

Academy



NEW Year 7 Student Booklet

2025

Welcome to Our Academy

Hi, I'm Mr Cooling your new Principal. Here at NEW Academy we want your time at school to be both exciting and challenging; it will allow you to learn new things, make new friends and be the most successful version of yourself.

Our key values are pride, endeavour and collaboration. This means we will work hard, together, so you can be really proud of everything you can achieve here at NEW-the big and the small!

We have a great team of staff who will support you to thrive, during your transition time you will meet your new form tutors and Mrs Rollason, your Year Co-Ordinator, who will help you settle into your 'NEW' journey.

I can't wait to meet you on the 3rd and 4th of July to welcome you to your new school.

Mr Cooling
Principal



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Another welcome from NEW Student council

On behalf of the school council, we would like to give a warm welcome to all the new Year 7 students joining the academy! We are thrilled with your arrival and are excited to introduce you to our colourful community. Here, you'll find not only a place to learn but a supportive network of peers like the peer mentors of sixth form who are eager to help you thrive and support you if needed. School council are also a collection of dedicated students ran by students and are here to listen to your advice and improve the school with the help of frequent meetings with our principal Mr Cooling. Let's make your first year filled countless memorable experiences. Welcome to Ormiston New Academy.

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Head of Student Council



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Things you need to know

Lesson Times

Monday

Start	End	Activity
8.35am	9.05am	Form Time
9.05am	11.05am	Lesson 1
11.05am	11.20am	Break
11.20am	1.20pm	Lesson 3
1.20pm	2.05pm	Lunch
2.05pm	4.05pm	Lesson 3

Friday

Start	End	Activity
8.35am	8.50am	Form Time
8.50am	10.05am	Lesson 1
10.50am	11.20am	Lunch
11.20am	1.20pm	Lesson 2

Tuesday - Thursday

Start	End	Activity
8.35am	9.20am	Form Time
9.20am	11.20am	Lesson 1
11.20am	11.35am	Break
11.35am	1.35pm	Lesson 3
1.35pm	2.20pm	Lunch
2.20pm	3.20pm	Lesson 3

Lunch Time and Snacks

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

The academy operates a "Cashless Catering" system where students each have their own personal account which they can top up with coins and notes via a machine in school. Purchases can then be made in the canteen using the biometric system.

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

There are water coolers available around the academy site. We encourage students to bring a reusable bottle to school.



Form Time and Houses

You will be allocated to a form group, each day you will start in form time. This will be led by the same member of staff each morning, this teacher will be known as your form tutor. They will be the first point of contact between home and the academy.

In form time a range of activities will be completed throughout the week-this will range from reading and discussion time to PSHE lessons, where you will find out more about the world and your place within it.

Throughout the year there are a range of form time competitions and events, these are often linked to our PSHE topics, attendance or cultural events.

All forms are also part of an Academy House; here at NEW there are three houses: Scafell, Nevis and Snowdon. They are named after the three highest peaks in the UK. Across the year there are a number of house activities for staff and students to take part in, these include Bake off, Mario Kart and Sports Day to name a few! They are always really exciting events that the whole school get behind. At the end of each year the winning house is awarded the house trophy!



Enrichment

Each day there are enrichment sessions that allow you to learn new skills and to meet new people. There are so many different activities for you to try, we aim to have an enrichment activity that will suit everyone! 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 2024.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast Club - All years. 8-8.30am. 6 th Form Centre.	Breakfast Club - All years. 8-8.30am. 6 th Form Centre.	Breakfast Club - All years. 8-8.30am. 6 th Form Centre.	Breakfast Club - All years. 8-8.30am. 6 th Form Centre.	Basketball - Yr. 10/11/12/13- 8-8.30am. Sports Hall
Drama - All years. Student led. 8 - 8.30am. Sixth form centre.	Drama - All years. Student led. 8 - 8.30am. Sixth form centre.	Drama - All years. Student led. 8 - 8.30am. Sixth form centre.	Drama - All years. Student led. 8 - 8.30am. Sixth form centre.	Breakfast Club - All years. 8-8.30am. 6 th Form Centre.
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Sixth form Basketball Academy Session - Yr.11/12/13. Sat 4.20pm-5.30pm. Sports Hall	"ChessKid" Club - KS3 Lunch.	Pokémon Club - KS3 Lunch.	Mastermind Quiz Club - KS3 Lunch.	Study Club - KS3 Lunch.
Homework Club - All years. 4.20 - 5pm.	Year 10 & 11 football - 3G. 3.20 - 4.15pm. 3G/Field.	Mullin Skills - Y Yr. 7/8 3.20-4pm. Sports Hall	Year 8 Football - 3.15 - 4.15. Field	Kindness and Wellbeing Project Club - KS3 Lunch
KEY	Critical Thinking Club 3.20 - 4PM	Sixth form Basketball Academy Session/Matches Yr.11/12/13 - 2.05 - 4.30pm. Sports Hall	Year 7 Football - 3G. 3.15-4.15.	Ultimate Harry Potter Fan Club - All years. Student Led. 1.20 - 2.20
Morning clubs	Table Tennis - All years. 3.15 -4.15pm. Activity Hall.	Homework Club - All years. 3.20 - 4.20pm.	Rounders - All years. Activity hall/Sports hall.	LGBTQ+ - All years. Student Led. 1.20 - 2.20pm.
Lunch Time Clubs	Y9 DoE - 3.20 - 4.15pm. XG29		Year 9 Football. 3.15-4.15pm. Field	KS4/KS5 Football - 1.30-2.30pm
After School Clubs	Cricket - All years. 3.20 - 4.20.			
	Volleyball - All years. 3.20 - 4.20.			



What Will I Learn at NEW Academy?

Our students experience a fun, challenging and knowledge-rich curriculum that teaches them to be industrious and respectful, enabling them to thrive. Our curriculum is built upon reading, writing, oracy and mathematics and delivers excellence based on our principles of working hard and taking pride in all that we do.

We aim to build on the foundations of the KS2 curriculum so that our students' education smoothly transitions between primary and secondary school. Our robust and challenging KS3 aligns with the National Curriculum, providing breadth and balance across a range of subjects. Our curriculum is the knowledge that after careful thought, we deem to be important and of value to us and our community.

At Ormiston NEW Academy students will study the following subjects at KS3:

Maths
English
Science
Humanities-History, Geography, RS, Spanish
Music
Drama
Art
Technology
IT
PE
PSHE

In KS4 students will continue to study core subjects, PSHE and RS, then personalise their curriculum by selecting three further subjects from our options choices.

In KS5 students will choose three subjects to study, based on their personal interests and KS4 performance.

You can find more detail of what is studied each term in each year group on our website, along with our expectations for homework.



“My favourite thing about NEW is...”

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

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

...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

...There is always a member of staff you can go to for help

...Our lessons here are simple-we have to work hard and do our best

...We are a very diverse school and often celebrate a range of nationalities and cultures



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.

You will visit NEW on the 3rd and 4th of July with all of our other new Year 7 students. On these days you will meet your form tutors and some of our subject teachers. These days are designed to start to introduce you to the way we do things here at NEW. Those students who have EHCPs will have additional transition days, you will be contacted by Mrs Greaves and her team to arrange these.

Our main transition event at NEW Academy is the Summer Camp. This year this will take place from Tuesday 22nd July to Thursday 24th July 2025. 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.

Please don't worry-your transition period won't stop the moment you arrive. The first half term in your journey at NEW will be full of transition events, all designed to get you familiar with your new school, teachers and friends.



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 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?

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 Smedley-Baugh



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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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