

15th July 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Updates and Returning to the Academy – September 2024

I cannot quite believe that another school year is coming to a close – they seem to go by so quickly. If you keep up to date with our social media platforms, you will already be aware of the many brilliant things our students have experienced. I recently shared with you the full details of our recent Ofsted inspection. Many of you also completed the parent survey recently – thank you so much for doing this. I use this feedback to help shape improvements moving forward.

Dates of return:

As previously advertised, the dates of return in September for students are as follows:

Year 7 students only – **Tuesday 3rd September** (note that students finish at 3pm on this day only, to allow parents to come into the Academy to meet staff and collect students if they wish). All students should arrive via the Milehouse Lane entrance on this day.

All students - **Wednesday 4th September**

Times of the day:

Lessons start promptly at 8:40am. Students from all year groups are able to access the Academy site from the main student entrance on Milehouse Lane, or the rear entrance on Sparch Hollow. These gates are open from 8:15am and students will be allowed access to the Academy building from 8:30am. Please ensure that your child has a coat and umbrella with them in wet and cold weather if they are waiting outside earlier than 8:30am. Lessons finish at 3.20pm (2.30pm on a Wednesday). A summary of the Academy day is found below, but more details can be found on our website.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday		Wednesday (CPD)	
8.40 - 9.00am	Tutorial	8.40 - 9.00am	Tutorial
9.00 - 9.55am	Learning session	9.00 - 9.55am	Learning session
9.55 - 10.50am		9.55 - 10.50am	
10:50 - 11:10am	Break	10:50 - 11:10am	Break
11:10 - 12.05pm	Learning session	11:10 - 12.05pm	Learning session
12:05 - 1:00pm		12:05 - 1:00pm	
1:00 - 1:30pm	Lunch	1:00 - 1:30pm	Lunch
1:30 - 2:25pm	Learning session	1:30 - 2:30pm	Learning session
2:25 - 3:20pm			

A breakfast club facility is available 8.00 – 8.30am. This supervised provision is only for students that would like to buy some food or drink. Students can access the Café via the Sparch Hollow gate only from 8am and access the Café through the outside doors.

A supervised homework club is running after school. Students have access to both computers and study space. Please note that this facility is only for students who are completing work and not for gaming/browsing the internet.

Both the breakfast and homework clubs will be in operation from Wednesday 4th September onwards. Arrangements for new Year 7 for their first day on Tuesday 3rd September will be shared separately.

Uniform, appearance and equipment:

You will have received correspondence previously outlining our uniform, appearance and equipment expectations. At the end of this letter again, are the clear guidelines about the standards and items of uniform required. Can I make it crystal clear that I have extremely high standards and expectations of all those associated with the Academy. As a member of the school community, you are expected to support the students to maintain these. Please do not waste your money on items that do not meet the requirements as students will not be permitted to wear them. Items such as black trainers (e.g. Nike Airforce), pumps, footwear with logos and Converse are not permitted. I am fully aware that retailers deliberately target parents to sell them trainers that have been marketed as shoes, quite simply it must be a black school shoe. If you are unsure about whether any item of clothing such as trousers or shoes are suitable, could I please encourage you to contact us, and we will be happy to help before you make the purchase. We are also happy for you to contact us at any time regarding piercings and hair colours/ styles for a decision prior to having anything done that might go against the high standards we expect from our learners. I do draw your attention to some changes to the jewellery expectations. This is following consultation with some students in school.

Staffing updates:

As with any new academic year, we welcome new staff to the school and wish others a fond farewell. Once again, we are fully staffed from September.

We welcome:

Mr Bailey – Teacher of Humanities (History)
Mr Mohammed – Teacher of Maths
Mr Edwards – Head of Computing

Ms Gager – Teacher of Design and Technology
Ms Orme – Teacher of English

Mrs Parmar is promoted to the role of Assistant Principal (Learning and Teaching), and Mrs Bott (Performing Arts) returns from her maternity leave.

We say goodbye to:

Ms Bashton (Maths), Miss Brand (Maths), Mrs Evans (Music), Miss Johnson (maternity cover in Performing Arts), Mrs Sackett (Technology), Mrs Sayle-Kermode (History), Miss Wright (Computing). Mr Lakin retired earlier in the year after 33 years at the school.

A full staff list is available on our website.

Form groups:

Changes to staffing necessitates some changes to Form Tutors/Groups. Please see the table below with the new form groups from September 2024.

Old Form groups (2023-24)		New Form groups (2024-25)	
		Year 7 - Ms Jackson	
		7AWE	Mr Welsh
		7CME	Mrs Meir
		7KGA	Ms Gager

Old Form groups (2023-24)		New Form groups (2024-25)	
		7PBA	Mr Batista
		7SGL	Mrs Glew
		7UMO	Mr Mohammed
		Year 8 HoY- Mr Rowley	
		8CNE	Mr Nelson
		8JWI	Mr Williams
		8LBA	Miss Bamber
		8MHA	Miss Harvey
7JWR	Miss Wright	8GED	Mr Edwards
		8SJA	Miss Jackson-Hedges
		Year 9 HoY - Ms Brookes	
		9AMC	Miss McKie
8SGI	Miss Gill	9AOR	Mrs Orme
		9BJO	Mr Johnson
8DBA	Ms Bashton		TBC
		9IGO	Miss Godwin-Bratt
		9WST	Mr Stockbridge
		Year 10 HoY - Mr Charlesworth	
		10EPE	Miss Peacey
9GSA	Mrs Sackett	10GBA	Mr Bailey
9JBO	Miss Johnson	10JBO	Mrs Bott
		10KBA	Miss Barker
		10MJA	Mr Jackson
		10SHE	Mrs Henshall-Smith
		Year 11 HoY- Miss Wood	
		11ARA	Mr Ralphs
		11CWX	Mrs Woodall
10PBA	Mr Batista	11DJO	Mrs Jones
10ACO	Mrs Barrett	11PBX	Mrs Barrett
		11JJO	Mr Jones
		11VTA	Mrs Taylor

iPads:

The iPad allocated to each student is an essential part of equipment and children are required to bring them every day. With the longer summer break, away from school work, if you wish your child to leave their iPad in school, then they can do. Students simply need to bring their iPad to main reception on the last day of school.

Pre-loved uniform:

You may be aware about donations of uniform for our 'pre-loved uniform' facility that we operate. So, if you have any items of uniform/coats/bags that your child no longer needs then please donate it to the school. Either bring it into main reception before the end of term, or in September. Many families access preloved uniform so we would like as much as possible.

Communications with parents:

In September, we will be moving to Arbor as our school MIS (Management Information System). We currently use SIMs and a lot of information is available to you by Talaxy. We will be launching the new parent app for Arbor when we return – further details to follow in September.

Our Academy ethos and values:

We will continue in September to really push all members of the school community to demonstrate the values of the Academy that underpin our ethos.

“Empowering Learners for life”

Everything that happens at school is to make us all better people.

‘Empowering Learners for Life’ is held within the **ACE** values:

ASPIRATION – aspire to be the best you can be and get the best out of life.

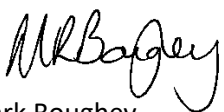
CHALLENGE – be resilient when things are difficult, work hard, welcome new experiences and engage in learning.

ENJOYMENT – enjoy all aspects of school and build positive relationships.

And finally:

I appreciate there is a lot of information contained within this letter, so please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries. Staff are in school until Wednesday 17th July and then the office email will be checked periodically over the summer. All the information that you may need is also on the Academy website. Whilst it will be quiet over the summer, I do recommend that you follow us via social media (Facebook @theormeacademyset, Twitter @theormeacademy) to get updates on all the amazing activities our students experience every day once they return in September. That just leaves me to wish you and your families a safe and relaxing summer break. I cannot wait to welcome the students back in the new academic year. Have a wonderful summer!

Your sincerely



Mark Boughey
Principal

UNIFORM/APPEARANCE EXPECTATIONS

Girls

Blazer*	Trutex Contemporary jacket in royal blue with school badge.
White shirt	Plain white long or short sleeved with a stiffened collar, top button and capable of taking a tie.
V neck school jumper (optional)	Navy blue v neck school jumper.
Tie	Navy blue plain tie.
Trousers	Tailored, dark charcoal grey with waistband and zip. The trousers must be of normal length, without decorations. Tight fitting, low cut, jeans or 'jean style' trousers are not acceptable.
Skirt* (optional)	Trutex senior stitch down pleat skirt in pendle tartan worn without belt.
Socks/ tights	Black or grey socks; black or neutral-coloured tights. Socks are not to be worn above the knee.
Shoes	Black low heeled shoes, enclosed at the heel and toe. No boots, trainers, canvas pumps or logos. Converse shoes are not acceptable.

Boys

Blazer*	Trutex Contemporary jacket in royal blue with school badge.
White shirt	Plain white long or short sleeved with a stiffened collar, top button and capable of taking a tie.
V neck school jumper (optional)	Navy blue v neck school jumper.
Tie	Navy blue plain tie.
Trousers	Tailored, dark charcoal grey with waistband and zip. The trousers must be of normal length, without decorations. Tight fitting, low cut, jeans or 'jean style' trousers are not acceptable.
Socks	Black or grey socks.
Shoes	Black low heeled shoes, enclosed at the heel and toe. No boots, trainers, canvas pumps or logos. Converse shoes are not acceptable.

Miscellaneous

Outdoor coat	An outdoor coat to be worn in cold, wet weather over the blazer, and removed when inside school buildings. Non-uniform cardigans/sweatshirts or hoodies are not acceptable and are not permitted to be worn on the school site.
School bag	Waterproof and of an appropriate shape and size to carry A4 books/ folders.
Stationery	Blue or black pens, pencil, rubber, ruler, calculator.
Religious headwear	If required for religious purposes, religious headwear must be plain navy or black with no pattern.
Hair	Hair should be of natural colour and no lines or extreme styles are permitted. Please contact the Academy prior to cutting or colouring hair if you are unsure of what is acceptable for school.
Jewellery	Small and plain earrings are allowed. Large hoops, dangly earrings, tunnels, stretchers, rings, necklaces, are not allowed to be worn. One watch is permitted. One nose piercing is permitted but must be a small plain stud. No other facial

	<p>piercings are permitted. Only Academy issued badges are to be worn on the blazer. All jewellery must be removed for PE.</p>
Nails and makeup	<p>Any makeup and false tan should be subtle. False nails and coloured nail varnish is not permitted. Eyelashes should be natural in appearance.</p>
Mobile phones/electronic communication devices	<p>Mobile phones or electronic communication devices are not generally permitted to be used on the Academy site. However, there may be occasions when teaching staff give permission for them to be used as part of the teaching and learning process during lessons. If a student's device goes off, or they are seen using it, or it is seen without explicit permission from a member of staff, this will be confiscated. If it is the first time that it has been confiscated, it will be returned to the student at the end of the day; on subsequent occasions, parents/ carers will need to collect it from reception. When a mobile phone needs to be brought in for the journey to/ from the Academy, it will need to be turned off and stored securely in the bag and not in the blazer. The Academy takes no responsibility for devices brought on site.</p>

Items marked with an asterisk () are available from Clive Mark and Smart Uniform only.*

	Girls	Boys
Blazer & tie		
Trousers/ skirt		

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PE Kit

Students are required to have both a long sleeved and short sleeved training top in addition to a pair of shorts/ leggings/ training trousers.

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<p>Short sleeved polo shirt*</p> <p>Falcon Encore polo shirt in navy/sky.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <p>Long sleeved training top*</p> <p>Falcon Encore ¼ zip top in navy/ sky.</p>	
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<p>Shorts/ training trousers or leggings*</p> <p>Falcon Encore shorts or training trousers or leggings in navy/ sky.</p>	
<p>Football boots, shin pads & gum shield</p>	<p>For football and rugby lessons (optional).</p>
<p>Trainers</p>	<p>Training shoes with non-marking soles.</p>
<p>PE Bag</p>	<p>Waterproof and of an appropriate shape and size to carry all PE equipment.</p>

