

18th July 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Returning to the Academy – September 2023

I cannot quite believe that another school year is coming to a close – they seem to go by so quickly. Now in our final week of term we have rewards events to look forward to, following another busy term in the Academy. 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 wrote to you recently with an update on site developments and staffing and the site work will continue over the summer in readiness for September. 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. I will highlight some key items from your feedback in September.

There is nothing significantly new in this letter, just some reminders for September.

Dates of return:

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

Year 7 students only – **Tuesday 5th 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 - **Wednesday 6th September**

Times of the day:

Lessons will 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, Friday		Wednesday (CPD)		Thursday (enrichment)	
8.40 - 9.00am	Tutorial	8.40 - 9.00am	Tutorial	8:40 - 9:35am	Learning session
9.00 - 9.55am	Learning session	9.00 - 9.55am	Learning session	9:35 - 10:30am	Learning session
9.55 - 10.50am		9.55 - 10.50am		10:30 - 11:25am	
10:50 - 11:10am	Break	10:50 - 11:10am	Break	11.25 - 11.45am	Break
11:10 - 12.05pm	Learning session	11:10 - 12.05pm	Learning session	11:45 - 12:40pm	Learning session
12:05 - 1:00pm		12:05 - 1:00pm		12:40 - 1:35pm	
1:00 - 1:30pm	Lunch	1:00 - 1:30pm	Lunch	1.35 - 2.05pm	Lunch
1:30 - 2:25pm	Learning session	1:30 - 2:30pm	Learning session	2:05 - 3:20pm	Enrichment
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 6th September onwards. Arrangements for new Year 7 for their first day on Tuesday 5th September have already been shared.

Uniform, appearance and equipment:

You will have received correspondence previously outlining our uniform, appearance and equipment expectations. At the end of this letter 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, 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.

Form groups:

Changes to staffing necessitates some changes to Form Tutors/Groups. Please see the table below with the new form groups from September 2023.

Old Form groups (2022-23)		New Form groups (2023-24)	
		Year 7- Mr Rowley	
		JWR	Miss Wright
		LBA	Miss Bamber
		JWI	Mr Williams
		SJA	Miss Jackson Hedges
		CNE	Mr Nelson
		MHA	Miss Harvey
		Year 8- Ms Brookes	
		BJO	Mr Johnson
		AMC	Miss McKie
7JDA	Mr Danby	SGI	Miss Gil
		DBA	Miss Bashton
		IGO	Miss Godwin-Bratt
		WST	Mr Stockbridge
		Year 9- Mr Charlesworth	
		GSA	Mrs Sackett
		MJA	Mr Jackson
		KBA	Miss Barker
		EPE	Miss Peacey
8LFI	Miss Fiddes	SHE	Mrs Henshall Smith
8JBO	Mrs Bott	JBO	Miss Johnson
		Year 10- Miss Wood	
		VTA	Mrs Taylor

		ARA	Mr Ralphs
9CEV	Mrs Evans	ACO	Mrs Cooper
		CWX	Mrs Woodall
		JJO	Mr Jones
9EBO	Mr Clews	PBA	Mr Batista
		Year 11- Ms Jackson	
		DJO	Mrs Jones
		AWE	Mr Welsh
		SGL	Mrs Glew
10EMC	Miss McAdam	CME	Mrs Meir
10PDU	Miss Dutton	VSA	Miss Sayle-Kermode
		KBR	Miss Brand

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 Friday 21st 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.

You will have received an email recently about donations of uniform for our 'pre-loved uniform' facility that we would like to develop further. 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 in to main reception before the end of the week, or in September. Many families access preloved uniform so we would like as much as possible.

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	One plain stud in each ear and one watch is permitted. Hoops, dangly earrings, tunnels, stretchers, rings, necklaces, and bracelets are not allowed to be worn. No facial piercings including nose studs are permitted, even with a clear stud. Covering

	facial piercings with a plaster during the healing process will not be allowed and will need to be removed. Only Academy issued badges are to be worn on the blazer.
Nails and makeup	Any makeup and false tan should be subtle. False eyelashes, false nails and coloured nail varnish is not permitted.
Mobile phones/electronic communication devices	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, 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.

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

	Girls	Boys
Blazer & tie		
Trousers/ skirt		

Shirt		
Shoes		

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>

