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Ormiston Academies Trust  
AN OAT ACADEMY

# 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  
2023 – 2024

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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

Mrs C Fitzgerald – Assistant Principal: Student Progress

Mr J Wynne – Assistant Principal: Curriculum

Mr M Oakes – Assistant Principal: Personal Development

Mrs S Fenner – Assistant Principal: Head of Sixth Form

Mrs H Hammond – Assistant Principal: KS3 Behaviour

Miss Z Porschke – Assistant Principal: Inclusion

Mrs S Snagg – Assistant Principal: Culture

Miss S Moneypenny – Assistant Principal: SENDCO

# The Ormiston Bolingbroke Curriculum

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'.

On average we have 26 students per class.

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

- English (4 lessons)
- Mathematics (4 lessons)
- Science (3 lessons)
- Physical Education (P.E.) (1 lesson)
- Geography (2 lessons)
- History (2 lessons)
- 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. 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)
- Philosophy and Ethics (1 lesson – this does not lead to a qualification)
- 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:

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|------------------------------------|--|
| • Animal Care                      | • Graphic Design                                     |
| • Art                              | • ICT  |
| • Business Studies (GCSE and BTEC) | • Music  |
| • Catering                         | • Philosophy of Religion                             |
| • Computer Science                 | • Photography  |
| • Dance                            | • Psychology   |
| • Drama                            | • Separate Sciences (biology, chemistry and physics) |
| • Engineering                      | • Sociology  |
| • Film Studies                     | • Sport  |
| • French                           |  |

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 re-sit 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. 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 PORSCHE**



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 nebula - 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 Orion's hunting dogs, while Taurus - another constellation - is said to be his quarry.

# Academy Day

Year 7	
8.30am – 9.10am	Tutor time
9.10am – 10.00am	Period 1
10.00am – 11.00am	Period 2
11.00am – 11.20am	<b>Break</b>
11.20am – 12.20pm	Period 3
12.20pm – 1.50pm	Period 4 and <b>Lunch</b> (times below)
1.50pm – 3.00pm	Period 5
3.00pm	End of school day/enrichment begins

Years 9 and 11	
8.30am – 9.10am	Tutor time
9.10am – 10.00am	Period 1
10.00am – 11.00am	Period 2
11.00am – 11.20am	<b>Break</b>
11.20am – 12.20pm	Period 3
12.20pm – 1.50pm	Period 4 and <b>Lunch</b> (times below)
1.50pm – 3.00pm	Period 5
3.00pm	End of school day/enrichment begins
3.10pm – 4.00pm	Enrichment

Years 8, 10 and Sixth Form	
8.30am – 9.10am	Tutor time
9.10am – 10.00am	Period 1
10.00am – 11.00am	Period 2
11.00am – 11.20am	<b>Break</b>
11.20am – 12.20pm	Period 3
12.20pm – 1.50pm	Period 4 and <b>Lunch</b> (times below)
1.50pm – 3.00pm	Period 5
3.00pm	End of school day/enrichment begins

Lunch time	
Years 8 and 10	12.20pm – 12.50pm
Years 7, 9, 11 and sixth form	1.20pm – 1.50pm



# School Uniform and P.E. Kit Requirements

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.
<b>School Specific</b>	Trainers are required.  <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>
Grey blazer with school logo	
School tie (House colour) <i>*Tie must be worn full length</i>	
Grey v neck school jumper or school cardigan	

# Term Dates

## Term and holiday dates 2023/2024

Term	Open for Students	Closed for Students
Autumn 2023	Tuesday 05 September – For Year 7	
	Wednesday 06 September – For Year 7, 11, 12 and 13	
	Thursday 07 September – For all year groups	
	<b>Half Term:</b> Monday 30 October – Friday 03 November 2023	
	Monday 06 November	Friday 24 November
	Tuesday 28 November	Monday 27 November
	<b>Christmas Holiday:</b> Friday 22 December – Tuesday 02 January 2024	
Spring 2024	Wednesday 03 January	
	<b>Half Term:</b> Monday 12 – Friday 16 February 2024	
	Monday 19 February	Thursday 28 March
	<b>Easter Holiday:</b> Friday 29 March – Friday 12 April 2024	
Summer 2024	Monday 15 April	
	<b>Bank Holiday:</b> Monday 06 May 2024	
	Tuesday 07 May	Friday 24 May
	<b>Half Term:</b> Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May 2024	
	Monday 03 June	

## Inset days

(Staff training days, students not in school):

- Monday 04 September 2023
- Friday 27 October 2023
- Friday 24 November 2023 – OAT INSET Day
- Monday 27 November 2023
- Thursday 28 March 2024

*All dates are correct as of July 2023.*

## Key information

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

## Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy Sixth Form

For more information about our Academy Sixth Form College, please view our Sixth Form Prospectus using this QR code below.



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