

Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have enjoyed a restful Summer Break, and we look forward to welcoming all of our students back into school this week. Students are expected to return as follows:

Thursday 3rd September: Year 7 at 8.25am

Year 11 at 10.00am

Friday 4th September: All Year groups should arrive at school at 8.20am

In readiness for our new academic year commencing, we would like to remind / update you with the following:

Mobile Phones

Our Yondr phone pouch system will commence this week. Upon the students return, they will each receive their own phone pouch which will need to be used daily moving forwards. Details and practices of how to use the pouches will be provided during your child's tutor time.

Uniform & Equipment Students are expected to return in full school uniform as per our uniform policy – additional information regarding expectations can be found on our website ([Ormiston Sandwell Community Academy - Uniform](#))

Please also ensure that your child has the correct equipment each day – this includes a school bag, black or blue pens, a red pen, a pencil, a ruler, an eraser and a calculator.

Attendance

As you know, your child's attendance is extremely important, and just one day off can impact their learning. We are therefore launching a 100% attendance campaign – please see additional letter from Mr Horton for further information.

Please ensure that students arrive at school no later than 8.20am – any students arriving after 8.30am will be marked as late and receive a late detention.

Should your child be absent, please call our absence line at 0121 552 5501, Option 1 to report their absence via the dedicated voicemail prior to 8.00am wherever possible.

ParentPay

OSCA is a cashless school. It is therefore vital that you have access to ParentPay in order to pay for school meals and other items (such as ties, calculators and trips) within school. If you do not have your log in details, and would like a copy, please email our Finance Officer, Mrs Welsh at finance@ormistonsandwell.org.uk

School Meals

Please ensure your child's school meal account has been 'topped up' in preparation for their use of the service via ParentPay – there will be no facility to pay cash at the tills.

As always, if you have any additional queries, or if you require any support, please don't hesitate to contact us via our Reception Team at 0121 552 5501, option 7.

Kindest Regards,

TEAM OSCA