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Academy**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to confirm the arrangements for the end of term and the start of the next academic year.

End of Year

We have an exciting end to the school year for current Y7-10 students. Below is an overview including important information regarding the final day of term.

Monday 21st July - Regular school day with a planned whole school attendance rewards assembly.

Tuesday 22nd July - Sports Day.

Wednesday 23rd July - Whole school activities day. Students will have personalised information regarding their chosen activity or trip. All Year 7 students will be on site all day completing some fun team building, competitions and an alternative sports day (all year 7 students will be required to wear their PE kit all day).

Thursday 24th July - Whole School Summer carnival. Students will be out of lesson for one period to participate in the fun events we have to celebrate our Oakwood Community. Community members are also invited to come to school to participate after 3.30pm.

Friday 25th July - Final day of term. Students will have regular lessons Periods 1 and 2 before we have some fun activities scheduled. School will close at 12:30 for all students (the canteen will be available for students to have lunch before they leave should they choose too including those entitled to free school meals). Students can choose to wear suitable non-school uniform on the last day of term for a donation of 50p (all funds to support The Oakwood Community project).

September re-opening

The school re-opens to students in September on a staggered basis as follows:

Tuesday 2nd September at 8:40am - Year 7 and 11 students only.

Wednesday 3rd September at 8:40am - all students.

Important reminders

I would like to remind you that our principle communication tool is Class Charts. It is imperative that you are fully functioning on Class Charts for September 2025 (New Y7 parents will receive some information in September about how to set this up). Any existing parents who need support with this please contact school at your earliest convenience so we can get you up and running. More information can also be found on our website by searching for Class Charts.

Please can I also draw your attention to the information on pages 3 and 4 of this letter regarding the school's uniform guidelines for the coming year. We have high expectations for all of our students and we expect all to follow our clear uniform policy. All students need to ensure that this is in place for September and beyond. In addition, please ensure your child has all of the equipment that they require so that they are 'ready to learn'.

A reminder of the times of the school day are as follows:

8:40 - All students required on site

8:45 - Period 1 starts

9:45 - Period 2

10:45 - Break

11:05 - Tutor time

11:30 - Period 3

12:30 - Lunch

1:10 - Period 4

2:10 - Period 5

3:10 - End of lessons for Years 7-11 - after school activities start

4:30 - Reception closes

5:00 - Site closes

Finally, may I take this opportunity to thank you all for your fantastic support again this year and wish everyone a lovely, relaxing summer.

Yours sincerely



Mr A Gilbert

Headteacher

Uniform Expectations

All students at the Oakwood Academy, from Year 7 to Year 11, wear uniform.

The wearing of a uniform makes an important contribution to the tone and reputation of the academy. We like students to come here looking smart and business-like and ready to work. Students without the correct uniform will be offered substitute items in order for them to remain in lessons.

Daily Uniform

Official skirts, trousers, ties, blazers and PE kit are available from Just Schoolwear or Schoolwear Solutions.

Just Schoolwear can be found at 12 High Street, Arnold, Nottingham, NG5 7DZ Their contact number is 0115 9652869. Items can also be ordered online from www.justschoolwear.co.uk.

Schoolwear Solutions are based at Morleys, 116-118 Bramcote Avenue, Chilwell, Nottingham, NG9 4DR. Their contact number is 01159 258046.

All other uniform items should be plain with no logos or decoration.

Blazer: Grey school blazer with school logo and House colour pin badge.

Trousers: Official black school trousers branded with the school logo.

Skirt: Official tartan school skirt.

Shirt: Plain white with a collar and top button appropriate for use with a school tie. Soft collared sports shirts are not acceptable, i.e. polo shirts. No t-shirts are to be worn. There should be no badges or motifs on shirts. Shirts must be tucked in at all times.

School Tie: All students in Years 7 to 11 are required to wear a clip-on school tie. All students in Year 7 will be given one of our NEW Academy ties which has the house colours entwined in the pattern of the tie. All students in current Y7-10 are welcome to buy the new tie either now or when they need a replacement in the future. School ties need to be in immaculate condition. If your son/daughter's tie has threads pulled or ink marks on it then this will need to be replaced in time for the start of the new term.

Jumper: Only the official school jumper may be worn. The school jumper is an optional uniform item but advisable during the colder months of the year.

Socks/Tights: Plain black.

Shoes: Plain black polishable shoes. The wearing of fashion shoes, particularly those without backs or with high/stiletto heels is not permitted. Boots, canvas-style pumps, trainers or trainer-like shoes should not be worn. This includes Nike Air Force 1 trainers or similar.

School Coat: Students should wear plain water-resistant coats or jackets. Hoodies, tracksuit tops, bomber jackets or sports coats with large logos are not allowed. Fashion coats such as leather/denim jackets or body-warmers are also not permitted.

Jewellery: Jewellery can be a safety hazard; it gets lost easily. Students may wear one pair of small studs in the lower earlobe. and one single nose stud. Any other visible piercing is not permitted. Students are also not allowed to wear rings, bracelets or necklaces in school and it will be confiscated if seen.

Hairstyles: We expect hair styles to be neat and tidy and not extreme in any way. This includes tramlines, shaved images, brightly coloured decoration/ braiding or the use of unnatural shades of hair dye. In the interest of student safety, long hair must be tied back in PE lessons.

Headwear: Headwear of any kind is banned inside the school buildings except that which is worn for religious reasons and which be plain black. Students are free to wear appropriate head-coverings outside during inclement weather. Baseball caps are banned entirely on school premises.

Make-Up/ Nail Varnish: Make-Up, false nails and nail varnish are not allowed.

PE Kit: Academy PE top with Academy logo. Black bottoms should also be worn (leggings must not be see-through and preferably made of sports material). Shorts must be mid-thigh length or longer. All items can be purchased from our uniform suppliers. Plain black sports socks. Footwear should include appropriate trainers for indoor and outdoor activities, football boots are required for some activities. Converse and Nike Air Force trainers are not considered appropriate footwear for PE. Optional items include shin pads, gum shield and a thin raincoat.

Equipment: Students should have a suitable bag for school large enough to carry A4 sized documents. Students should have a full range of stationary including but not limited to two black/blue pens, pencil, ruler, red pen and rubber. Students in Years 7-9 should bring a suitable reading book to school every day (available from the school library).

If you are unclear regarding any of these expectations, please contact your child's Head of House for further information.