

27th May 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a wonderful half term at the Academy, with so many trips and events led by our students, I am very proud to be part of this amazing community and family at OAC. As we finish the half term with our Jubilee celebrations, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all an enjoyable and safe half term break.

Whilst we are enjoying our week's rest before the final half term of the year, we would like to share with you a few reminders.

Equipment

Pencil cases are starting to look a little sparse. There are a number of students who are coming in with insufficient supplies of basic items such as pens and pencils. Please ensure you take this opportunity to replenish items during the break ready for a great final half term of learning*.

We would also like to take the opportunity to bring to your attention the issue of magnets. Magnets should not be brought into school, including magnet rings which seem to have become popular in recent weeks. They are not needed by students in school, and should they be required in a lesson they will be provided. We have some students in school for whom magnets pose a serious medical risk. Therefore, we ask that all students support us in our request that these are not brought into school.

Uniform

Whilst we are aware that we are approaching the end of the school year and many of you will be hoping to avoid any additional uniform purchases before the autumn term, we do still have seven weeks of school left (eight including half term) and it is notable that some of the student body have had extreme growth spurts; which leads to issues such as difficulty in tucking in shirts. Please take the time to check your child's uniform over the break and if it is needed, and you are able to, please replace any outgrown items*.

We would like to thank students for remembering to wear their school blazer on PE days, however, there are still a number of students wearing joggers which aren't uniform compliant. Joggers should either be plain navy with no branding, or official academy joggers with the academy logo.



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Appearance

Please remind your child that any temporary hair colour put in over the break must be removed before we return on 6th June. We also remind you that jewellery is not permitted at the academy other than a wrist watch (not smart watch). Where absolutely necessary students may wear clear plastic studs, but they will still be required to remove these for PE lessons.

Finally, we would like to remind you all of the **Queen's Jubilee Celebrations in Grange Park** on Saturday 4th June. Our students will be performing during part of the event, and there are lots of fun and entertaining activities planned, along with lots of food! It would be lovely to see as many of you there as possible.

Thank you all for your support this half term and have a wonderful break. We look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 6th June at the normal time of 8.30am.

Yours sincerely,

Ms C Green
Principal

*If you have any concerns about being able to replace items then please contact your child's mentor in the first instant so that we can look at how we can support you with this.



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