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Transition: A Student Guide

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Welcome to Our Academy

Congratulations on 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 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



Becoming an OCAER...

Our Vision:

'We will make the biggest difference to the lives of all our students by laying the foundations to encourage a successful future.'

Our Core Values:

We will foster core values of Originality, Community, Aspiration, Excellence and Respect amongst all students ensuring the very highest of standards and expectations.



Subjects You Will Study

These are the subjects you will study and the number of lessons you will have for them per week.

English - 4 lessons

Maths - 3 lessons

Science - 3 lessons

PE - 2 lessons

Spanish - 2 lessons

History - 2 lessons

Geography - 2 lessons

Technology - 2 lessons

Art, Music, Computing, Religion, Philosophy & Ethics and Personal Development - 1 lesson each.

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.



Things You Need to Know

The School Day **Lesson Times**

Start	End	Activity
8:00am	8:30am	Breakfast Club
8:30am	9:00am	Form Time
9:00am	10:00am	Lesson 1
10:00am	10:15am	Break
10:15am	11:15am	Lesson 2
11:15am	12:15am	Lesson 3
12:15pm	12:45pm	Lunch
12:45pm	1:45pm	Lesson 4
1:45pm	2:45pm	Lesson 5
2:45pm	3:00pm	Form
3:00pm	4:00pm	Enrichment

Start of the School Day

Our school day starts at 8:30am. All students must be in their form lines at the side of Houghton building by this time, where they will be greeted by their form tutor and head of year.

Lunch Time and Snacks

A 'meal deal' can be purchased from the canteen for £2.60. This offer includes meal and the choice of either 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.

Free School Meals

If your child receives a Free School Meal they will have £2.60 added to their account automatically each day just before lunch time. Your child might want to bring an extra snack with them or extra money to buy food from the school canteen at break time.

Enrichments

It is our mission to ensure there really is something for everyone!

Some opportunities can include various aspects of Performing Arts such as instrumental lessons, choir and dance. We offer sporting enrichment which includes everything you would traditionally expect (rugby, football, cricket, netball etc. but we also include activities such as rock climbing, orienteering and martial arts. We also offer several accredited enrichments, including our extremely popular Duke of Edinburgh Award at Bronze and Silver level.

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 2023:

Examples

Enrichment – 3:10pm – 4:00pm				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Music Performance (KS4) - C8	Football (Yr7 & 8) - 3G	Lunchtime	Football (KS4) - 3G	Spanish Club (Year 10) - H20
Netball (KS3) - Yard	Girls Football - 3G	Literacy Club	Girls Rugby - Field	
Badminton - Sports Hall	Design Technology (KS3) - C6	Chess & Games - H5	Book to Film club - N3	
Football (KS4) - 36	Choir - C8	Anime Club - iZone	Hegarty Homework - H5	
	Cinema Club (Yr7 & 8) - H17	Football (Yr9) - 36		
	LGBTQ+ - H3	Dyslexia Club (Invite) - iZone		
	Handwriting Skills - iZone	Homework Club - H3		
	Dance - Hall	Ukulele - C6		
		Rugby (KS3) - Field		
		Multi-Sports - Sports Hall		
		Mad About Marvel - iZone		
		STEM Club (KS3) - S18		
		Top Trumps - iZone		
		Dance - Hall		
		Rounders - Field		

School Uniform

Essential Items **Boys**

Black blazer
Gold tie (provided by the school)
White shirt (long sleeve or short sleeve but not open neck)
Black tailored trousers
Black or grey socks
Black school shoes
School jumper (optional)

PE Kit

Purple sports top
Black school shorts
School sports socks
1/4 zip top with logo

Girls

Black blazer
Gold tie (provided by the school)
White shirt (long sleeve or short sleeve but not open neck)
Black skirt or black pinafore in a suitable school style to knee OR black tailored trousers
Black tights, black or grey socks
Black school shoes
School jumper or cardigan (optional)

PE Kit

Purple sports top
Black school shorts
School sports socks
1/4 zip top with logo

Standards and Expectations

We have high standards and expectations at OCA as we know how important this is. You are expected to wear your full, correct uniform each day and to bring the right equipment to every lesson. You can find more information on our uniform policy on our website: www.ormistonchadwickacademy.co.uk



My favourite things about OCA are...

... the opportunities given to you throughout your school journey.

... everyone I have met at OCA have become such a significant part of my life, we are like one big family and you become apart of Team OCA.

... the support you get in amazing. My teachers helped develop my passion and interests and they have encouraged me to take this further once I leave OCA.

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

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

...the staff because they are helpful and kind when you have a problem.

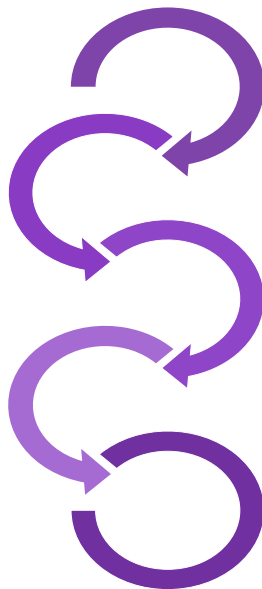
...the lessons because they are fun and packed with lots of learning. The teachers enable you to learn harder topics quicker and achieve more.



Attendance And Punctuality

Students with attendance lower than 85% on average earn £10,000 a year less when they are 30 than the equivalent students whose attendance is over 97%

90% attendance over 5 years sounds good but in reality it means you have missed $\frac{1}{2}$ a year of school



Poor attendance directly affects outcomes to learning, employment opportunities and college chances once the child leaves school

80% attendance equates to one missed day a week

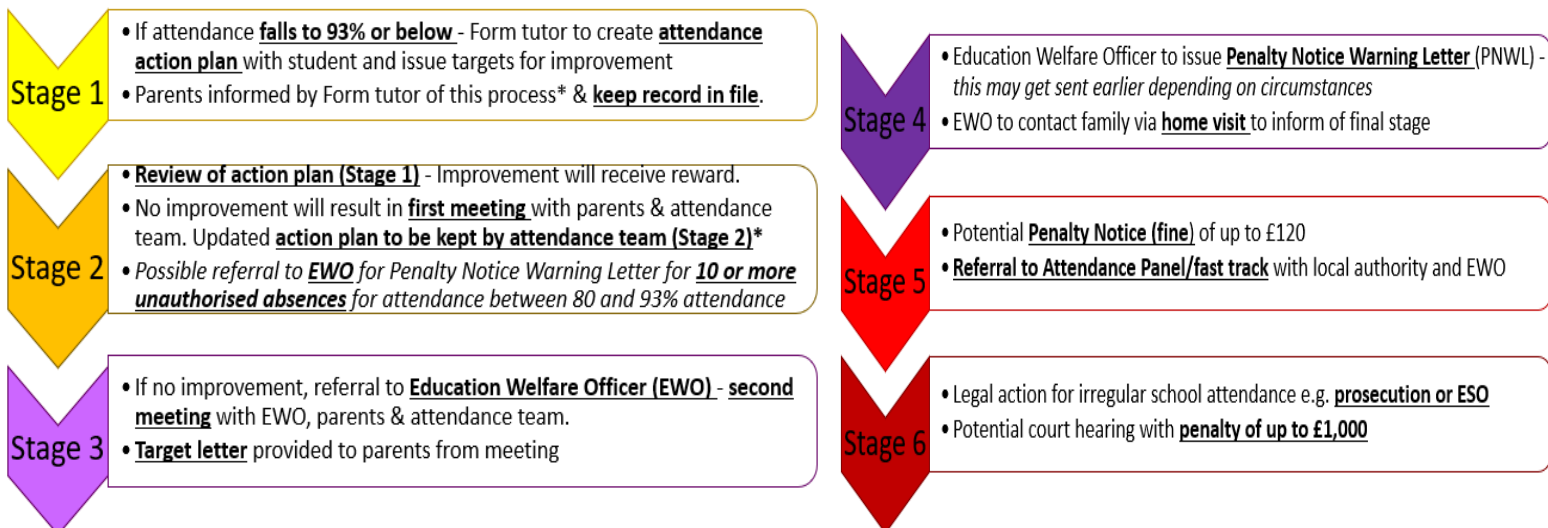
Expectations Attendance

The national figures for attendance at high school are expected to be over 97% for each individual student. If attendance falls below this figure, then a support package will be put in place by OCA to help your child improve their attendance.

Punctuality

The academy's school day starts at 8.30am. Students need to be in their form lines and ready to start their day by this time.

Attendance Strategy





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

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 breaks are there?

We have two breaks a day; one morning break of 15 minutes and a 30 minute lunch.

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, chicken burgers to name but a few on the menu. There are 4 stations including our healthy hub where you can enjoy delicious sandwiches and salads.

You can purchase a meal deal for £2.60.

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.

Question

Is there a house system?

Yes. We are very proud of our house system. Our houses are inspired by inspirational young people, Malala, Simmonds, Parry and Sutton. You will be told your house when you begin in September.



Question

How do I earn rewards?

There are lots of ways you can earn rewards for example attendance, OCAER challenge, subject awards, form awards and many more.



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See our Transition page which has lots of fantastic information, as well as introductions from each department and tasks for you to complete.

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