
Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer

The end of the summer term is fast approaching and there are still many activities taking place including trips for all year groups and Sports Day on Friday 12th July 2024.

School will close for all students at 12.30pm on Friday 19th July 2024. School will reopen in September as follows:-

Tuesday 3rd September 2024 Year 7 only @ 8.30am;

Wednesday 4th September 2024 Year 7 only @ 8.30am;

Thursday 5th September 2024 Years 7 – 11 @ 8.30am, Years 12 & 13 @ 10.30am.

Pastoral Structure

There are some changes I wanted to inform you of that will commence in September regarding the current pastoral structure within the academy.

At Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy we have a team of pastoral staff here to support your child's wellbeing and welfare. We strongly believe that for students to achieve their full potential they must feel safe, supported and challenged. As a result of this we have an experienced team who are dedicated to supporting our students and their families.

I am delighted to announce that Mrs Fenner and Mrs Quinn will be taking up new roles within the Academy working as Director of Key Stage. Mrs Fenner will oversee the Key Stage 4 pastoral team and Mrs Quinn Key Stage 3. These exciting new roles will support all students within our Academy to "Dare to Shine". Both Mrs Fenner & Mrs Quinn are keen to continue to build positive relationships with students and ensure the best possible support for all students.

Mrs Hammond will continue in her role as Assistant Principal - Behaviour and Attitudes focusing on embedding our new "Shine" strategy to raise expectations. Due to these internal changes please find the updated pastoral structure for 2024-25.

Pastoral Structure 2024-25

Vice Principal Inclusion: Mrs Porschke

Assistant Principal - Behaviour & Attitudes: Mrs Hammond

Director of Key Stage 4: Mrs Fenner

Head of Year 11: Miss Carney, Assistant Head of Year 11: Mr Hulton

Head of Year 10: Miss Hulse

Pastoral Manager Years 10 & 11: Miss Hughes

Director of Key Stage 3: Mrs Quinn

Head of Year 9: Miss Harding, Assistant Head of Year 9: Mr Ellis

Head of Year 8: Mr Houslay

Head of Year 7: Mr Corcoran

Pastoral Manager Year 9: Miss Hughes

Pastoral Manager Years 7 & 8: Mr Woods

If you would like to discuss the pastoral support available for your child please do contact their Head of Year in the first instance who will be happy to help.

Uniform and Equipment – Please See Attached Guide

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.

As you know, we are committed to creating the best possible learning environment for our students, one where your children are supported to achieve their full potential. Our school uniform is an important part of that; 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. I thought it would be useful to include a detailed summary below.

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 or black v neck school jumper or v neck school cardigan (optional)	

Students are now permitted to wear a black or grey v neck school cardigan or jumper under their blazer.

Skirts and pinafores must be of an appropriate length. As a guide this should be at, or just above, the knee. 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. Skirts are available to purchase at a number of shops and online, but please be aware that it needs to be of an appropriate length; this means knee length or just above the knee and should not be a gym type skirt that is produced for students to wear in PE lessons and is not intended as a school skirt.

As always, school trousers are a viable alternative.

Our uniform supplier for blazers, ties and PE kit is Laserwear. They do sell a range of school skirts and trousers, but they are for a number of different schools and not school specific to our academy. Please refer to the guide for uniform that is acceptable.

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.

As part of the recognition that year 11 are now the oldest year group, we have changed their tie colour to a plain blue. This tie will be issued in September free of charge. We would ask that you donate your child's old tie on the last day of term.

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, should you require any clarification or assistance please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's Form Tutor or Head of Year in the first instance.

Yours sincerely



Kathryn Evans
Principal