decided by individual families)

Summer School – W/C 21st August – More details to follow!

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.



Mr Crawley

Transition Lead



Mrs Snagg

Senior Link for Year 7



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 and 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 four houses which are each 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

Form	8.30am - 9.00am (Gates open at 8.25am)
Lesson 1	9.00am - 10.00am
Lesson 2	10.00am - 11.00am
Break	11.00am - 11.20am
Lesson 3	11.20am - 12.20pm
Lesson 4	12.20pm - 1.50pm
Lunch	30-minute lunch break during this period
Lesson 5	1.50pm - 3.00pm



Example Timetable

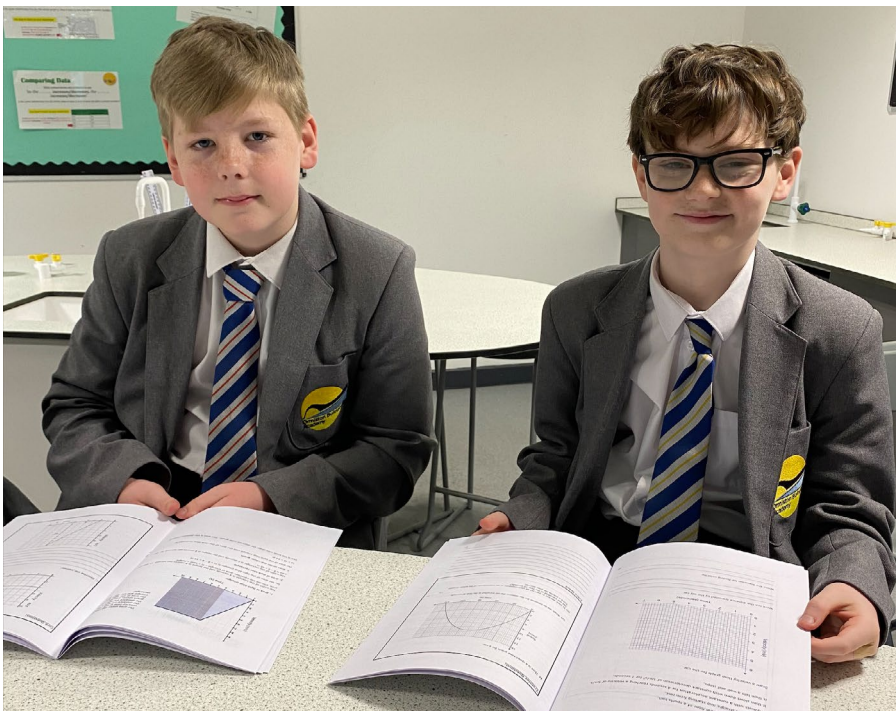
You will be given a timetable which tells you where you need to be and when during the school day. This is what a timetable looks like.

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**



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	
Mon:1 History AFR	Tue:1 English RRS F018	Wed:1 Spanish PDN G009	Thu:1 English RRS F041	Fri:1 RE SDN F009	Day and Lesson number
Mon:2 Science KWT	Tue:2 Maths ATR G026	Wed:2 Drama GQN F034	Thu:2 Art VHS Q202	Fri:2 English RRS G003	Teachers' initials
					Subject
					11am Break
Mon:3 Maths ATR F034	Tue:3 Dance LPR F034	Wed:3 Computing Science CRA G005	Thu:3 Science SEA F021	Fri:3 Science SEA F017	Room Number
Mon:4 English RRS F009	Tue:4 Music HLB F009	Wed:4 English RRS G025	Thu:4 Maths ATR F009	Fri:4 Maths ATR F034	*Tip! F rooms are upstairs and G rooms are downstairs
Mon:5 Pe JKG	Tue:5 Tech JFY SH2	Wed:5 Maths ATR G001	Thu:5 History AFR F034	Fri:5 Geography NCN F018	



Threshold – Arrival to lessons

You will be greeted by your teacher at the beginning of each lesson. You must respond to your teachers greeting

“Good morning, Sir or Mr Fenner”

“Good afternoon, Miss or Miss Porschke”

In addition, you could ask your teacher the following:

“How is your day, Miss?”

“Thank you, Sir” if you are given a compliment.

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.

Outdoor coats must be removed on entry to the academy. Coats must not be worn inside school.

White shirt

Black trousers, black skirt (knee length and suitable style) or black pinafore

Dark grey, black, or white socks

Plain black tights

Black school shoes (no boots/trainers)

School Specific

Grey blazer with school logo

School Tie (House colour) Tie must be worn full length

Grey V-necked school jumper or school cardigan.



Jewellery and Accessories

Jewellery is strictly limited to a pair of small plain stud earrings. The following are NOT allowed:

- Rings/bracelets or necklaces
- Makeup/false eyelashes
- Nail varnish, false/acrylic, or gel nails
- No coloured/jewelled bows/clips.
- Please note that hair colour must be natural. No extreme colours/styles will be permitted.
- Headphones/EarPods must not be worn during the school day.

OBA PE Kit Options

- OBA branded polo shirt is compulsory for all.
- Astro turf trainers are 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 provided the logo cannot be seen.
- A plain black top can be worn underneath the polo top if it is cold.



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!

If you don't understand something, then ask the teacher to go through it again as you won't be the only person struggling.

Evie L, 7B

Be confident and be yourself.

Amber G, 7C

Always keep your timetable on you in case you forget what lesson you are in.

Sienna F

Make a good impression and try to be the best you can be in lessons.

Thomas, M 7D

Try and get into a sports team so you can represent OBA!

Alex N, 7D

Be well behaved in all your lessons.

Millie P

Be confident in your lessons and your work.

Tia I

Don't be scared. It may be nerve wracking at first but you will soon get used to it.

Daisy G

Don't give up and keep on trying your best in lessons.

Cody W

Don't run to the canteen and always be kind to each other.

Olivia G

Be confident and be yourself

Millie P

Be respectful!

Derek-Daniel C

Don't be silly just to impress your friends!

Imogen G

Behave and listen to the teachers!

Nicholas P

My favourite thing about OBA is...

The Astro because you can play football on it at lunchtime.

Kieran A

Form because everyone is silent when we read and then we discuss the book and it's fun to hear what people's thoughts and opinions are.

Evie L

The teachers because they are so nice and polite and will always help you.

Sophie H

The after-school opportunities because you can choose to do things like football and gym club

Luke A

Lunchtime because the food is great!

Peyton B

The teachers because they are supportive.

Ollie P-P

The after-school clubs because you get to do your favourite things with your friends.

Caleb L-P

My friends because they make me happy and make my school life more fun.

Brooke M

The teachers because they are kind and help when you are stuck with work.

Jacob W

All the enrichments because there are multiple options to choose from and there is something for everyone.

Scarlett H

Dance and Art because you can express your feelings.

Kaden B

The teachers because you can go to them if you need anything.

Emily-Grace F

The teachers because they are kind and friendly and always there to help when you need it.

Derek-Daniel C

Tech lessons because they give us creative freedom!

Ethan 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?

A bell rings to signal the end of a lesson. You then have 5 minutes to get to your next lesson. By the time the bell rings again after these 5 minutes, you must be in lesson. If you arrive after this time, you will be issued with a 20 minute late to lesson detention. However, 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?

We offer free breakfast to all students from 8:25 onward which includes toast and fruit juice. You will be asked to eat this before entering the building.

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?

All students have breaktime together at 11.00am. Food items available include bacon/sausage barmes, cheese on toast, toast and pan au chocolat.

How many people will be in my class?

Approximately 25 people.

How many people will be in Year 7?

Approx 150!

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 day-to-day issues concerning students in their year group. They provide support as well as being responsible for monitoring students attendance,

Break and Lunch Options

Prices as of January 2023

Break	Price		
Toast	£0.35	Jacket Potato	£1.00
Cheese on Toast	£0.40	Jacket Potato 1 Fill	£1.40
Pain Au Chocolat	£0.60	Jacket Potato 2 fill	£1.80
Bacon/ Sausage Barm	£1.20	Pizza Slice	£1.20
Lunch	Price		
Sandwich (Ham, Cheese, Tuna, Egg)	£1.60	Pasta/ Rice & Sauce	£1.50
Sandwich (Ham & Cheese, Filling & Salad, Tikka, Chicken & Bacon, BLT, Chicken Mayo)	£1.70	Pasta/ Rice Main	£1.80
Roll/ Baguette	£1.80	Pasta/ Rice Portion	£1.00
Salad Pot	£2.00	Chicken Curry Portion	£0.80
Panini	£1.80	Dessert	Price
Boiled Egg	£0.60	Small Cake/ Biscuit	£0.50
Chicken Wrap/ Bun	£1.80	Large Cake/ Biscuit	£0.80
Chicken Portion	£1.40	Cake & Custard	£1.00
Vegan Wrap/ Bun	£1.80	Fruit Portion	£0.50
Vegan Portion	£1.40	Yoghurt	£0.50
Chicken Nuggets	£1.60	Drinks	Price
Cold Wrap	£1.80	Juice Carton (Apple / Orange)	£0.50
Daily Special Meal	£1.80	Milkshake (Banana, Chocolate, Strawberry)	£0.50
		Juice Burst (various flavours)	£0.80
		Radnor Fizz (various flavours)	£0.80

punctuality, and behaviour.

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 20-minute detention at the end of that same day. 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 between subjects to give you time to complete it. Your homework will often be set on a free app called Edulink. When you are set up on the academy system, you will be able to log into Edulink via the app or browser using your school details.

Username:

surnameforename@ob-ac.co.uk

Password: Use the same password

you usually use to log into school.

For any difficulties logging in please contact passwords@ob-ac.co.uk

Students are welcome to remain in school and receive support and computer access each afternoon after school until 4pm in our library.

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!



**Week Commencing
Monday 21st August
More details to follow!**



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