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Start of term arrangements- Year 11 Students

Dear Parent/Carers,

Your child will be moving into Year 11 after the summer holiday. Their tutor group and school House will remain the same. The Head of Year for Year 11 is Ms Pithwa and the Assistant Head of Year is Ms C Bates.

It is an exciting time for our Year 10 pupils who will be coming into Year 11, the year during which they will sit their GCSE exams, apply to colleges and make all their hard work so far count, in their exams, using revision guidance by teachers and making the most of revision sessions on offer. Mock exams will take place earlier in the year, so that students can practise their exam skills. We will be hosting a GCSE Giveaway Evening for families and hope that you are all able to make the most of all the opportunities provided in the upcoming year to talk to tutors and teachers, in order to support your child in this important year.

Date	Year Groups
Tuesday 30 th August 2022	Year 7 Year 11
Wednesday 31 st August 2022	All year groups

Year 11 students will be starting school on **Tuesday 30th August**, and should use the student reception gate to come to school, in time to start school at 8.30 am. Please note that the gate does close at 8.25 am to ensure all students arrive on time for Tutor Time.

Different year groups have different entrances to ensure a smooth calm morning routine, and these are listed below:

Year Group	Entrance / Exit Area	Start Time	Gates Close	Finish Time
Year 7	Student Reception Gate- Straight to Science Block	8.40am	8.35 am	2.55pm
Year 8	Sports Hall Gate- Straight to Humanities department	8.40am	8.35 am	2.55pm
Year 9	Student Reception- Straight to MFL/ICT area	8.40am	8.35 am	2.55pm
Year 10	Student Reception Gate- Line up in Tutor Groups	8.30am		2.45pm
Year 11	Student Reception Gate- Line up in Tutor Groups	8.30am		2.45pm

Year 11s will have a GCSE launch day on their first day, during which they will be meeting with colleges, have a one-to-one target setting session with a teacher, provided with revision resources, and there will be lots of mental health and wellbeing guidance around self-care and anxiety management to support students through their exams.

All term dates and Professional Learning days for staff in 2022-2023 can be found on our website here: [Term Dates - Orchard Mead Academy | Leicester | TMET \(orchard-tmet.uk\)](#), to support families with forward planning.

You should now be familiar with the My Child at School App, which is the method by which families can access their child's timetable, communicate with school, monitor Honour and Behaviour points, upload funds to the student card for meal times and purchase items from the school shop; if not please contact info@orchard-tmet.uk for support.

You can also follow Orchard Mead Academy on Facebook and Twitter, for daily insights into school life and whole school notices.

Yours sincerely



Mr Oldman
Executive Principal

Orchard Home School Charter

Students will	School will	Parents will
Work Hard		
We engage with all aspects of our learning; we aim to be passionate and continuously improve	We plan engaging, well sequenced and knowledge rich lessons for all learners.	We ensure that our children engage with learning and always try their best.
We believe that diligence and hard work helps us to grow, and we learn from our mistakes. We complete our homework on time.	We set regular homework in line with the academy calendar. We support our student learning by sharing 'making it stick' strategies. We provide effective feedback and encourage self-reflection	We discuss homework with our children and ensure that they complete it to the best of their ability.
We show enthusiasm in our lessons, take pride in our learning, and join in with extra-curricular activities	We enjoy teaching and communicate our enthusiasm for our subject	We ensure that our children engage with any additional support offered.
We do not let others hold us back. We are resilient , rise to every challenge and we bounce back when things are tough	We believe in our students and expect the highest standards. We expect students to be ambitious and we celebrate their achievements.	We communicate any difficulties our children may have, and we work together with the school to overcome these.

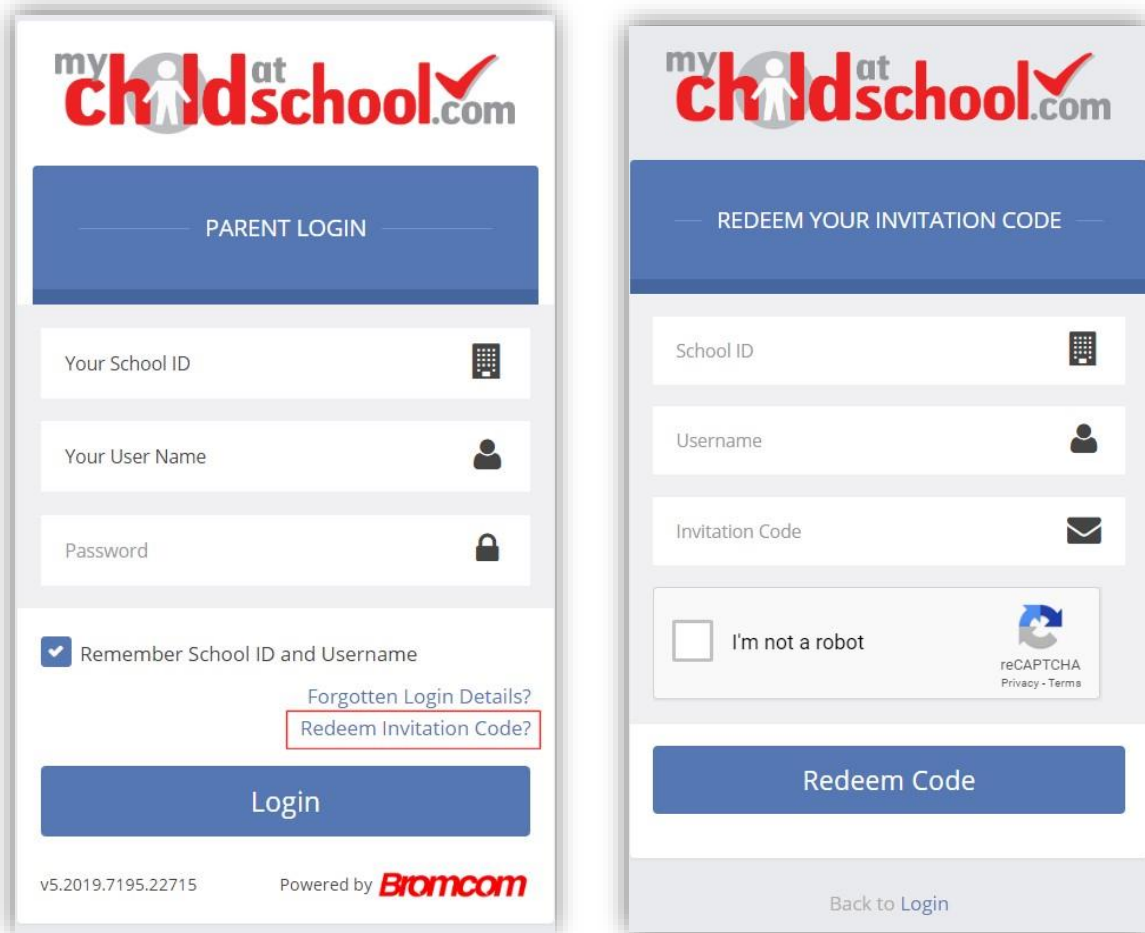
Be Kind		
We are respectful and value each other. We are polite. We use manners. We listen and we do not interrupt.	We are always role models for respectful behaviour and communication. We model examples of respect to all students to ensure an effective positive rapport between staff and students	We are courteous and respectful in our communication with staff. We insist that our children do the same.
We celebrate our diverse school culture. We are tolerant and respect our differences. We challenge discriminatory language and stereotypes.	We celebrate our diverse school culture and reflect this in our teaching. We act on any incidences of discriminatory or stereotypical language and behaviour	We celebrate our school and speak positively about it to others. We never use discriminatory or stereotypical language in or around the school.
We tell the truth, even when it is hard. We are fair . We are kind with our words. We are trustworthy and honest . We include everyone.	We build positive relationships with students and families. We are approachable, friendly, and fair	We build positive relationships with the school. We see this partnership as key to our children's success and happiness.
We accept that people make mistakes. We apologise when we get it wrong. We find ways to put things right. We are forgiving and generous .	We know that teachers are human too and apologise when we get things wrong.	We insist that our children are truthful, own up to mistakes, apologise and put things right. We role model this for them.

Be Responsible		
We are responsible for our learning and show commitment to our own progress. We attend each day on time. We have our uniform and equipment.	We are prepared for each lesson. We have high expectations of our students and ourselves	We ensure that our children attend school each day, on time. We make prompt contact in the event of any illness. We ensure our children wear the correct uniform and have equipment
We are conscientious and cooperative , and follow all instructions first time, every time. We behave in an orderly way.	We give clear instructions and insist on good order.	We direct our children to follow the school rules and to never do or say anything that is hurtful to others. We ensure our children never bring banned items to school.
We are responsible for making our school a happy, safe place to learn. We stand up for what is right. We are not bystanders. We are courageous and look after each other and our environment.	We greet students positively at the classroom door. We praise and reward. We take part in restorative conversations and retain ownership when issuing consequences.	We adhere to the school's behaviour management policy and trust staff to work with the best interests of all children at the heart of what they do.
We are a team. We work together to achieve shared goals. We are considerate of our neighbours. We never behave in a way that reflects badly on the school.	We ensure that our school is a safe and happy place to learn. We use the behaviour system fairly and consistently. We communicate both successes and concerns with parents.	We take responsibility for our children. We are contactable when needed and ensure numbers are kept up to date. We attend parents' evenings.
Signed student	Signed on behalf of school	Signed parent/carer

How to Access MCAS – My Child At School

To login to the **MCAS Parent Portal** you will need to have a valid e-mail address registered with the school and an **Invitation Code** which the school would have sent to you. If you do not have an **Invitation Code** please contact the school for one, as you will **NOT** be able to access the **Parent Portal** without one.

From within your web browser type www.mychildatschool.com this will open the login page.



The image shows two side-by-side screenshots of the mychildatschool.com website. The left screenshot is the 'PARENT LOGIN' page, featuring a blue header with the logo, a blue 'PARENT LOGIN' button, and three input fields: 'Your School ID' (with a keypad icon), 'Your User Name' (with a person icon), and 'Password' (with a lock icon). Below these is a checked checkbox for 'Remember School ID and Username', a 'Login' button, and two links: 'Forgotten Login Details?' and 'Redeem Invitation Code?'. The right screenshot is the 'REDEEM YOUR INVITATION CODE' page, featuring a blue header with the logo, a blue 'REDEEM YOUR INVITATION CODE' button, and three input fields: 'School ID' (with a keypad icon), 'Username' (with a person icon), and 'Invitation Code' (with an envelope icon). Below these is an 'I'm not a robot' checkbox with a reCAPTCHA logo, a 'Redeem Code' button, and a 'Back to Login' link at the bottom.


Click on the **Redeem Invitation Code?** link and enter your **School ID**, **Username** and the **Invitation Code**, which will be a unique 10 character alphanumeric code, [which can only be used once to setup the **Account**], tick the **I'm not a robot** box and click on the **Redeem Code** button.


You will then be asked to **Setup** your **Details**, enter the required information to setup the **Login Details** and click on the **Save Account Details** button, a message will be displayed that the new **Login** setup has been successful and you will be returned to the **Login** page.


my child at school.com


SETUP YOUR ACCOUNT DETAILS

Miss A Andrews


Email 


Confirm Email 


Password 

Confirm Password 

Select a security question and then type your answer.

What was your childhood nickname? 

Security Answer 

Confirm Security Answer 

Save Account Details

Back to Login

An e-mail will also be sent to the e-mail address entered asking for the **Login** information to be verified, if this is not verified the you will not be able to **Recover Account Details** or change the **Password** in the future.

Dear MyChildAtSchool user,

Thank you for setting up your username and password retrieval details.

Security Question:
What was the name of your first pet?

Answer:
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Please click [Here](#) to validate this information – If you do not validate the details provided you will not be able to retrieve a forgotten username or password on-line.

A pop-up reminder will appear every time you log into MyChildatSchool until you validate these details.

Please do not reply to this email as it is automatically generated.

Kind Regards
MyChildAtSchool.com

You will now be able to **Login** using your new **Login Details**.

PL Dates

As part of Orchard Mead Academy's continuous improvement, professional development for teachers takes place regularly throughout the academic year, to provide up to date training to staff.

On a PL Day, students will typically finish their school day after 4th period, leaving school by 2 pm.

Parents will be issued reminders throughout the academic year about upcoming Professional Learning days, so that they can make arrangements as required for students.

Autumn Term	Monday 19th September 2022
	Monday 10th October 2022
	Monday 7th November 2022
	Monday 5th December 2022
Spring Term	Monday 23rd January 2023
	Monday 13th March 2023
Summer Term	Monday 17th April 2023
	Monday 8th May 2023
	Monday 12th June 2023

Extra-Curricular activities

At Orchard Mead Academy, we offer a wide variety of extra-curricular activities and opportunities for students who wish to either learn a new skill, develop an interest, improve their understanding in different topics or get help and support for homework. We also have a large number of sports team opportunities which students have been very successful in this year.

Clubs available will be updated on the website at the start of next term, but we would encourage students to take to their tutors about what is available if they are unsure or feel nervous about how to join.

Participating in wider school opportunities and making the most of what the school has to offer will enable student to meet a variety of students and staff, and build their confidence within the school community, whilst also letting them have fun and pursue their own goals and passions.

Information about our clubs, including the Breakfast Club provision that we offer all students can be found here:

[Clubs - Orchard Mead Academy | Leicester | TMET \(orchard-tmet.uk\)](https://orchard-tmet.uk)