



ORMISTON ILKESTON ENTERPRISE ACADEMY



Student Transition Booklet

Welcome to OIEA

Dear Student,

Congratulations for gaining a place at Ormiston Ilkeston Enterprise Academy. OIEA as we call it here, is a very happy place. Our standards are very high. 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 OIEA without a college place or apprenticeship.

Our Academy is all about learning and you will have a fantastic range of subjects which you will learn throughout your time with us. We are very proud of our enrichment programme too, which will allow you to access many different opportunities outside of normal academy time. This is an academy 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.

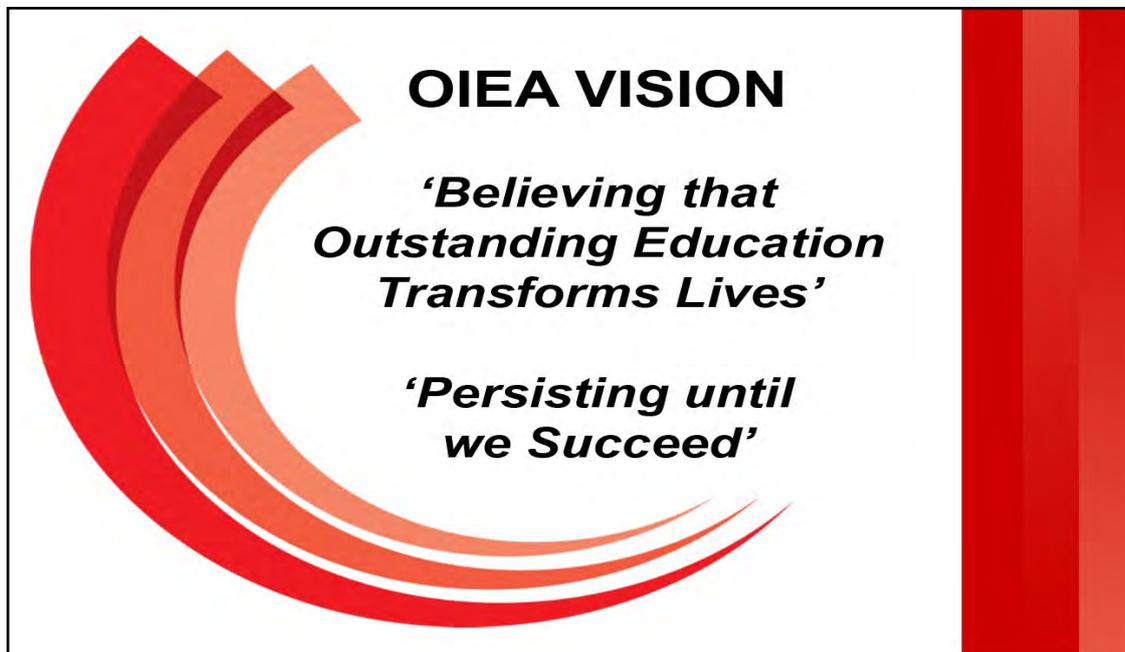
In year 10, you will start your GCSE courses and therefore have two years to achieve the highest possible grades. This will provide you with a strong foundation for future success. You will be guided on your journey to university and the world of work. We will help you shape the positive attitudes and behaviours you will need to become active citizens in your (OIEA) community and beyond.

I am very much looking forward to meeting you all and starting our journey of success.

Mrs S Callaghan
Transition Co-ordinator

Being Part of the OIEA Family

Vision



Our vision is to be a school for the whole community. You will be supported to succeed whatever your ability and background.

You will leave ready for your next steps on to further education and beyond and will understand your role in the local, national and global community.

Core Values

All students and staff will value:

- **Confidence**
- **Resilience**
- **Empathy**
- **Enthusiasm**
- **Challenge**
- **Kindness**

A Typical Day at OIEA

8:30 am – 8:50 am	Form Time
8:50 am - 9:50 am	Period 1
9:50 am -10:50 am	Period 2
10:50 am -11:05 am	Break
11:05 am - 12:05 pm	Period 3
12:05 pm -1:05 pm	Period 4
1:05 pm -1:45 pm	Lunch
1:45 pm -2:45 pm	Period 5
2:45 pm -3:45 pm	Enrichment (time for clubs and homework)

Start your day off in the **right way!**

Join us for breakfast in the canteen from 7:45 am.

Vegan, vegetarian and allergen aware options are available.



Knowledge Organiser

We are using knowledge organisers as our main homework at OIEA.

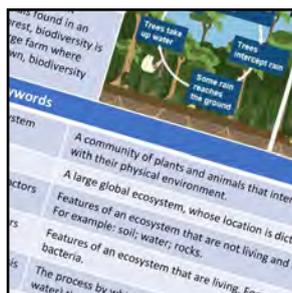
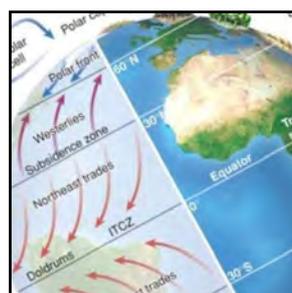
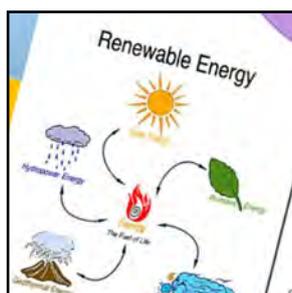
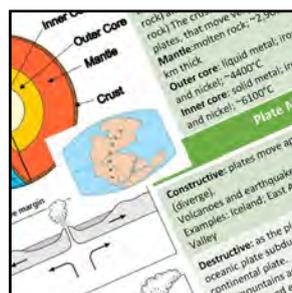
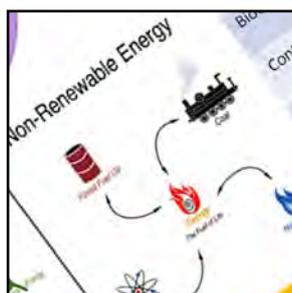
Research has shown by learning key facts and recalling them improves your working memory which helps your long term memory, and therefore helps you make more progress.

You should be quizzing every night as per the homework timetable.

You will then be quizzed in class by you subject teacher.

All homework is set and tracked using Show My Homework (Satchel One). For help when it is time to log on please see: www.oiea.co.uk/student-life/smhw

You can find more details about our homework on our website at www.oiea.co.uk/practical-information/homework/



My Favourite Thing about OIEA is...

...the food because it is the best you have ever tasted!

...*Maths* 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. I love enrichment as well because you can choose anything you want!

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

...*the teachers* because they help me with my work and they are really nice.

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

...the competitions because we get to compete against different classes and it is fun!

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

... the enrichment clubs as there are a range of things to do each day after lessons

...PE because it is really fun and good exercise.

...that I can be myself because the Academy is super cool and I can be myself without worrying about being bullied.

...the teachers because they are all really nice!

... the lessons and the teachers because the lessons are always fun and the teachers help you with any problems big or small.

... music because it is fun and you can take extra music lessons!

...Drama and dance as you get a chance to perform and dance

...Science because you get to do experiments in the labs

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

If I could give you one piece of advice about starting at the academy, it would be ...

To go to enrichment clubs!

Meet new friends and have fun!

Always give 100%.

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

Always be polite and smile. End your sentences with Miss/Sir.

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

Try your very best!

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

Always listen to the teachers!

Just be yourself and enjoy the academy because it is great.

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

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

Everybody is great in their own way!

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

Work hard and enjoy yourself!

Take care of your equipment and do your homework.

Make sure you wear black school shoes not trainers!

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

Just be yourself, learn a lot and have fun!

Practise and learn to be organised the night before school. It really helps especially when you are tired!

Equipment

Each pupil at OIEA is expected to have the following each day:

- **Black, blue and red pen**
- **Pencil**
- **Ruler**
- **Rubber**
- **Bag (this must be big enough to hold A4 folder and A4 books and would benefit from being waterproof if walking to school)**
- **Reading book. (This can be from our library)**
- **Knowledge Organiser. (We provide this in the first week and this supports their revision and homework)**
- **Planner (we will provide this in the first week)**
- **Break / lunch / lunch money (if they bring it to school)**
- **Refillable water bottle (with a secure lid)**
- **PE kit (the PE days will be on their timetable)**
- **Food Tech ingredients (these can be bought on site or brought in on the correct day)**

You may also want to include:

- **a small umbrella (a plastic bag to put it in on rainy days)**
- **A fold up water proof jacket**
- **A bike helmet (if you choose to cycle to the academy)**



Enrichment

At OIEA there are numerous enrichment activities available for you to participate in. There is no cost to the activities and there is no limit on how many you can join in with.

Here are a selection of the enrichments available to you from September 2020:

Football

Fitness Suite

Science Club

Maths

Drama

Cooking Club

Dance

Netball

Art and Crafts

Language Club

Literacy

Music

Homework Club

Film Club

*Enrichment Clubs may differ from the list above subject to government guidance regarding COVID-19.



Literacy Initiative

Literacy at OIEA is very important – knowing how to spell correctly, how to read and write well, and how best to communicate your ideas, thoughts and feelings are all vital life skills!

We love reading! It is something fun and exciting that allows you to escape from the world. By reading, you can join a cast of characters on magical adventures, scale epic mountains laden with monsters, soar above the highest clouds and dive to the deepest, darkest depths of the ocean...all from the comfort of your home or the classroom! Reading should *not* feel like a chore – if it does, you haven't found the right book or genre yet!

Everyone loves stories...do you love fantasy films like Lord of the Rings or Jurassic World? Do you love playing imaginative games on your PS4 or XBOX, and can't wait to get back in that virtual world again? Try reading a fantasy book!

Do you love watching scary films and telling spooky stories to terrify your friends? Try reading a book on zombies or monsters or ghosts!

Love watching a Netflix series about teenagers as they try to battle a supernatural evil? Try reading a book containing aliens and adventures!

You can ask any English teacher or Librarian who will be able to recommend a few favourites!

Everyone loves stories...that's why we watch films, binge-watch TV shows, avidly read comic books and even video games have exciting storylines. All writers of these films, shows and games have studied English and are good at reading – it's how they get their inspiration! So, reading a book is the exact same as loving stories...you just need to find your favoured genre!

In lessons, you will notice that teachers will mark some of your work using pink highlighter...this means there is a literacy-based error or issue you need to fix. Be sure to look out for any pink highlighting in your work and correct the mistake!

Don't know how to fix the literacy mistake? Check the most common errors made by students: capital letter? Spelling? Apostrophe missing or not needed? If in doubt, ask your teacher!

Literacy Initiative

Some of the Literacy strategies we do at OIEA are:

Weekly Literacy Boost lessons – you will have an extra lesson a week (separate lessons from and different to English lessons) focusing on specific literacy skills.

Regular Reading Age Testing and Intervention – every term we will check your reading age. This is not something to worry about but is a way for us to check that you understand the words and passages you read, and ensures we can help you if you need it!

WOW Words (Word of the Week) – you will look at ‘WOW’ words once a week in form time. The WOW words all come from Greek and Latin stems/roots (such as ‘aero-’ or ‘mono-’, for example). We encourage you to challenge yourself and try to make these WOW words part of your daily life and verbal and written responses in class!

DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) – DEAR happens weekly for KS3 on a rotating basis (for example, one week it might be Monday lesson 1, the next week Monday lesson 2, the week after Monday lesson 3, and so on!). DEAR is a class guided reading activity with group discussion.

Book Buzz – all students in Y7 will get a free book, as arranged by the school’s Librarians, Mrs Thornley and Mrs Rushton! We expect you to take good care of this book and read it with pride and pleasure!

Reading Genre Challenge – this is something brand new, launching in September 2020! You will be given a ‘reading passport’ with a list of recommended novels based around the topics and units you will study in English lessons. We consider it a challenge because there are rewards and prizes for a certain number of books read: you can win bronze, silver and gold badges to wear proudly on your blazer!

Writing Competitions – do you consider yourself to be the next J.K. Rowling, a future Poet Laureate or a budding playwright to rival Shakespeare? Our termly writing competitions will be perfect for you to unleash your creativity, share your imagination and win prizes for your ideas and writing ability!

The Writing Revolution – in *all* lessons you will be taught specific ways to write, helping you improve your extended writing skills.

House System

Vision

The house system at OIEA has been designed to complement our vision of a school for the whole community, a school which everyone feels they actively belong to. The houses enable students to build strong relationships within the school and their house community encouraging a feeling of identity and belonging. High standards, a sense of pride, equality, inclusivity and diversity are evident within and between our four houses.

Structure and organisation

There are four houses, each led by a Head of House and linked to member of the leadership team. There are also House Achievement Coordinators who support the Head of House with the pastoral care and academic achievement of each individual student. Every student who attends OIEA is assigned to a house and they remain within it until they leave. Siblings are placed in the same houses.

Students are organised into horizontal tutor groups. Each tutor group is a member of a specific house. Within each house there are student voice representatives who share the views of their year at house meetings.

Ash Head of House - Miss Hughes

Maple Head of House - Mrs Chady/Mr Taylor

Oak Head of House - Mr Henderson

Willow Head of House - Mr Clarkin

FAQs

What is a Form?

When you start at Ormiston Ilkeston Enterprise Academy, you will be placed in a form. If you don't know anybody just yet don't worry as you will start making friends straight away.

You will have a form tutor who will look after you and meet you every morning. Form tutors at our academy take their role very seriously; they know how important it is for you to have someone in academy you can trust and talk too. You will take part in form competitions and represent your form in different events.

What will happen 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 but 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.

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 while you are finding your way around in the first week. The academy 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!

Do we have assemblies?

Yes. We love assemblies at our academy. It's a time where we can get together as a whole year group. We learn and reflect on things together and celebrate our successes. You will have assembly once a week (subject to COVID-19 guidelines).

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

No! Definitely not! This is a rumour that has been going around for years and if you ask any member of staff or any of the older pupils they will tell you it has never happened!

FAQs Continued

What happens if I get bullied?

We have a ZERO tolerance policy on bullying at OIEA. 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 academy, there are lots of people you can talk to: your Form Tutor, Head of House, a teacher 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 academy are very experienced in dealing with sensitive situations and treat each situation accordingly.

Don't be afraid to speak up, we are here to help!

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 frequently, we will issue you with a pass which you will need to show discreetly to the teacher.

What's the food like?

Fabulous. Our brilliant canteen staff love cooking you a range of different foods: bacon baps, roast dinners, jacket potatoes, curries, pasta, sandwiches and wraps, salads, chicken fillet burgers to name but a few on the menu. Vegan, vegetarian and allergen aware options are available.

How many breaks are there?

One break mid morning which is 15 minutes and lunch time which is 40 minutes.

How will I be supported in school?

We have really high expectations for all of our students and believe in your potential to do great things. We are ambitious for you and we want to challenge you to do your absolute best. It is always good to be encouraged and stretched to reach your potential, even if this means that sometimes we ask you to go a little bit outside of your 'comfort zone'. We don't expect you to do this on your own of course! Teachers and teaching assistants will be there every step of the way with you, offering high quality teaching every day and feedback that is individual to you.

FAQs Continued

Will I see my friends from Primary School?

Yes, if you are coming from a primary academy 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.

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.

Will I get lots of homework?

You will get homework. At OIEA you are expected to do 60 minutes (1 subject) per evening during the week. This is checked daily in form. You will also be expected to read at home every night.

Do I have to go to Enrichment?

If you are behind in your subject, you do need to go to the 'enrichment' sessions so you can catch up to where you are supposed to be. All year 7 students need to choose one enrichment activity to go to each week, it's up to you which one and when. You can go to more if you want to, we have many year 7 students who go to enrichment every day after academy. Enrichment is really important, not just to make new friends and learn new skills but to help you get that dream job.

Employers and Universities 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 college applications, you will be able to give so many examples because you have attended enrichment for five years.

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.

Key Staff

Miss Salt - Principal

Mrs Callaghan - Transition Co-ordinator

Mr Forster - Vice Principal

Ash Head of House - Miss Hughes

Maple Head of House - Mrs Chady/Mr Taylor

Oak Head of House - Mr Henderson

Willow Head of House - Mr Clarkin

Jo Stubbs—Designated Safeguarding Lead/Assistant Principal

Mrs Smith - Deputy Safeguarding Officer

Mrs Yeomans - Early Help Officer

Mrs Marriott—SENCO



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