

# Newsletter

Ormston  
school

## Issue 47

### Reminder of the school calendar

#### Leeds school calendar (term dates) 2025-2026

2025	8 week half term				7 week half term			
	August	September	October	November	December			
Monday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29			
Tuesday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30			
Wednesday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31			
Thursday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25 31			
Friday	8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26 2			
Saturday	9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27 3			
Sunday	10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28 4			

2026	6 week half term		6 week half term			5 week half term		7 week half term	
	January	February	March	April	May	June			
Monday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29			
Tuesday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30			
Wednesday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24			
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Saturday	10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27			
Sunday	11 18 25 1	8 15 22	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28			

2026	July	August
Monday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31
Tuesday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Wednesday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Thursday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Friday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Saturday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Sunday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30

#### 194 day school year (6 of these are training days)

Bank Holiday

Holiday

INSET - School is closed for training

Autumn term = 75 days

Spring term = 60 days

Summer term = 61 days

Total = 196

#### Leeds school calendar 2026-2027

2026	August		September		October		November		December	
	Monday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	1 8 15 22 29	
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2027	January		February		March		April		May		June	
	Monday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24
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Sunday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29 5

#### 195 day school year (6 of these are training days)

Bank Holiday

Holiday

Training Days

Autumn term = 74 days

Spring term = 58 days

Summer term = 63 days

Total = 195

## What key dates do I still need to know about for the term ahead?



- **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June (15:30 – 16:45)** An Options evening for all students who are currently in Year 9 and their parents/carers. This will also allow us the opportunity to discuss more practical elements such as rooms and the curriculum.  
\*Please let the school office know if your child will be remaining at school and not require transport
- **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June (15:30 – 16:45)** An Options/Progress evening for all students who are currently in Year 10 and their parents/carers

\*Please let the school office know if your child will be remaining at school and not require transport

- **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June (15:30 – 16:45)** An open evening for students and parents/carers for our current Year 6 students who will be transitioning to year 7 (including existing and new students)  
\*Please let the school office know if your child will be remaining at school and not require transport
- **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July (15:30 – 16:30)** Parent Forum focusing on the year ahead  
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- **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July** – Space exploration and astronomy themed STEAM Day, young people may dress up
- **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July** – Whole school sports day at Mission Out
- **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July** – Whole school end of term rewards day at the VR and Gaming Club

*\*Please note that young people will be leaving school at 14:30 on the last day*

## School Uniform

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support in maintaining high standards across our school community. Our school uniform plays an important role in fostering a sense of belonging, pride, and equality among students, and we appreciate your cooperation in ensuring these expectations are consistently met.



We kindly remind all families that students are expected to arrive at school each day wearing the correct uniform, we understand that our young people have different needs and we have some flexibility, please ensure that staff are made aware about any sensory/EHCP requirement for adaptations. With the weather improving (fingers crossed) students are more than welcome to attend school in shorts – please ensure that these are a suitable length.

Adhering to these expectations helps create a focused and respectful learning environment for everyone.

We also want to inform you that there has been a slight increase in the cost of some uniform items ordered through school. We understand that any rise in expenses can be challenging, and we sincerely apologise for this adjustment. This change reflects increased supplier and production costs, and we have worked to keep the increase as minimal as possible while maintaining quality and durability.

If you have any concerns or require support regarding uniform provision, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. We remain committed to supporting all families and ensuring every student feels comfortable and confident in their uniform.

## Restrictive Practise - [Use of reasonable force in schools - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/restrictive-practise-use-of-reasonable-force-in-schools)

Recent changes to guidance around restrictive intervention means that schools must ensure parents and carers are informed whenever a restrictive intervention has been used with their child. Restrictive interventions are actions taken to prevent danger or harm; where a child's movement, freedom, or access is limited. This may include physical restraint, blocking a child from leaving an area, removing items for safety reasons, or using strategies that restrict movement or choice. This could be as simple as assisting a young person to eat their lunch in a different area.



At school we are expected to record these incidents clearly, explain why the intervention was necessary, and work with families to support the child's wellbeing and safety. The aim is to increase transparency, strengthen communication with parents, and encourage the use of the least restrictive approaches wherever possible.

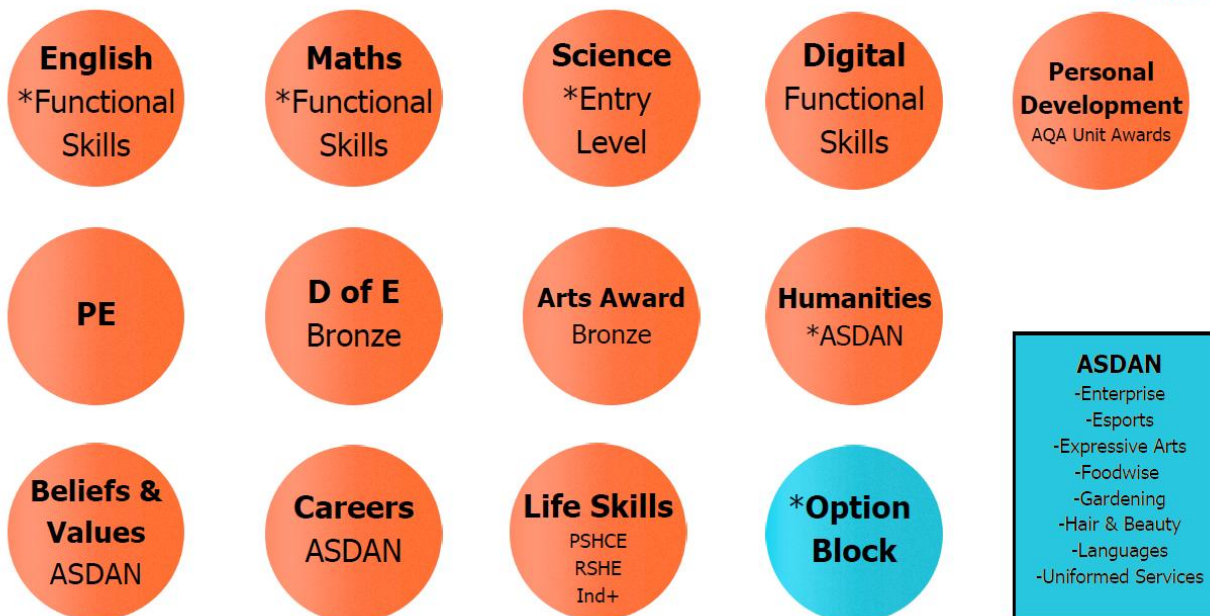
Why are we letting you know about this? We are letting you know about this as you may start to receive more email correspondence and notifications. Should you have any queries, please reach out to the school office.

## KS4 Routes

In preparation for next year's KS4 group we have created our curriculum routes; we look forward to discussing this with parents and carers. You can find our curriculum policies and summary on the website.

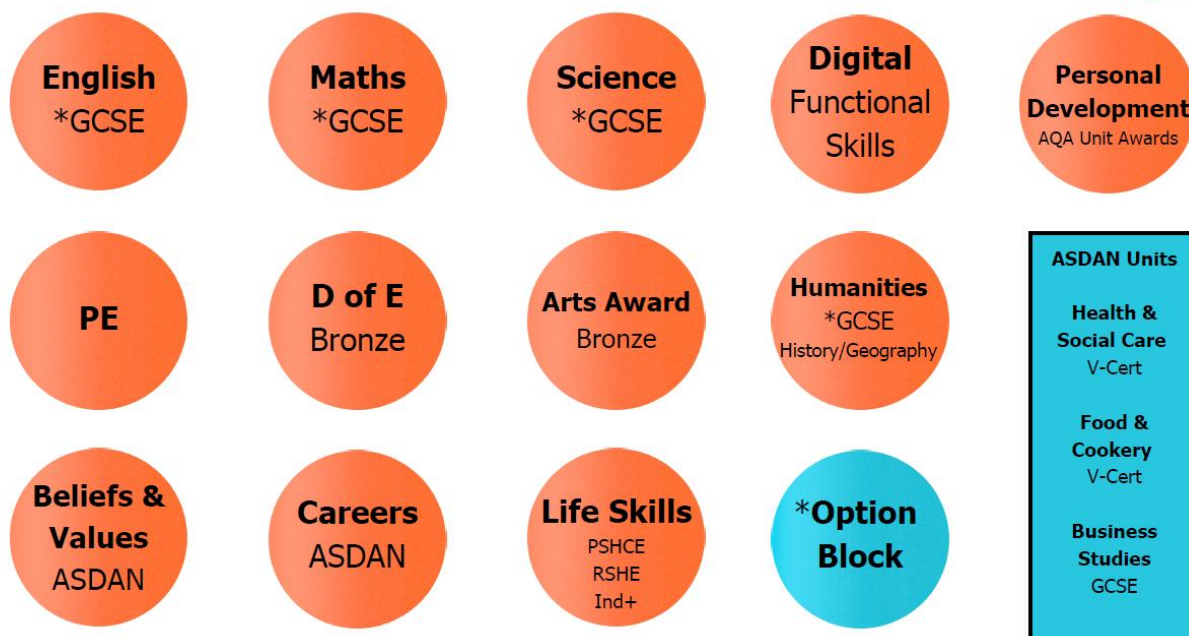
### Route 1

\*Where appropriate, young people are able to move between courses



### Route 2

\*Where appropriate, young people are able to move between courses



## Staff Updates

In September we have some new staff joining us including 4 Teachers and a number of TA'S. We look forward to sharing the staff profiles with you. In the meantime, please find below the staff Profile for Miss Cooper (PE) and Mr Davies (Business, Computing, Maths):



Hi everyone, I'm Miss Cooper.

I am very excited be joining Ormston this year and I can't wait to meet you all!

I have been a PE teacher for 8 years now and love every part of being physically active, especially in the sunshine. You might catch me out in the rain though inventing new games to play.



I play netball every week and much prefer watching rugby to football.... rugby league to be precise!

I absolutely love marmite and cheese and there is nothing better than a cheese and marmite toastie, feeling sad – toastie, feeling happy – toastie, feeling frustrated – toastie.



My favourite animal is definitely a highland cow, but I love dogs too. I used to have a therapy dog who went into schools and hospitals to keep people calm. I think we can learn a lot from animals, about how they make us feel and how they respond to our actions.



A couple of fun facts for you all, my birthday is on New Years Day and I have dyslexia... so if anyone struggles with reading or writing we can get through it together, I might need your help as much as you need mine.

See you all sooooooon,

Miss Cooper



Hey! My name is Mr. Davies, I cannot wait to meet you at Ormston. I was originally born in Leicester where I grew up and then headed off to Thailand for 4 years. My family and I have since returned back to the UK and settled back in Yorkshire.



I love to travel and explore new places and I feel very lucky to have done that across lots of Asia. We, as a family, love hiking, exploring and finding ourselves in beautiful landscapes



If I am not spending time with the family, you will find me either running, cycling and swimming (although I try to avoid this one!). I have completed one Ironman Triathlon (12 hours it took me. Eek!). Just warning if you ask me about it, I will not stop talking about it.

I look forward to meeting you and joining you in the Ormston.

## Drop off and Pick Up

A friendly reminder to all parents and carers to please drop off and collect children promptly and then leave the school site to help keep entrances clear and ensure a smooth, safe environment for everyone. We also ask that dash cams are not used to record on school premises, as this helps protect the privacy of our pupils, families, and staff. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

## Have Your Say: School Newsletter

We are always looking to improve our school newsletter and ensure it provides meaningful and relevant information for our families. To help us do this, we would love to hear from parents and carers about what you would like to see included.

Whether it's updates on student achievements, upcoming events, helpful resources, or insights into classroom learning, your feedback is invaluable in shaping a newsletter that meets the needs of our community.

Please feel free to share your suggestions with us—we greatly appreciate your input and look forward to developing a newsletter that everyone finds informative and engaging.

Please contact [schooloffice@ormstonschool.co.uk](mailto:schooloffice@ormstonschool.co.uk) and use the Subject Line: Newsletter

