

YEAR 6 TRANSITION



WELCOME FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Ormiston Ilkeston Enterprise Academy Student,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to your new secondary school! We know that the transition from primary school to secondary school is a daunting one but also one that is incredibly exciting, we are honoured to be a part of your journey.

As you embark on this new chapter of your academic life, I want to assure you that you are not alone. You have a wonderful group of teachers, staff, and fellow students who are here to support you every step of the way.

At OIEA, we value academic excellence, character development, and personal growth. We provide a challenging curriculum that will prepare you for the future and help you to achieve your potential.

As you settle into your new school, you will discover that there are many opportunities to get involved and make new friends. Our school has a strong sense of community, and we encourage you to participate in school events, clubs, and activities of which there are many! Sports to music to drama to chess - we have something for everyone to ensure all students can explore their interests and develop their talents.

I want to assure you that we are committed to your success, both academically and personally. Our teachers are passionate about their subjects and dedicated to helping you achieve your best. They will challenge you, support you, and guide you as you navigate this new environment.

Finally, I want to remind you that secondary school is a time for growth and exploration. You will face challenges and obstacles, but we know that you are capable of overcoming them. Please be excited about the opportunities that await over the next 5 years, we certainly are!

Embrace new experiences, learn from your mistakes, and enjoy this exciting new journey. Once again, welcome to your new secondary school! We are thrilled to have you here, and we look forward to getting to know you and watching you grow.

Best regards,
Mr Simon Leach
Principal



WELCOME FROM THE TRANSITION COORDINATOR

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 Coordinator



VISIONS AND VALUES



COURAGE



AMBITION



RESPECT



EXCELLENCE

Our values represent who we are, what we do and how we do things at Ormiston Ilkeston Enterprise Academy. At OIEA, we demonstrate our CARE values;

Courage is the ability to face the unknown with bravery and determination. It takes courage to try new things, take risks, and pursue your dreams. Courageous people inspire others and set an example for what is possible. OIEA students are Courageous.

Ambition is the drive and motivation to achieve great things. It is the desire to constantly improve and challenge ourselves to be the best that we can be. Ambitious people are not content with mediocrity, they strive for excellence. OIEA students are Ambitious.

Respect is the foundation of all healthy relationships. It involves treating others with kindness, empathy, and understanding, regardless of differences in opinions, beliefs, or backgrounds. When we show respect for others, we create an environment of trust and mutual appreciation. OIEA students are Respectful.

Excellence is the pursuit of the highest standards of quality and performance in everything we do. It means striving for perfection and adopting a mindset of continuous improvement. Excellence requires dedication, hard work, and a desire to learn. OIEA students are Excellent.

We use strategic anchors to keep us focused on what is most important to our school community.

Each anchor has it's own vision that when achieved, will make OIEA the best school it can be.

Culture and Climate

Our vision is to create a culture that positively influences the behaviours and feelings of all stakeholders within our school community.

Leadership and Development

Our vision is to ensure all members of the school community are intrinsically motivated to continually learn and develop, regardless of starting point.

Entitlement and Delivery

Our vision is to eradicate educational disadvantage within our context and ensure that all members of the school community receive the educational provision, opportunities and associated outcomes they deserve. This is their entitlement.

These vision and values act as our guiding principles. They shape the culture of the school and help to define what is important.

SCHOOL DAY

Time	Courage	Ambition	Respect	Excellence
08.30 – 08.35	Roll Call			
08.35 – 09.00	Reading Program			
09.00 – 09.55	Period 1			
09.55 – 10.50	Period 2			
10.50 – 11.10	Break time			
11.10 – 12.05	Period 3			
12.05 – 12.35	Lunch	Character	Period 4	
12.35 – 13.05	Character	Lunch		
13.05 – 13.35	Period 4		Lunch	Character
13.35 – 14.05			Character	Lunch
14.05 – 15.00	Period 5			
15.00 – 16.00	Enrichment			

Minor changes to the timings of the school day are currently being considered.



Breakfast Club is Back

**Access via
West End Drive**

Students in receipt of free school meals are eligible to a £1.60 daily allowance to use at breakfast club

Bacon or sausage cob	£1.50
Bacon or sausage and egg cob	£1.65
Toasted tea cake	30p
Crumpet	40p
Toast	30p
Cheese on toast	70p
Porridge	£1.00
Fruit smoothie	£1.00
Croissant	75p
Toastie	£1.00

Breakfast club meal deal:
Bacon or sausage cob with a choice of drink: milk, milk shake, water or any flavour of Radnor juice - £1.60

▪ **Fully Supervised** ▪ **8:00 am to 8:20 am daily** ▪ **Excellent Choices**

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MY FAVOURITE THING ABOUT OIEA IS...

"The enrichment clubs, because there are really fun and there are so many to choose from"

"The food because it is really tasty and there is so much choice!"

"The staff because they are helpful, and kind and they really care"

"The lessons, because we are taught by great teachers"

"Science, because you get to do lots of experiments"

"Performing Arts, because you get to perform for the school"

"The house competitions, because we get the chance to win really great prizes"

"The cookery lessons, because we make really tasty food"

"PE, because it is really fun and great exercise"

"The drama lessons because they are really exciting and fun"

"Spending time with my friends"

"Being able to play in the school band"

MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS IS...

"Don't be nervous about coming to the academy, everyone is really helpful, and you will meet new friends"

"Always be polite and smile, always say please and thank you"

"Don't be afraid to ask for help because the staff are very friendly and helpful"

"Work hard and try your best"

"Make sure you wear black school shoes, not trainers"

"Always give 100%"

"Go to the enrichment clubs, they are great"

"Take part in the house competitions, they are lots of fun and you can win great prizes"

"Always listen to your teachers"

"Make sure you bring your school equipment in each day"

"Make your uniform is tidy"

"Treat people how you want to be treated"

EQUIPMENT

To support excellent teaching and learning, we expect all students to come to school with the equipment that they need to learn. Form tutors will check that students have their equipment with them each day. Teachers will also check in each lesson. We believe that it is important that students at OIEA learn to take responsibility for their own equipment and to be organised. Checking their equipment before you come to school each day, is an expectation of all students.

Students will need to bring the following with them each day:

- 2 x black pens in case one runs out
- 1 x red pen (for use in the 'improvement phase' of lessons)
- 2 x pencils. Mechanical or 'clickable pencils' are ideal, as there is no need to remember a pencil sharpener
- A 15cm or 30cm ruler
- A pencil case
- A scientific calculator. Student will be told on transition days about which one to get
- PE kit – when they have PE

Please note that students do not need rubbers or pencil sharpeners. If they are needed, students will be provided with them in class.

It is also good to have:

- A small selection of coloured pencils
- A protractor
- Highlighter pens

Students will need a bag for their equipment. Backpacks worn across both shoulders are recommended because the weight of the pack is evenly spread out across the body. A backpack should not hang more than a few inches below the waist. The lower a backpack hangs, the more weight the shoulders must carry. Wide padded shoulder straps are ideal to prevent the straps from digging into the shoulder. More information on this can be found at:

<https://www.health.harvard.edu/child-and-teen-health/bad-backs-and-backpacks>

Most homework is set online using an app called ClassCharts. This reduces the amount of schoolwork that students need to carry to and from school. In most cases, exercise books are kept at school until they are finished or are needed at home for revision purposes. Therefore, a bag of approx. 20-25 litres of storage is more than adequate.

Equipment will be available to purchase during the transition evening.



UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

Uniform standards

We are very proud of our uniform and have high expectations of our students in terms of standards of appearance. Wearing a uniform creates a positive and professional atmosphere in the academy and conveys a positive image of our school in the community, fostering a sense of pride and belonging.

The following dress code applies to all students, without exception.

- Academy blazer with logo
- Academy tie
- Black full length tailored trousers/skirt (of an appropriate length and style, no Lycra)
- White shirt (tucked in)
- Plain black shoes (no boots or sandals)
- *Black v-neck jumper (no cardigans) – optional*

The academy blazer must be worn at all times on and around the site, unless permission is given by a member of staff to take it off, jumpers are optional.

Final decisions regarding the suitability of uniform will be made by the Principal/Assistant Principals.

PE Kit

- Academy polo shirt with logo
- Plain black shorts, tracksuit bottoms or sports leggings
- Trainers/suitable footwear
- *Academy mid layer with logo – optional*

Information about the academy uniform can be found here: <https://www.oiea.co.uk/key-info/uniform>.

Our Uniform Policy can be found in the policies section of our website: <https://www.oiea.co.uk/key-info/policies>

Uniform suppliers will be on site during the transition evening.



ENRICHMENT

In addition to high levels of academic progress and pastoral support, you will also be guaranteed a diverse and exciting enrichment offer that will allow you opportunities to exhibit courage, ambition, respect and excellence. Here you will keep a portfolio of those experiences, both in and out of the classroom, that will develop your academic and personal skills to be the best they can be. The OIEA Enrichment Charter covers 8 key areas:

<p>1. Experience the Arts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Attend a production/ play ○ Perform to an audience ○ Assist with the preparation for a performance ○ Take part in a debate or public speaking competition ○ Prepare a presentation of at least 5 minutes for your class ○ Visit an art gallery, museum or sculpture park ○ Enter a house art competition 	<p>2. Experience sporting events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Attend sports day ○ Spectate a school sports fixture ○ Attend a trip to a sporting event ○ Compete in a house sports competition ○ Attend an after-school sports club ○ Try a new sport in a taster session
<p>3. Experience different countries and cultures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Visit a place of worship ○ Attend MFL club ○ Create a short presentation on a different country ○ Achieve a 30-day Duolingo streak ○ Enter a languages house competition ○ Engage in activities celebrating Chinese New Year 	<p>4. Contribute to your local community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Attend a school fair ○ Participate in a litter pick ○ Donate to a local foodbank ○ Recycle old clothes and electronics
<p>5. Engage with further education and careers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Attend a talk given by someone in the world of work ○ Attend a trip to a local workplace ○ Attend a trip to a university or college ○ Participate in work experience ○ Research a career path into a job 	<p>6. Develop your character</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Become a sports leader ○ Apply to be a house representative ○ Vote in an election ○ Participate in a fundraiser for charity
<p>7. Learn outside the classroom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Attend a trip off site ○ Attend survival club ○ Listened to an educational podcast ○ Read an educational book ○ Have watched a documentary ○ Visited a place of interest 	<p>8. Represent the academy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Volunteer at Open/Parents Evening ○ Compete at an OAT competition ○ Represent a school sports team ○ Perform or work behind the scenes in a school production



PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

At OIEA our goal is to ensure that all our students leave with skills and qualities to succeed in life over and above just exam grades. We want them to be equipped with the skills to be a responsible and effective citizen of Ilkeston, Great Britain and the wider World.

To ensure we succeed in supporting students with this goal we have an extensive Personal Development programme, which runs throughout student's entire time at OIEA. This is designed to help support the development of our young people's character. We do this through the opportunities we offer our young people inside and outside the classroom. Your child will have the opportunity to attend a vast array of different enrichment clubs, take part in competitions, go on school visits and residential as well as learn about the World from our Care Curriculum and Assembly programme.

New for 2023, we are delivering **CARE curriculum** which teaches our young people how to be safe in our community; understand the different types of relationships; celebrate difference, careers information, and religious Studies. Importantly our CARE Curriculum provides experiences for our students to develop their speaking and listening skills through our programme of debate, explore creativity and decision making through enterprise and problem-solving tasks, and develop communication, teamwork and collaborative skills through leadership training, group work and half-termly focus events.

We are keen to ensure that everyone leaves our academy able to make outstanding contributions in society - as citizens in Ilkeston, Great Britain and the World. We do this because we **CARE** about your child's Personal Development.



COURAGE



AMBITION



RESPECT



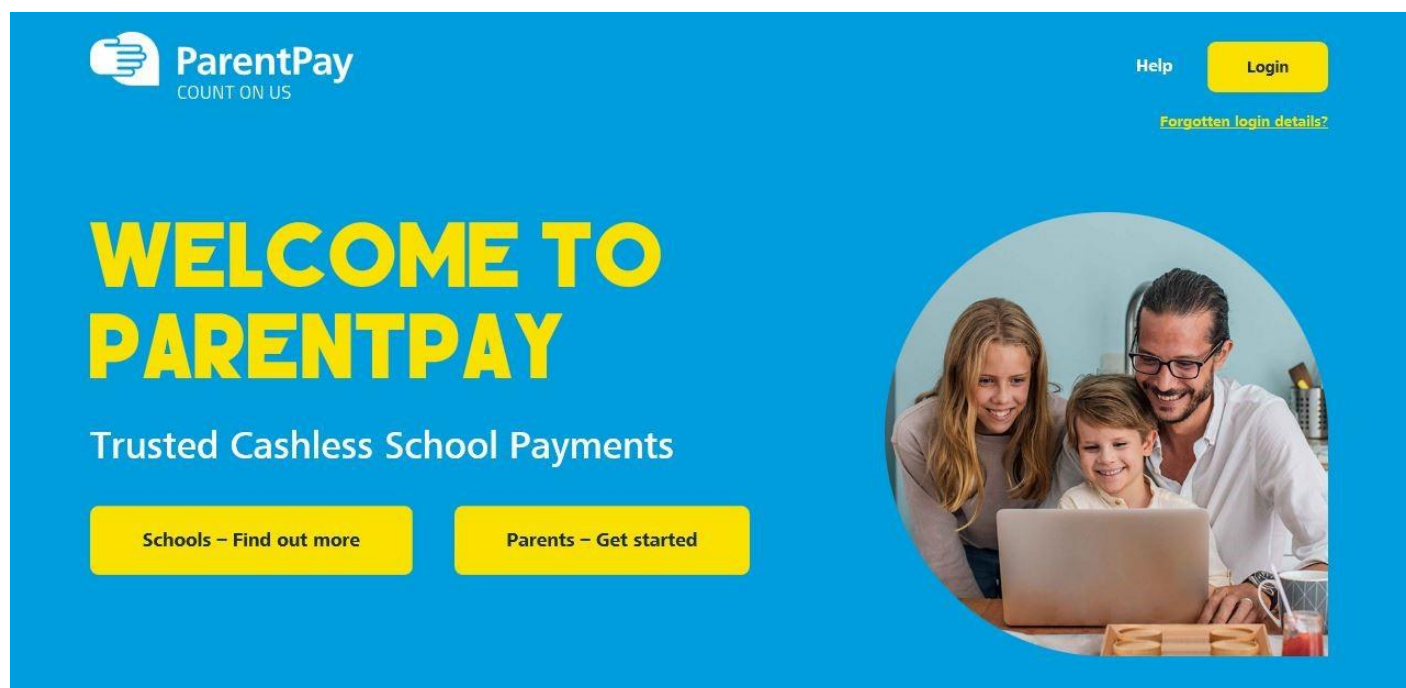
EXCELLENCE

PARENT PAY

At OIEA we use a system called **Parent Pay**. This is a convenient way to pay for school meals, trips, after-school club, summer school, Children's university passport and much more.

This system means that children do not need to carry money around school and it offers you the freedom to make payments whenever and wherever you like. It is straightforward and it holds payment history for you to view at a later date. We will be giving you your unique Parent Pay account details and activation information in September

Visit our website to access links to Parent Pay and Parent Pay Shop - <https://www.oiea.co.uk/key-info/parent-pay>



The image shows a banner for the ParentPay website. The background is a solid blue color. In the top left corner, there is the ParentPay logo, which consists of a white hand icon with three fingers pointing up, followed by the text "ParentPay" in a bold, white, sans-serif font, and "COUNT ON US" in a smaller, white, sans-serif font below it. In the top right corner, there are two yellow buttons: one labeled "Help" and another labeled "Login". Below the "Login" button, there is a link that says "Forgotten login details?". The main content of the banner is centered and features the text "WELCOME TO PARENTPAY" in large, bold, yellow, sans-serif capital letters. Below this, the text "Trusted Cashless School Payments" is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. At the bottom of the banner, there are two yellow buttons: one labeled "Schools - Find out more" and another labeled "Parents - Get started". On the right side of the banner, there is a circular inset image showing a family of three (a woman, a man, and a young child) smiling and looking at a laptop screen together.



LITERACY

At OIEA we prioritise reading – in fact, four out of five mornings in form time is dedicated to the pleasure and enjoyment of reading! Just like a 'Class Reader' (which you might have done at Primary School), everyone in your form reads the same book together, engages in discussion, makes predictions about the plot, shares opinions about characters, with the teacher reading aloud and you following along! This ensures that by the end of the academic year at least three whole books have been covered. This will equate to hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of words read!

YEAR 7'S THEME: BRAVERY AND BARRIERS

The novels you will read in form fit into the theme of new beginnings, facing new challenges, overcoming obstacles and challenges – all things you may encounter when starting a new school! From a mixture of Dystopian fiction set on another planet, with a young boy learning to grow up in a world where your thoughts can be heard out loud, to the autobiography of Malala Yousafzai, a brave young woman who was shot for wanting an education, to the diary of one of history's most tragic young authors, Anne Frank, you are sure to learn lessons from our heroes' bravery and barriers.

To prepare for the exciting 'Reading Aloud' programme in form time, we challenge you to read at least 5 books over the Summer break.

See the below reading list links that will compliment the exciting topics that we also study in English lessons...

<https://www.oiea.co.uk/admin/wp-content/uploads/sites/21/2021/03/Genre-Challenge-reading-list-YEAR-7-FANTASY-1.pdf>

<https://www.oiea.co.uk/admin/wp-content/uploads/sites/21/2021/03/Genre-Challenge-reading-list-YEAR-7-MYTHS.pdf>

<https://www.oiea.co.uk/admin/wp-content/uploads/sites/21/2021/03/Genre-Challenge-reading-list-YEAR-7-INEQUALITY.pdf>

Want to know how to read for free?

Sign up online to your local Library at the following link: <https://apps.derbyshire.gov.uk/dotnet-applications/LibraryUser/libraryuser>.

Once you have joined the Library online, you can also borrow from 'Borrow Box' by using your unique Library number and have access to thousands of free audiobooks and ebooks:

[https://www.borrowbox.com/!](https://www.borrowbox.com/)

<https://www.oiea.co.uk/for-students/learning-resources-centre>



OIEA CHARTER

At OIEA we feel it is important that our students have an opportunity to have a wide variety of different experiences, with this in mind we have developed our OIEA Charter.

We promise our students that they will have the chance to experience something from the following eight key areas:

- The arts
- A sporting event
- Different countries and cultures
- Volunteer in our local community
- Experience further education and careers activities
- Have opportunity to develop their characters
- Learn outside the classroom
- Represent the academy

We believe that the key areas will support the development of your child into a well-rounded individual and prepare them better for life in modern Britain.

Further details of this can be found on our website.



HOUSE SYSTEM

Our vision is that our house system offers students the opportunity to demonstrate our core values of CARE. It is central to promoting our school ethos and aims to combine courage, ambition, respect and excellence to build a community that both staff and students actively belong to and develop a responsibility to maintain. Encouraged by a little healthy competition such as football, talent competitions and art competitions, will provide a profound sense of belonging and foster a strong sense of team spirit while also allowing individuals to excel and contribute based on their strengths. High standards, a sense of pride, equality, inclusivity and diversity are evident within and between our four houses.

Educational studies have shown that house systems in schools have several academic and social-emotional benefits. Those that feel comfortable enough to participate in house events are more likely to have the confidence to commit themselves fully to classroom work.

Our house system consists of four houses each linked to one of our core values:

- **COURAGE**
- **AMBITION**
- **RESPECT**
- **EXCELLENCE**

Each house has a logo, a prominent and local historical figure and a member of staff to represent each house, several students in student leadership roles as well as the students themselves to represent each one. Students' ties will identify their houses.

Your child will be assigned to a house. Where possible we place siblings in the same houses.



ATTENDANCE

100%	This is every student's target and is excellent attendance
96% - 99%	= 7.5 days or less days of absence in one year. Good attendance, this is the minimum for all students
91% - 95%	= Between 8 and 18 days of absence in one year. Your child's chances of success are at risk
90% or less	= 19 or more days of absence in one year. Your child is classed as a persistent absentee (PA). Their chances of success have dropped significantly, and their attendance must improve urgently

- OIEA students are expected to achieve a minimum of 96% attendance
- 96% means missing no more than 7.5 school days in an academic year
- We care about your child's attendance; we are committed to following up on absence
- If your child's attendance starts to drop, we'll work with you to put a support plan in place
- Why not send you child to breakfast club so they won't be late?
- Evidence clearly links attendance with achievement. 17 days missed from school each year equates to a whole GCSE grade lost
- Punctuality is a key skill which your child will need in the workplace
- Getting good GCSE grades means that students have the best possible start in life. They're more likely to be accepted into the college/apprenticeship of their choice and to be able to work their way into a job that they enjoy. Colleges ask for attendance records at interviews
- Medical appointments should be made outside of school hours where possible. If unavoidable, your child should attend school before and after the appointment where possible. Please send in an appointment card or a copy of any prescribed medication so we can authorise the absence.

Mr Foster: Attendance Welfare Officer
0115 9303724 attendance@oiea.co.uk

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 happens if I get lost?

You will be given a map and you will go on a tour of the academy during transition days. If you are still unsure, ask a member of staff, they are always happy to direct you.

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.

Where do I go if I need help?

All staff at Ormiston Ilkeston are here to help and support you. Your form tutor and Head of Year will support you daily, as will the Safeguarding and SEND teams.

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 and enrichment sessions.

What if I am shy and 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.

Will I be given homework?

All subjects set homework. The amount that you will get set depends on how many lessons you have in a subject each week. For example, you will get set more homework in Maths, English and Science as you will have.

What is 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 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.

What does a lesson look like?

Lessons at OIEA are very varied. You will experience everything from cooking in food technology, to acting in drama to doing experiments in science. What all lessons have in common is that they are planned to help you make excellent progress and to learn lots. All lessons start with a 'Do Now Activity' where you think about what you have learned in past lessons. Then you will go on to the main part of the lesson where your teachers will show you how to do something really well. You will then practice it as a class, before having a go at it on your own.

What will I learn?

In Years 7, 8 and 9, in every subject, you will learn and develop the knowledge, skills and understanding, so that you can move successfully into studying for your GCSEs and vocational qualifications in Years 10 and 11.

Our website contains useful information and learning journeys for each subject, please visit our website via the following link: <https://www.oiea.co.uk/curriculum/subjects>



KEY STAFF

Mr Leach - Principal

Mrs Callaghan - Transition Coordinator

Mr Glover - Senior Vice Principal

Mr Forster - Vice Principal

Mr Fry - SENCO

Miss Cowling – Assistant Principal - Safeguarding

Mr Henderson - House Coordinator

Mr Underhill – Associate Assistant Principal – KS3

Miss Hughes – Associate Assistant Principal – KS4

Mr Foster – Attendance Welfare Officer





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