



Student Transition Programme

2023

Welcome to Our Academy

We are delighted that your child will be joining Ormiston NEW academy next year. Our Academy is a school in which students experience a fun, challenging and knowledge-rich curriculum which will make them successful in 5 years time. Our commitment to you is to ensure we guide and support them based on our principles of endeavour, practice and discipline.

We do recognise that, for parents, this is a worrying and over-whelming times and if you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact us. Mrs McCrystal, is Senior Leader for key stage 4 and she will allay any fears and make sure the transition is one which is both reassuring and successful.

Our curriculum is based upon reading, writing, oracy and mathematics. Every new student will read with us throughout their time here, we guarantee that they will have read 8 classic novels during their English lessons to improve their vocabulary, knowledge of literature and their ability to write. I'm sure you do this already, but to support them further reading each night with your child will have a tremendously beneficial effect and please contact us if there are any further ways we can support you with your child's progress.

If you would like to know more about the Academy, or if you would like to visit us please do not hesitate to get in touch with Mrs McCrystal on Transition@onewa.co.uk.

We look forward to developing a strong and supportive relationship to ensure the best possible future for your child.

Mr Craig Cooling
Principal



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Things You Need to Know

Lesson Times

Monday - Thursday

Start	End	Activity
8.40am	9.10am	Form Time
9.10am	11.30pm	Lesson 1
11.30am	2.05pm	Lesson2
2.05pm	3.05pm	Lesson 3
2.05pm	4.05pm	Lesson 3 (Monday only)

Friday

Start	End	Activity
8.40am	8.50am	Form Time
8.50am	10.50am	Lesson 1
10.50am	1.15pm	Lesson 2

Break, lunch and free time will be filtered into the day depending on the year group.

Lunch Time and Snacks

A 'meal deal' can be purchased from the canteen for £2.10. This offer includes a hot lunch, a small cake or fruit and a drink of water.

Please note that fizzy drinks/energy drinks are not permitted in school and will be confiscated and disposed of.



Enrichments

Each night after school there are enrichment sessions that allow you to learn new skills and to meet new people. At NEW there are enrichment activities available to you to take part in each week. There is no cost to the activities and there is no limit to how many that you can join in with.

Here is a selection of the enrichments available to you from September 2022.

Sports

Football
Basket ball
Netball
Multi Skills

Cultural Arts & Music Performance

Dance
Drama
Film club

Technology and Business

Cooking club
Computing club
Programming Club
Investment Club/Stock Market
Textiles

Language

Spanish Culture Clyb

English

Book & Club

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“My favourite thing about NEW is...”

...the sports facilities, they are fantastic and provide fun sport based activities

...the variety of clubs to join to improve knowledge of the different subjects

...the equipment here is very useful, we can do so many things that allow us to learn more

...every single student provides entertainment every hour of the day therefore every day is new

...all of the teachers are ready to teach and are enthusiastic about their learning

...there is a multitude of tasty food and refreshing drinks at the canteen

...there are many subjects you can take, it can lead you on so many different career paths



Transition Activities

Transition activities are unique and innovative events aimed at students to prepare them for their transition to secondary school. Students will participate in group activities with students from other primary schools that are led by specialist subject teachers from NEW.

These activities are funded by NEW and offers the students involved a great opportunity to try new things, develop new skills, make new friends, build confidence and above all have fun! It is a fantastic opportunity to get a 'head start' on the transition process.

All transition activities will be communicated via telephone, post or email from Mrs McCrystal.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs McCrystal at the academy for further information; 01902 623111



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Frequently Asked Questions

Q 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 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 student and they will take you to where you need to be.

Q 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 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!

Q What happens if I get bullied?

We have a ZERO tolerance policy on bullying at NEW. 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 school, there are lots of people you can talk to; your Form Tutor, Year Coordinator, Senior Leader for your key stage, Head of Year, 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 school are very experienced in dealing with sensitive situations and treat each situation seriously. Don't be afraid to speak up, we are here to help!

Q When can I go to the toilet?

Students 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 often, we will issue you with a pass which you will need to show to the teacher.



Q What's the food like?

Fabulous. Our brilliant canteen staff love cooking you a range of different foods; bacon baps, cheese and beans on toast, jacket potatoes, curries, pasta, sandwiches, salads, chicken burgers and much more!

Q 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.

Q 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.

Q Will I have to go to Enrichment?

If you are behind in your subject, you do need to go to the 'booster' 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 and which night and you can go to more if you want to. 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.

Q 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 things together and celebrate our successes. You will have 1 assembly a week.

Q 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



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CONTACT US

If you have any questions or would like more information about anything mentioned in this booklet, please contact Mrs J McCrystal



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Advice from NEW students

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

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

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

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

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

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

Just be yourself and enjoy school because it is great. Everybody is great in their own way!

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





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