

20th April 2026

Dear Parent/ Carer

Re: Uniform and equipment

We are now approaching the time that you will be thinking about getting ready for the new Academic Year, and I am therefore forwarding you a copy of our uniform and equipment expectations. Full details are at the bottom of this letter.

We have extremely high standards and expectations of all those associated with The Orme Academy. As a member of our 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.

The two suppliers of the specialist items of uniform are:

	Clive Mark	Smart Uniform
Address	13-14 Lancaster Building, High Street, Newcastle-under-Lyme, ST5 1PG	Harvey House, Hassell Street, Newcastle-under-Lyme, ST5 1AR
Telephone	01782 980676	01782 713650
Email	Newcastle.store@clivemark.co.uk	shop@smartuniform.co.uk
Website	www.clivemark.co.uk	www.smartuniform.co.uk

Could I please draw your attention to several sections and ask for your support in ensuring your child understands the standards expected.

- Jewellery - Only a watch on the wrist and small earrings are allowed. Please ensure your child does not wear rings or necklaces. They will be asked to remove these.
- Facial piercings - One nose piercing is permitted but must be a small plain stud. No other facial piercings are permitted. Please ensure your child does not get any other piercing (except ears and nose) as they will be asked to remove them. It will not be possible to cover these with plasters 'until they heal.'
- Shoes - These must be smart black school shoes and not trainers, pumps or boots. Please avoid purchasing brands such as Adidas, Nike and Converse etc which are not suitable. I am fully aware that retailers deliberately target parents to sell them trainers that have been marketed as shoes, but quite simply it must be a black school shoe.
- Trousers/shorts - Must be grey and not black.
- Hoodies and jumpers – A navy blue or black knitted school jumper may be worn under the blazer. Logos or sweatshirts are not permitted. No other jumpers or hoodies are allowed on the school site. If a student is cold, they should wear a coat over their blazer whilst outdoors.
- Bags - Please ensure your child has a bag of a suitable size and style to allow them to carry their iPad, books, food, homework, PE kit and a water bottle.

- Water bottle - We have water available for students to fill up their water bottles, and we recommend each student brings a bottle to school for this purpose. Please note that fizzy drinks and energy drinks are not allowed in school.

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.

We want all our students to be able to access our school uniform. This is our priority, and we want all students to be fully included in these lessons with the correct school uniform. We will endeavour to stock a range of preloved uniform/PE kit items that will be available for students to use as needed. We operate a pre-loved uniform facility in school. Any parent can contact us and have a look at the stock we have. Indeed, as your child moves through the school, if parents have any items of uniform/coats/bags that a child no longer needs then it can be donated to the school.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your support with these expectations. If you have any questions, please contact us and we will be happy to provide further clarity to help you with your purchasing choices.

Yours sincerely

Mrs A Caulkin
Assistant Principal

The Orme Academy uniform has only 4 branded items (blazer, skirt, PE top, tie). These items are marked with an asterisk (*) and are available from Clive Mark and Smart Uniform only. All other items are readily available from a variety of low-cost outlets. The school also has a pre-loved uniform shop – contact us for details.

Upper half	
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.
School jumper (optional)	Navy blue or black knitted school jumper. Logos or sweatshirts are not permitted.
Tie*	Navy blue plain tie.
Lower half	
Skirt*	Trutex senior stitch down pleat skirt in pendle tartan worn without belt.
Or trousers or school shorts	Trousers and shorts should be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • plain, tailored, dark charcoal grey with waistband and zip • Trousers – full length, shorts – knee length. We do not accept: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • decoration, logos or cargo pockets • tight fitting, low cut, jeans or 'jean style'
Socks or tights	Black or grey socks - socks are not to be worn above the knee. Black or neutral-coloured tights.
Shoes	Black low-heeled shoes, enclosed at the heel and toe. No boots, trainers, canvas pumps or logos. Converse shoes and Nike Airforce are not acceptable.



Shirt	
Shoes	

PE Kit

<p>Students are required to have <u>either</u> a long sleeved or short sleeved training top (* and are available from Clive Mark and Smart Uniform only) in addition to a pair of plain black shorts/ leggings/ training trousers/skort.</p>	
<p>Short sleeved polo shirt*</p> <p>Falcon Encore polo shirt in navy/sky.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Long sleeved training top*</p> <p>Falcon Encore ¼ zip top in navy/ sky.</p>	
<p>Black shorts or training trousers or leggings or skort</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>

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.
iPad and pen	Every student will be supplied with an iPad (free of charge) which they must bring into school every day with at least 80% of charge. Every student will be supplied with an iPad Pen (1 st one free of charge – these must be replaced if lost or damaged) which they must bring into school every day charged.
Phone pouch	Every student will be supplied with a lockable phone pouch (free of charge) which they must bring into school every day, even if they do not bring in a mobile phone.
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 bracelet is permitted. One nose piercing is permitted but must be a small plain stud. No other facial piercings are permitted. Only Academy issued badges are to be worn on the blazer. All jewellery must be removed for PE.
Nails and makeup	Any makeup and false tan should be subtle. False nails and coloured nail varnish is not permitted. Eyelashes should be natural in appearance.