

20<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Return to the Academy – September 2021**

What a year it has been – setting up testing centres, isolation, remote home learning, lock downs, facemasks, contact tracing, bubbles, staggered starts/finishes...the list goes on. Whilst it has been tough, I can honestly say that I am immensely proud of how the entire Academy community has managed and hopefully we can now look forward to a lovely summer with family and friends. Not only have we coped, we have all continued to develop the Academy and the students have continued to make excellent progress.

September is an exciting prospect. Not only are we hopeful of a return to some form of normality in school, but the developments across the Academy continue. The installation of 17 new touchscreen interactive screens, our new Dance/fitness studio, the new library and literacy focus, expansion of the technology facilities, a wider curriculum, development of the enrichment lessons and a whole series of decoration and carpets are just a few highlights that we look forward to.

Whilst we do approach the end of this academic year, this letter outlines the logistics for return in September.

**Times of the day:**

Lessons will start promptly at 8:40am. Students from all year groups will be able to access the Academy site from the main student entrance on Milehouse Lane, or the rear entrance on Sparch Hollow. These gates will be 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 (2.25pm on a Tuesday). A summary of the Academy day is found below, but more details can be found on our website.

**Monday, Wednesday, Friday**

8:40 - 9:35am	Period 1
9:35 - 10:30am	Period 2
10:30 - 10:50am	Tutorial
10:50 - 11:10am	Break
11:10 - 12.05pm	Period 3
12:05 - 1:00pm	Period 4
1:00 - 1:30pm	Lunch
1:30 - 2:25pm	Period 5
2:25 - 3:20pm	Period 6

**Tuesday (CPD)**

8:40 - 9:35am	Period 1
9:35 - 10:30am	Period 2
10:30 - 10:50am	Tutorial
10:50 - 11:10am	Break
11:10 - 12.05pm	Period 3
12:05 - 1:00pm	Period 4
1:00 - 1:30pm	Lunch
1:30 - 2:25pm	Period 5

**Thursday (enrichment)**

8:40 - 9:35am	Period 1
9:35 - 10:30am	Period 2
10:30 - 11:25am	Period 3
11.25 - 11.45am	Break
11:45 - 12:40pm	Period 4
12:40 - 1:35pm	Period 5
1.35 - 2.05pm	Lunch
2:05 - 3:20pm	Period 6

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 aimed primarily at Year 7 students. This is in Computer Room 3 and 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.

Due to a change in restrictions, many of our extra-curricular activities will resume and details will be shared as they start up.

**Dates of return and onsite Covid Lateral Flow Testing:**

As previously advertised, the first full dates of return in September are as follows:

Year 7 students only – **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 – **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September** (note the date to attend for testing below).

However, on return in September, schools are expected to offer 2 onsite Covid Lateral Flow tests. This is similar to what we have done this year. After a long summer of socialising, the idea is that high uptake of testing in schools (rather than at home) will help identify any asymptomatic cases (those with Covid who are not showing symptoms) and thus breaking chains of transmission. September will be different – most adults will have been vaccinated, in general children and adults will not need to isolate in contact with a Covid case, no bubbles, no masks etc, however these things could return. Onsite testing is just one way to reduce the chances of the virus spreading. Following these 2 tests conducted at the Academy, children will then return to home testing until the end of September at which point this will be reviewed by the Government. This onsite testing is parental choice and new Year 7 parents have already been contacted to request consent to test. Consent obtained from all other year groups remains in place from this year, so please contact the Academy if you wish to add or withdraw consent.

The Government has asked schools to try and get the first test done before the start of the academic year if possible and hence said we should look to use days before the term resumes. Similar to the return in March this year, year groups will be invited into school before the start date to get the first test done. Following this, we will get the second test done 3-5 days later. Students in Years 8 – 11 with testing consent will need to arrive via the Sparch Hollow gates at relevant times/dates as outlined below in their form groups. Students do not need to wear uniform and will only stay on site to complete the test and then leave. Year 7 students with consent will be tested on their induction day on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

THURSDAY 2 <sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER						FRIDAY 3 <sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER	
Year 11		Year 10		Year 9		Year 8	
12.00pm	JWI (was CSA)	1.00pm	LDA	2.00pm	DJO	9.30am	VTA
12.10pm	CME (was KCO)	1.10pm	RDA	2.10pm	GLO	9.40am	ARA
12.20pm	AWE	1.20pm	NWE (was SBO)	2.20pm	SGL	9.50am	EBO
12.30pm	GBR	1.30pm	SWI	2.30pm	ARO	10.00am	CWX
12.40pm	GSA	1.40pm	CNE	2.40pm	PDU	10.10am	JJO
		1.50pm	SHE (was JME)	2.50pm	ACU	10.20am	EWE

**Uniform, appearance and equipment:**

You will have recently received correspondence from Mrs Postlethwaite 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.

**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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

Whilst I have diverted hundreds of thousands of pounds into facilities, resources and staff to support curriculum developments this year, the Academy is still looking for additional resources for our new library (we can never have too many books!). Therefore, could I ask that if you (or friends/family) have any books that you no longer want then we are more than happy to accept any donations. The Academy caters for a range of abilities so any age range would be suitable. Ideally, books in good condition would be our preference. If you are planning a sort out over the summer, then do let us have anything that may be suitable in September. Students are currently voting to name the new library and we will share some pictures as soon as it is finished.

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 which hopefully will be more straightforward and allow us to solely focus on 'Empowering Learners for Life' - our Academy ethos. Our focus stretches well beyond academic performance. We firmly believe that every aspect of school should equip learners to be successful in all areas of their lives, both now and in the future. Indeed, every single decision or action taken improves the life chances of all of our learners. This is underpinned by ensuring the Academy is a safe, nurturing and happy environment: put simply, The Orme Academy is a great place to learn and a great place to work.

Have a wonderful summer!

Your sincerely



Mr Mark Boughey  
**Principal**

## Uniform, Appearance and Equipment

### Girls

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

### Boys

<b>Blazer*</b>	Trutex Contemporary jacket in royal blue with school badge.
<b>White shirt</b>	Plain white long or short sleeved with a stiffened collar, top button and capable of taking a tie.
<b>V neck school jumper* (optional)</b>	Navy blue v neck school jumper.
<b>Tie*</b>	Navy blue plain tie.
<b>Trousers</b>	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.
<b>Socks</b>	Black or grey socks.
<b>Shoes</b>	Black low-heeled shoes, enclosed at the heel and toe. No boots, trainers, canvas pumps or logos. Converse shoes are not acceptable.

### Miscellaneous

<b>Outdoor coat</b>	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.
<b>School bag</b>	Waterproof and of an appropriate shape and size to carry A4 books/ folders.
<b>Stationery</b>	Blue or black pens, pencil, rubber, ruler, calculator.
<b>Religious headwear</b>	If required for religious purposes, religious headwear must be plain navy or black with no pattern.
<b>Hair</b>	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.

<b>Jewellery</b>	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.
<b>Nails and makeup</b>	Any makeup and false tan should be subtle. False eyelashes, false nails and coloured nail varnish is not permitted.
<b>Mobile phones</b>	Mobile phones are not permitted to be used on the Academy site. If a student's mobile phone goes off, or they are seen using it, this will be confiscated and 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 mobile phones brought on site.

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

	<b>Girls</b>	<b>Boys</b>
<b>Blazer &amp; tie</b>		
<b>Trousers/ skirt</b>		

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.

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

<p><b>Short sleeved polo shirt*</b></p> <p>Falcon Encore polo shirt in navy/sky.</p> <p>AND</p> <p><b>Long sleeved training top*</b></p> <p>Falcon Encore ¼ zip top in navy/ sky.</p>	
---	--

<p><b>Shorts/ training trousers or leggings*</b></p> <p>Falcon Encore shorts or training trousers or leggings in navy/ sky.</p>	
<p><b>Football boots, shin pads &amp; gum shield</b></p>	<p>For football and rugby lessons (optional).</p>
<p><b>Trainers</b></p>	<p>Training shoes with non-marking soles.</p>
<p><b>PE Bag</b></p>	<p>Waterproof and of an appropriate shape and size to carry all PE equipment.</p>

