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Dear Parent/Carer,

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of another academic year and once again, can I thank you all for your continued support for the academy. I have enjoyed meeting so many of you and parents' evenings have been extremely well-attended with over 65% of parents joining us each time. This is a record high and I thank you for working in partnership with us to ensure that your child works hard and becomes successful. It is by working together we can ensure that all students enjoy their time at the academy, make excellent progress and leave us with the necessary skills and attitudes to lead successful and fulfilling lives.

Of course we await the summer results but I am confident that the hard work of our students and high degree of support from the parents of Y11 pupils will really pay off and put us on the map to being an outstanding provider of education in the city.

I have an unshakable belief in all our students and the new leadership team is determined that the academy builds on its legacy and continues to flourish and maintain its position at the heart of our community. I feel that as an academy we continue to go from strength to strength and it has been an absolute privilege to work with such a committed, dedicated and supportive staff. This is an academy to be proud of where everyone has an equally important role to play in the success. Long may it continue.

Of course, it is the time of year when we sadly say goodbye to some staff. This year, Miss Taylor (Head of Maths), Mrs Green (Geography), Miss Heywood (Science), Mrs Hampton (Science) and Mr Liddle (Maths) are moving onto new roles in other schools. Mrs Gibson (Science technician) is retiring. We will miss them and thank them for all their hard work and dedication to our academy and the part they have played in the transformation that has taken place.

Uniform

Many thanks for your continued support of the academy and its policies. We feel consistency is a critical thing to try and achieve for all of our students. As well as enjoying a break with your children, parents will no doubt be looking forward to the annual trip to the shops to source uniform and school shoes! Before any of you embark on this please may I take this opportunity to remind you of some key parts of the policy. The intention of this is to avoid unnecessary confrontations at the start of term with students returning to school in September not dressed in accordance with the academy uniform policy.

School shoes

Plain black sensible leather shoes (no logo), no boots, no canvas shoes, no trainer style shoes. School shoes are particularly expensive, but we have had issues this year with parents spending a lot of money on footwear which clearly does not take note of the above information. We would very much like to avoid this as it puts the academy at odds with the student which is not what any of us would wish for and would be a negative start to the term for all concerned.

Ormiston Meridian Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteer s to share this commitment.



Jewellery

Jewellery of any description is not encouraged and is not practical for many reasons. One small, plain stud or sleeper - size earring worn in each earlobe and a watch are the only items allowed. All jewellery must be removed for PE activities and is brought into the academy entirely at the student's own risk.

Nose studs and all other types of piercing are not allowed. Students will be required to remove any items of jewellery which contravene this code; they will be confiscated until parents collect them from the academy. If you do decide to allow your child to have additional piercings please ensure that they are removed when attending the academy. Replacing such piercings with spacers or blanks is not allowed. This will be strictly enforced in September and students not correctly attired for lessons will not be allowed to attend lessons until the issue has been fully resolved. Again, I should stress that this is absolutely the last thing we want as an academy as we all place great emphasis on good attendance to the academy and to lessons.

Make Up

Make up, if used, must be neutral and subtle. Students will be required to remove any excessive make up. Nail varnish is not allowed. False nails are not allowed. False eyelashes are not allowed.

Hairstyles

Hair should be neat and tidy. Certain styles are not acceptable, these include, unnatural colours and shaved lines in the hair.

Full details of our uniform policy are available on our website.

Arrangements for September

Please note that Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September are INSET days and students should **not attend**.

Thus, the new academic year for students begins on Wednesday 4th September. On this day new Year 7 students should arrive in time for the usual start of 8.45 a.m. All other students (Years 8 to 11) should arrive in time to go to their forms at 11.20 a.m. Please be aware that there will be no access to the canteen on this day during break time.

We are very proud of our academy and of our students and believe that high standards of uniform, behaviour, being properly equipped and attending regularly give each and every one of our students the very best chance of learning well and achieving their very best. Thank you all very much in advance of your anticipated support and understanding. I wish you an enjoyable summer break.

Yours sincerely,



Mr G Jones
Principal