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20<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Dear Families

**RE: START OF NEW ACADEMIC YEAR**

2023/2024 is a very important year for Ormiston Ilkeston Enterprise Academy and it's one we are looking forward to. Please find an overview of the important information you'll need before September.

**When will students return?**

- Year 7's will start the new academic year on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September and must arrive by 08.45.
- Year 11 will start the new academic year on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September and must arrive by 08.45.
- Year 10 will start the new academic year on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September and must arrive by 09.40.
- Year 8's will start the new academic year on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September and must arrive by 08.45.
- Year 9's will start the new academic year on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September and must arrive by 09.40.

All students should arrive via the **West End Gate** entrance on their designated day, at their designated time.

**Timings of the school day**

Other than the first day information shared above, all students should arrive via the **West End Gate** entrance by **08.25**. Students who arrive after **08.25** will be recorded as late and be issued a same day 45-minute detention. The school day will finish at **15.00**.

**What should students wear?**

Students should wear school uniform on their first day but will not have to wear a tie as they will be issued their house tie as part of their morning assembly. Full uniform will be expected every other day. Parents will be able to purchase spare school ties in September via parent pay.

Students' uniforms will be checked as they arrive at school every morning. Those not wearing correct uniform will be provided with spare items from the school's supply in order to rectify the situation and allow students to access their lessons.

A link to our uniform policy is below which provides further information regarding what is and isn't permitted. The most common uniform misdemeanors include incorrect footwear, branded jumpers and inappropriate length skirts.

<https://www.oiea.co.uk/key-info/uniform>

### **Equipment - What should students bring to school?**

To support excellent teaching and learning, we expect all students to come to school with the equipment that they need to learn. The basic equipment that your child will need in September is:

- Black pen x 2
- Red pen
- Pencil
- Highlighter
- 15cm ruler
- White board marker (black)

Equipment will be checked first thing every morning during morning reading. Students without the correct equipment will be issued a behavior point. Three instances of forgotten equipment will result in detention. To avoid this, a stationary store will be in operation every morning as students arrives at school allowing them to purchase equipment at a cost price.

All students will be expected to bring a bag to school every day. This bag must be big enough to hold:

- Pencil case
- Bottle of water
- A4 size exercise book
- PE kit

### **2023/2024 Key Dates**

- Half Term 1: 5<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023 (depending on information above) to 27 October 2023
- Half Term 2: 6 November 2023 to 22 December 2023
- Half Term 3: 8 January 2024 to 16 February 2024
- Half Term 4: 26 February 2024 to 28 March 2024
- Half Term 5: 15 April 2024 to 24 May 2024
- Half term 6: 3 June 2024 to 23 July 2024

### **INSET Days**

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December
- Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May (Bank Holiday)
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June

### **Goodbye, Thank You and Hello**

Several of our colleagues are leaving OIEA this week and it would be remiss of me not to thank them for their hard work and efforts during their time here. The following leave with our very best wishes.

- Miss Gibbons who is returning home to Essex to be closer to family
- Mr Cliffman who is leaving the profession to start a new career.
- Miss Chambers who is returning home to Norfolk to be closer to family
- Miss Wilde who has found a job closer to home, allowing her to spend more time with her family.
- Miss Kirk who is leaving the profession to join the family business.
- Miss Woodhouse who is returning home to Liverpool to be closer to family
- Mr Appiah who has secured employment elsewhere after finishing his fixed term arrangement.

The blow of losing such brilliant members of staff is softened by the quality of new staff arriving. We have invested heavily in expanding the staff team to ensure we don't require day-to-day supply / cover teachers. It is important to us that our students are taught by staff who know them and who always follow the school's rules and routines. Please join me in welcoming:

- Miss Magill (Co-Curriculum Director for Maths)
- Mr Prasad (Lead Teacher for Numeracy)
- Mr Moore (Subject Leader for IT)
- Miss Richardson (Teacher of Science)
- Miss Harrison ((Teacher of Science)
- Mr Legge (Teacher of English)
- Mr Jones (Teacher of Maths)
- Mr Straw (Subject Leader for Design and Technology)
- Miss Kiddell (Teacher of Science)
- Mr Duber (Teacher of Humanities)
- Miss Hawkins (Head of House)

Whilst the end of the academic year means an enjoyable extended holiday for the vast majority of students and their families, we appreciate that this isn't the case for all and that some of our young people struggle with the lack of routine and interaction with familiar faces. Please use the following link to access our safeguarding page which is full of useful information, guidance and support:

<https://www.oiea.co.uk/key-info/safeguarding>

Finally, I wish to thank all parents, students and staff, (indeed the entire school community) for making me feel so welcome here at OIEA. It is a wonderful school and I'm both proud and excited to see what 2023-2024 brings.

Yours sincerely



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