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Transition: A Student Guide

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Welcome to Our Academy

Congratulations for gaining a place at Ormiston Chadwick Academy, or as we fondly know it, OCA. OCA is a very happy place where students thrive through the delivery of outstanding teaching and learning and enrichment activities. Here at OCA our standards are very high and we make no apologies for this. We expect all our students to show good self-discipline and respect for each other, the staff and the learning environment. We expect you to leave us with a great set of qualifications and with excellent discipline and character. We want to prepare you fully for life beyond the Academy. For the majority of you, we will expect you to be heading to university. Nobody leaves OCA without a college place, apprenticeship or training opportunity.

High school is all about learning and you will have a fantastic range of subjects which you will study throughout your time with us. We are also very proud of our enrichment programme, which will allow you to access many different opportunities outside of normal school hours. This is a school where you really will be able to realise your potential, enjoy learning and fulfil your ambitions. Our staff are experienced and very friendly, they will make you feel safe and comfortable in your new environment and you will make lasting friendships here.

In Year 9, you will have the chance to sample some GCSE subjects within your mini options. In Year 10, you will start your GCSE courses and therefore have two years to achieve the highest possible grades. This will provide you with a strong foundation for future success and you will be guided on your journey through further and higher education and eventually the world of work. We will help you shape the positive attitudes and behaviours you will need to become active citizens in your local community and beyond.

We are very much looking forward to meeting you all and starting our journey of success.

Welcome to #TeamOCA



Things You Need to Know

The School Day **Lesson Times**

Start	End	Activity
8:25am	9:00am	Form Time
9:00am	10:15am	Lesson 1
10:15am	10:45am	Lesson 2 (First Half)
10:45am	11:00am	Break
11:00am	11:30am	Lesson 2 (Second Half)
11:30am	12:30pm	Lesson 3
12:30pm	1:00pm	Lesson 4 (First Half)
1:00pm	1:30pm	Lunch
1:30pm	2:00pm	Lesson 4 (Second Half)
2:00pm	3:00pm	Lesson 5

Start of the School Day

Join us for a FREE breakfast in the canteen from 8.15am. You can choose from a bacon or sausage barm, crumpets, toast and/or a hot chocolate.

Our school day starts at 8.25am and you must be in your form line at the side of Houghton building by this time.

Lunch Time and Snacks

A 'meal deal' can be purchased from the canteen for £2.50. This offer includes a meal and the choice of either a cake, fruit or yoghurt.

Please note that fizzy drinks/energy drinks are not permitted in school and will be confiscated and disposed of. Disposable plastic bottles of any drink are also not permitted. However, reusable water bottles can be brought in and used.

Subjects You Will Study

These are the subjects you will study and the number of lessons you will have on each of them a week.

English - 4 lessons (set 4 in each band will have 5 lessons)

Maths - 4 lessons

PE - 2 lessons

Science - 3 lessons

Spanish - 2 lessons (set 4 in each band will have 1 lesson)

Sports Science - 1 lesson

Technology - 1 lesson

Art, Drama, Dance, Music, Geography, History, Computing and Philosophy & Ethics - 1 lesson each.

There will also be 1 lesson a fortnight for the Personal Development Curriculum which will be delivered on a rolling programme.

You will have 30 minutes of Morning Enrichment each morning which will include reading and activities around Literacy, Careers and Cultural Capital. One of these morning sessions each week will be an assembly.



Enrichments

Each week day after school there are enrichment sessions that allow you to learn new skills and to meet new people. At OCA, there are over 100 enrichment activities available for you to take part in each week. There is no cost to the vast majority, however some may include a nominal fee, such as, rock climbing. A timetable of all the enrichment activities will be made available to you.

These are a selection of the enrichments available to you from September 2021:

Examples

Sports

Squad football
Netball
Rugby

Performing Arts

Dance
Drama
Music



Technology and Business

Hair and Beauty
Cooking Club
Computing Club

Curriculum

Science Club
Maths and Literacy
Homework Club

My favourite things about OCA are...

...the enrichments because there are so many choices!

...PE because it is fun and the teachers always make the lessons really good.

...the food because it is the best that you've ever tasted!

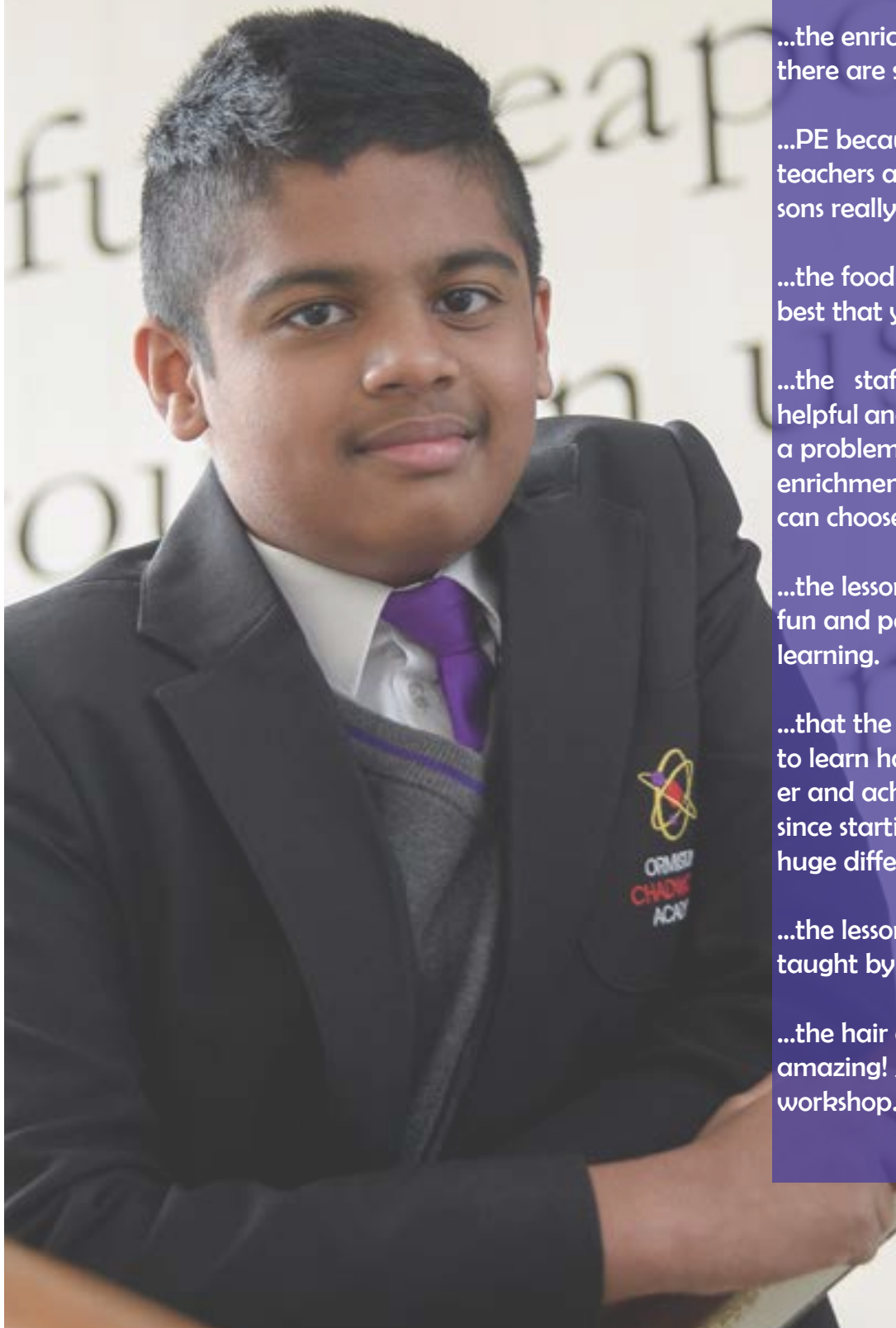
...the staff because they are helpful and kind when you have a problem. I also love enrichment as well because you can choose anything you want!

...the lessons because they are fun and packed with lots of learning.

...that the teachers enable you to learn harder topics quicker and achieve more because since starting, I have noticed a huge difference in my grades!

...the lessons because we are taught by great teachers!

...the hair and beauty salon is amazing! Just like DT and it's workshop.





The last twelve months have been very challenging for all of you. Not only have you had to deal with lockdown, but also leave primary school and prepare to start secondary school. Over the next three pages we would really like to know about you and your experiences of this. We will discuss your responses in September and we will store them away until year 11 to remind us all of this challenging period. Please feel free to add any extra notes or pictures to this section.

♡♡ ALL ABOUT ME ♡♡

I AM

YEARS
OLD

I STAND

INCHES
TALL

SHOE SIZE

MY FAVOURITES

TOY: _____

COLOUR: _____

ANIMAL: _____

FOOD: _____

SHOW: _____

MOVIE: _____

BOOK: _____

ACTIVITY: _____

PLACE: _____

SONG: _____

MY BEST FRIEND/S:

WHEN I GROW UP I WANT TO BE:

DATE: _____



HOW I'M FEELING



HOW MY FACE LOOKS



WORDS TO DESCRIBE HOW I FEEL:

WHAT I HAVE LEARNT MOST FROM THIS EXPERIENCE:

I AM MOST THANKFUL FOR

THE 3 THINGS I AM MOST EXCITED TO DO WHEN THIS IS OVER:

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LETTER TO MYSELF

Date: _____

Dear _____

Yours sincerely _____

Frequently Asked Questions

Question

What happens 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. If you find you have managed to lose the rest of your class and you feel a little bit lost, just speak to a member of staff or an older pupil and they will take you to where you need to be.

Question

What if I get lost and end up being late for my lesson – will I get into trouble?

No! 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. The school seems big at first, but students quickly start to find their way around. Some people are confident that they know their way after a day or two and for others it may take a little longer. After you have been to all your classrooms a couple of times, it will not seem as much like a maze. Think back to when you started at your primary school; back then you probably thought that it was huge and I bet it seems tiny to you now!

Question

Is it true that you get picked on by the older students?

Definitely not! This is a rumour that has been going around for centuries and if you ask any member of staff or any of the older pupils, they will tell you it has never happened!

Question

What happens if I get bullied?

We have a ZERO tolerance policy on bullying at OCA. This means that bullying of any kind is NOT acceptable.

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 such as your Form Tutor, Assistant Head of Year, Head of Year 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. The staff in this school are very experienced in dealing with sensitive situations and treat each situation seriously. Don't be afraid to speak up, we are here to help!

Question

What's the food like?

Fabulous! Our brilliant canteen staff love cooking you a range of different foods; crumpets, bacon barmes, cheese on toast, jacket potatoes, curries, pasta, sandwiches, salads, chicken burgers to name but a few on the menu. If you arrive at school between 8.15am and 8:25am you will get a free breakfast too.

Question

When can I go to the toilet?

Pupils are encouraged to go to the toilet at break and lunch times so that lessons are interrupted as little as possible. However, if you have a medical condition that means you may need to go to the toilet more often, we will issue you with a pass which you will need to show to the teacher.

Question

How many breaks are there?

One morning break of 15 minutes and lunch time which is 30 minutes.

Question

Will I 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 always try and place you in a form with someone you know. Some of these friends might also be in your lessons, but either way you will definitely be able to meet up with them at break, lunchtime and enrichment sessions.

Question

How many different teachers will I have?

You will have about 10 different teachers in your first year but you will get to know many more through enrichment activities and house competitions.

Question

Will I have to go to Enrichment?

All Year 7 students need to choose one enrichment activity to go to each week, you can go to more than one of them if you wish. It is up to you which activity and which night you attend. Enrichment is really important, not just to make new friends and learn new skills but to help you get that dream job. Employers, colleges universities and apprenticeships are increasingly looking for students who 'stand out', who have gone that extra mile and balanced their studies with enrichment activities. When you come to write your applications you will be able to give so many examples because you have attended enrichment for five years.

Question

Do we have assemblies?

Yes. We love assemblies at our school. It's a time where we can get together as a year group or a house, learn and reflect on our cultural capital relevant events and celebrate our successes. This is part of our morning enrichment programme and you will have assembly once a week.

Question

What if I'm shy or nervous?

That's completely normal. Even the brave among you will have butterflies on those first couple of days. It will pass as you get to know us and we get to know you. Once you have had a full week of lessons those nerves will soon start to go away. You will be very happy here.

Advice from Our Pupils

If our pupils could give you one piece of advice about starting at the Academy, it would be...

Don't worry because the older children are all kind and considerate.

If you get lost, don't worry—you won't get told off!

Don't be scared because everything you fear doesn't happen!

Work hard and try your best. Never give up and always be yourself!

Don't be nervous about coming here because everyone is really happy and will help you out. You will meet new friends very quickly.

Don't be afraid to ask someone for help because the staff are very friendly and a great help to you.

Don't be nervous, if you get lost there is always someone around that will help.

Just be yourself and enjoy school because it is great. Everybody is great in their own way!

Don't be scared as you will make lots of new friends!



Additional Notes





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