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Dear families,

Re: Start of New Academic Year

2024/2025 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 ahead of September.

When will students return?

- Year 7's will start the new academic year on Tuesday 3rd September and must arrive by 08.45.
- Year 11 will start the new academic year on Wednesday 4th September and must arrive by 08.45.
- Year 10 will start the new academic year on Thursday 5th September and must arrive by 08.45
- Year 8's will start the new academic year on Friday 6th September and must arrive by 08.45.
- Year 9's will start the new academic year on Friday 6th 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.

School Day Timings

Other than the first day information shared above, all students should arrive via their designated entrance by 08.30 after which, the gates will automatically lock. Students arriving after this time are required to enter via reception and will be recorded as late, the consequence of which is a same day 45-minute detention (reduced to 30 minutes if they complete the required work and meet expectations).

For the first week, the school day will finish at 15.05PM on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Thursday and Friday will finish at 14.35PM

Our normal school day timings will commence from Week 2 onwards (Monday 9th September) and are included in the table below.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
On site by	08.30	08.30	08.30	08.30	08.30
Finish Time (Year 7 - 10)	15.05	15.05	15.05	15.30	14.35
Finish Time (Year 11)	15.55	15.55	15.55	15.30	14.35

What should students wear?

Students should wear school uniform on their first day, including their house tie. New Year 7 students will be provided with their tie on their first day. Parents are able to purchase spare school ties via parent pay. Year 7 parents will be issued with parent pay account details in September.

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

Key changes to note for the upcoming year.

- Students are permitted to wear their PE kit on the days they are timetabled to have PE (starting from week two). Clothes worn on the bottom half such as shorts, sports leggings, sweatpants etc. will no longer be permitted and must be plain black.
- If students wish to wear a skirt, they must purchase the one available from our Uniform suppliers (A black stitch down pleat skirt) and the length must be below the knee.

We are making our expectations as clear as possible and ahead of time to avoid negative interactions with students regarding uniform. Students who attend school in the wrong attire (either by choice or circumstance) will be required to change before they access their lessons. Refusal to do so would then lead to an entirely avoidable sanction. **All uniform expectations will be rigidly enforced.**

The link provided below provides further information regarding what is and isn't permitted.

<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. Students without the correct equipment will be issued a behavior point. Three instances of forgotten equipment will result in a detention. To avoid this, a stationary store will be in operation every morning as students arrive to school allowing them to purchase equipment at 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

This includes days students attend in their PE kit.

A reminder that mobile phones are not permitted at OIEA. Phones are confiscated if they are seen or heard with parents having to collect at the end of the day. This rule will be rigidly enforced.

Attendance

Maintaining good attendance has been a struggle for many of our students but we look forward to wiping the slate clean and focusing on improving attendance next academic year. Every student who starts back on day one does so with 100% attendance.

Research suggests that the 'fresh start' effect at the beginning of a new term presents an opportunity for students to reset their attendance habits. Attendance patterns established early on tend to persist throughout the school year. By emphasising the importance of attendance at this key time (and repeatedly doing so) we ensure that students reap the benefits that attending school brings.

It's also important to note that Government guidelines have been tightened and include larger fines for taking students on holiday during term time and for those with unacceptable levels of unauthorised attendance.

2024 - 2025 Key dates

Term	From	To	Duration
Autumn Term 1	Tuesday 3 rd September 2024*	Friday 18 th October 2024	7 weeks
October Half Term	Monday 21 st October 2024	Friday 1 st November 2024	2 weeks
Autumn Term 2	Monday 4 th November 2024	Friday 20 th December 2024	7 weeks
Christmas Break	Monday 23 rd December 2024	Friday 3 rd January 2025	2 weeks
Spring Term 1	Monday 6 th January 2025	Friday 14 th February 2025	6 weeks
Spring Half Term	Monday 17 th February 2025	Friday 21 st February 2025	1 week
Spring Term 2	Monday 24 th February 2025	Friday 4 th April 2025	6 weeks
Easter Break	Monday 7 th April 2025	Monday 21 st April 2025	2 weeks
Summer Term 1	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	Friday 23 rd May 2025	5 weeks
May Half Term	Monday 26 th May 2025	Friday 30 th May 2025	1 week
Summer Term 2	Monday 2 nd June 2025	Friday 25 th July 2025	8 weeks

The school will be closed on the following dates.

- Friday 29th November 2024 (Staff INSET)
- Monday 24th February 2025 (Trust INSET)
- Monday 5th May (Bank Holiday)
- Friday 27th June 2025 (Staff INSET)

The school's open evening will take place on Thursday 19th September.

Provisional dates for Parents Evenings (15.30 – 18.30) are as follows.

- Year 7; Thursday 7th November 2024
- Year 8; Thursday 28th November 2024
- Year 9; Thursday 13th February 2025
- Year 11; Thursday 20th March 2025
- Year 10; Thursday 22nd May 2025

Timetabled enrichment activities will not take place on these Thursdays with the school day finishing at 14.35PM

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.

- Mrs Marriott (Assistant Principal and SENDCO) who is leaving the professional to set up new business

- Mr Forster (Vice Principal) who is taking up a new role that allows him to teach his subject at A level
- Mrs Pape (Assistant Principal) who is taking on a Deputy Headship at a school in Leicestershire
- Miss Piliero (PE teacher) who is embarking on a new challenge at a new school.
- Mrs Rushton (Math's tutor) who leaves following the end of her tutoring commitments
- Mrs Morris (HR) has decided to retire.

The blow of losing such brilliant members of staff is softened by the quality of new staff arriving. We welcome the following into the Academy.

- Mr Squire (Teacher of PE)
- Mr Francis (Teacher of Science)
- Mr Rushton (Teacher of History)
- Miss Henshaw (Teacher of Food Technology)
- Mr Smith (Teacher of Math's and IT)

Summer Learning

It isn't uncommon for students to struggle in their first few weeks back at school – often, this is because they're experiencing a summer learning loss. This phenomenon consists in students losing academic skills and knowledge as a result of a long summer break. Recent Research into the issue has found that on average, students experienced a loss of 1-2 months in their reading skills and 1-3 months in their mathematical skills.

As such, we advise that students keep their learning 'topped up' by.

- 1- Engaging with independent learning activities on SPARX math's. Prizes will be issued for those students who complete the most questions. A whopping 139, 903 questions have been completed in the last 18 weeks, how many can we complete over the summer?
- 2- Reading as many age-appropriate books as you can but aim for at least three. Complete a quick review of each book using the link below to be entered into prize draw.
<https://forms.office.com/e/NRmbFnwYWt>

Summer Holiday Support

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 an incredible year. This is a wonderful school and I'm both proud and excited to see what 2024 - 2025 brings.

Yours sincerely,



Mr S Leach

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