

Dear Parents and Carers,

18.10.2024

Thank you for your continued support during this first half term of the academic year. As we approach the half term break, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the expectations regarding school uniform and essential equipment.

Before the summer holidays, I communicated some adjustments to the school uniform policy, with the most significant change being related to footwear. From September 2024, trainers are no longer permitted as an alternative to school shoes. There are a small number of students continuing to wear black trainers. Please note that any footwear resembling trainers, including brands like Air Force, is not acceptable. We strongly advise against purchasing school shoes from sports shops or the sports section of department stores or supermarkets. All students must wear black school shoes. Kicker shoes are acceptable.

If you are purchasing a winter coat for your child over the half term, please remember that coats should be plain, without logos or motifs, and either navy or black in colour. Hoodies are not permitted in the academy and should not be worn over or under blazers. For extra warmth, students may wear a grey school jumper with the OPA logo, school jumpers are optional.

Below is the summary of the expectations for uniform and essential equipment. Uniforms can be purchased online at www.snappyschoolwear.com.

Uniform Expectations:

- **Blazer:** Navy blazer with Ormiston Park Academy logo
- **Skirts (Pleated):** Charcoal grey, pleated, worn no more than three inches above the knee (no pencil, Lycra, or tight-fitting skirts permitted)
- **Trousers:** Tailored, business style, charcoal grey (stretchy, leggings, or tight-fitting trousers are not permitted)
- **Shirts:** Plain white, collared, and buttoned
- **Jumper:** Grey OPA logo V neck jumper (jumpers are optional)
- **Socks:** Plain white, black, or grey (no logo socks permitted)

- **Tights:** Natural or black (socks must not be worn over tights)
- **Coats:** Plain black or navy (no logos, leather, suede, denim, no hoodies)
- **Tie:** OPA blue logo tie (student leaders will be provided with gold ties)
- **Shoes:** Plain black school shoes (NO trainers) Kickers are acceptable.
- **Hairstyles:** No extreme styles or colours, including shaved or patterned styles
- **Jewellery:** One watch and one pair of small, plain ear studs allowed, no other jewellery or body piercings.
- **Nails:** No false, gel, or acrylic nails allowed for safety reasons. No coloured nail varnish, nails should be natural in colour.
- **Make-up:** No false eyelashes, and any obvious make-up will need to be removed.
- **Hairbands/Ribbons/Beads:** Must be plain black, navy, or white
- **Head Scarves (Hijabs) :** Must be black, navy, grey, or white

Physical Education Kit:

- Navy shorts with red trim and OPA logo or navy slim-fit training pants
- Navy polo shirt with red trim and OPA logo
- Suitable trainers of any colour

Essential Equipment List:

- School bag (large enough for books)
- Pencil case
- 2 black pens, 1 green pen, 1 red pen
- Pencil, eraser, sharpener, ruler
- Scientific calculator
- Refillable water bottle (clear/see-through)
- Reading book

Mobile Phones

I would also like to remind you that chewing gum and bubble gum are not allowed in the Academy. In addition, we are a no-phone Academy, so all mobile devices should be switched off and kept out of sight throughout the school day.

Punctuality:

All students must be in school for tutor time by 8:30 a.m. Students arriving after this time will be marked as late and will receive a 30-minute detention after school on the same day.

Satchel One Platform:

Feedback from students and parents regarding Satchel One has been positive. Satchel One is the platform we introduced in September to communicate behaviour points, achievement points, homework, and detentions. All parents and carers should now be accessing Satchel One to monitor their child's progress. If you have any issues with Satchel One or logging in, please contact our Data Manager, Mr. Thomas at datahelpdesk@ormistonpark.org.uk

I wish you a restful half term break and look forward to welcoming your children back into the Academy on Monday 4th November.

Yours Sincerely,

Lynsey Padmore

Vice Principal