



24th July 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we reach the end of a busy year it is important that students take some time over the summer holiday to rest, recuperate and enjoy time with their friends and family.

Late Bus

So that those students who get the bus to school each day are able to attend any sports or extra-curriculum clubs, we organise a late bus which departs from the academy at 4.30pm on a Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. The late bus service will commence on Monday 9th September 2024.

Year 8-11 Uniform Expectations

When we return for the next academic year on Wednesday 4th September 2024, all students will be expected to be in full school uniform. We understand that as we move through the school year items may have been misplaced or have broken. Please can we ask that you take this opportunity to purchase any missing items to ensure students are ready for their return to school. Every student is expected to wear the academy uniform with pride and respect. Our students will be the leaders of tomorrow and it is important that they understand what it means to present oneself professionally. All uniform can be ordered online, directly from the Academy supplier www.yourschoolwear.co.uk or via the Academy by emailing speterson@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk.

The uniform expectations are:

- Academy Blazer with blue trim and Ormiston Rivers Academy Badge.
- Plain black school trousers or Academy tartan mock kilt. Trousers must not be leggings, jeans, jeggings or skinny trousers.
- Kilts should be near the knee and should not be rolled at the waist.
- Black socks or black or neutral plain tights.
- White school shirt that can be done up to the top button (long or short sleeves).
- School tie to be worn at all times.
- Black school shoes: Shoes must be plain black leather with no white or coloured logos or stitching. We do not allow suede shoes, boots, slingbacks, wedges or trainers like 'Nike Air Max'. However, we do allow all black Nike Air Force 1s, Converse, All Stars, Puma and similar but again, they must be all black leather.

Blazers must be worn to and from lessons, shirts must be tucked in, ties must be worn at all times, no non-uniform (hoodies or sweatshirts) is to be worn, black leather shoes are to be worn and skirt lengths should be near the knee and not rolled at the waist.

Leggings are not permitted at all, whether worn as trousers or under the academy kilt, neither are jeans or chinos. Decorative belts, combat style trousers and cropped trousers are not permitted.

Only the official Academy jumper is permitted, although this is no longer a compulsory item of uniform.

Decision making will be allowed for students themselves around appropriate make up, jewellery and nail colour:

- Earrings (in addition to studs) will be permitted. Earrings must be removed for practical subjects to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our students during these activities. Only studs or small sleeper earrings smaller than a 5p may be worn. New piercings will still have to be removed for PE.
- Makeup may be worn but must remain subtle/discrete. • Eyelashes may be worn whether it be extensions or glue on eyelashes.
- Jewellery – items such as watches, bracelets, rings or necklaces can be worn. However, they must be removed during practical lessons. Necklaces and bracelets must be tucked out of sight.
- Nails – coloured, painted, false or extensions of nails are permitted. However, they must be to a safe length that allows students to safely participate in physical activities whilst not causing any possible harm to themselves or others.

Your support with helping our students to follow our uniform policy is greatly appreciated.

I hope you and your family have a fantastic summer break.

Yours sincerely,



Joanne Williams,
Principal
Ormiston Rivers Academy