



1st September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to welcome you and your child to the new academic year at Ormiston Rivers Academy. We are excited to work with you to ensure every student feels they belong here and has a happy, successful year.

Your child's **form tutor** plays a key role in this: they will see your child every day, build positive relationships, and be your first point of contact for any questions or concerns.

Alongside excellent learning, we expect the highest standards of behaviour, manners, and respect. Our CARRE values: Community, Ambition, Respect, Resilience and Excellence guide everything we do and help create a safe and supportive environment.

What students need every day:

- **"5 a Day" essentials:** 2 black pens, 1 purple pen, pencil, ruler, and scientific calculator
- **Focus phone pouch**
- **Catering card** for lunch and snacks

Form tutors will check these each morning. Students will also have a **uniform and equipment card** to support them in meeting expectations.

Please make sure your child is in **full uniform** every day. Details can be found on our website ([ORA Uniform Policy 2025-26](#)), but in short: blazer and tie, white shirt, black tailored trousers or academy kilt/shorts, plain black shoes. Medical evidence is required for alternative footwear.

A few reminders:

- **Years 7 & 8:** Minimal natural make-up, no false nails or eyelashes, one pair of stud earrings.
- **Years 9–11:** More flexibility, but all jewellery and nails must be safe and removed for PE and practical lessons.

New updated timetable for this academic year:

- 8:50am–9:20am: Form Time
- 9:20am–3:20pm: Lessons (with break at 11:20am and lunch at 1:40pm)

Thank you for supporting our high expectations. Our aim is to create a safe, aspirational, and supportive environment where every child can thrive, ensuring their life is enriched through education. Together, we will create the best environment for your child to learn and flourish. Should you have any questions, please contact your child's form tutor in the first instance. We look forward to an exciting and successful year ahead!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Dijana Piralic". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large 'D' and a clear 'P'.

Dijana Piralic
Principal (Interim)
Ormiston Rivers Academy