
Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers

As the last day in school for students is Wednesday 19th July 2023, before the Summer holidays begin, we have decided to allow students to attend school in their own clothes on this day.

We are asking for a small voluntary contribution of a minimum of £1.00 for taking part in non-uniform day. This money will go towards an LGBTQ+ workshop to educate students. To make this donation, please visit the School Gateway App.

Please consider appropriate clothing for this day as it is still a normal school day.

School will close for all students at 12:30pm on Wednesday 19th July 2023.

I would also like to take this opportunity to make you aware of some key information in preparation for the new academic year.

Pastoral Structure

Due to several internal promotions and maternity covers our pastoral team has had a re-structure. The team for September 2023 is attached at the end of this letter.

If your child's form group is one of the ones that has been affected, you will receive an additional letter in the coming weeks to confirm who their new tutor is. Please be reassured that changes have been made thoughtfully by pastoral staff and a wide range of factors have been considered before placing students in a particular new group.

If you have any questions relating to this re-structure, please contact your child's Head of Year to discuss.

Uniform and Equipment

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you, well in advance, of our uniform and equipment requirements for September. We are very proud of our school uniform at OBA and believe its smart appearance reflects the high standards we set for our students in terms of learning, attitude, and behaviour. As part of this, we have strict expectations that ensure consistency for all.

Most students wear our uniform correctly and with pride and sincere thanks go to those students. There are a small minority of students who do not always uphold our high standards and therefore I thought it would be useful to include a detailed summary below. Please note that these expectations are not new, but we are reinforcing them for everyone's clarity.



Academy Uniform	Academy PE Kit
White Shirt	OBA branded polo shirt is compulsory for all.
Black Trousers / Black Tailored School Shorts/ Black Skirt / Black Pinafore <i>*Skirts and pinafores must be knee length and of a suitable style/ Jersey, tube, gym, and pencil skirts are not permitted.</i>	A plain black top can be worn underneath the polo top if it is cold.
Dark grey, black, or white socks	Sports socks are only compulsory if wearing shorts.
Tights can be black, dark grey or neutral.	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.
Black school shoes <i>*Trainers, pumps and heels are not permitted</i>	Astro turf trainers are compulsory for all.
School Specific	Trainers are required.
Grey blazer with school logo	<i>*There are specific Astro turf boots available that can be worn indoors – if your child has a pair of these then they will not require trainers.</i>
School tie (House colour) <i>*Tie must be worn full length</i>	
Grey v neck school jumper or school cardigan	

From September, skirts and pinafores must be of an appropriate length. As a guide this should be at, or just above, the knee. I accept that, more recently, this may not have been brought to your attention or proactively applied consistently across the school. This must change to ensure the standard of dress is observed by all. It is parents' responsibility to ensure that the correct length is purchased. It is the student's responsibility to ensure they are worn correctly and not rolled/hitched up.

As always, school trousers are a viable alternative.

I must stress that any student who returns with a skirt/pinafore of an inappropriate length will not be allowed to attend lessons and the behaviour policy will be invoked immediately.

Hair, Make-up, Jewellery and Accessories

The expectations regarding this are very clear but please be reminded that:

- No false/acrylic/gel nails or varnish is allowed
- Brows must be natural
- Hair should be a natural colour - *extreme colours/styles and accessories are not permitted*
- False eye lashes are not permitted
- The only jewellery that is permitted is one pair of silver or gold small studs.

Shoes – Please see attached guide.

- Shoes should be plain, black school shoes.
- Trainers, pumps and heels are not permitted.

Coats

Outdoor coats must be removed on entry to the academy.

Equipment

Here is the basic list of essentials:

- School bag – *handbags are not permitted*
- Pencil case
- 2 black or blue ball point pens
- 2 HB pencils
- Eraser
- Pencil sharpener
- 30cm ruler
- Purple biro

Once again, thank you for your support in upholding our standards. It is an important part of our overall behaviour strategy, and it supports our students in being ready for the world of work where uniform is expected across a range of sectors. Sometimes, parents and students question our attention to detail and ask how uniform impacts on learning. The answer to that is simple:

The uniform creates a unique sense of OBA identity. The uniform ensures everyone is equal. Wearing a uniform makes everyone feel that they are 'at work' and it impacts positively on attitudes to learning.

Thank you, in advance, for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Kathryn Evans
Principal

Pastoral Team – September 2023

	Draco Mrs Porschke		Pegasus Mr Wynne		Ursa Mr Oakes		Orion Mrs Fitzgerald	
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Year 7 HOY: Miss Hulse AHOY: Mr Houslay PM: Miss Kilner SLT Link: Mrs Snagg	Miss Jaynes EJS			Miss Ellis AES	Miss Voss LVS	Miss Royles ARS	Miss Higgins HHI	Mr Walsh JWH
Year 8 HOY: Miss Roberts AHOY: Mrs Shah PM: Miss Kilner SLT Link: Miss Money Penny	Miss Cook ECK	Miss Parkes Russell GPL	Ms Bardolia HBA	Mr Mercer LMR	Mr Ellis CEL		Miss Fenlon LFN	
Year 9 HOY: Mrs Quinn AHOY: Ms Power PM: Mrs Fleet SLT Link: Mr Wynne	Miss Taylor ATR F034	Mrs Norton VNN & Miss Finigan JFN	Miss Clemenc BCN	Mr Smyth SSH		Mr Murray AMY	Mr Crawley DCY	Mr Muldoon AMN
Year 10 HOY: Mrs Fenner / Mr Corcoran AHOY: Miss Carney SLT Link: Mr Oakes	Mrs Martin LMN		Mrs McMaster JMR & Miss Finigan JFN	Miss Mckevitt EMT	Mr Tallant PTT	Miss Riley SRY		Mrs Davies VDS
Year 11 HOY: Miss Harding AHOY: Mr Hulton SLT Link: Mrs Fitzgerald	Mr King JKG	Miss Williams SWS	Mr Short GST		Mr McIntyre GME	Miss Davies JDS	Miss Wainwright KWT	Mr Barratt JBT
	A		B		C		D	
Year 12 HOY: Mrs Diamond SLT Link / Head of 6 th Form: Mr Fenner	Miss Darlington LDN		Mrs Riley GRY		Mrs Johnson BJJ & Mr Easton SEA			
Year 13 HOY: Mrs Foulder SLT Link / Head of 6 th Form: Mr Fenner	Mrs Gibson Glynn CGN		Mrs Perchard JPD		Mr O'Leary MOY			