



Learning Support

at Ormiston SWB Academy



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Introduction

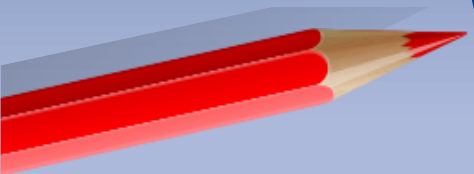


Hello everyone, and welcome to the introduction to our Ormiston SWB Academy Learning Support Team. Every member of the SEND (Special Educational Needs) Learning Support Team is committed to the Ormiston SWB Academy vision;

“All SWB students will be respectful, responsible learners experiencing a first class education.”

As part of the SEND Learning Support Team, we believe that every student has the potential to succeed and to be the best individual they want to be. The support and nurture that our team provide, combined with your own hard work, will enable you to become a highly successful learner and individual.

Read on to find out more about the individuals that belong to our wonderful team. We look forward to meeting you at our amazing school!



Miss J Kiely

SENDCO: Champion of SEND, Teaching and Learning. Teacher of Maths

What's my story?

Hello everyone, my name is Miss Kiely and I am one of the SENDCOs here at the Academy. I have been at OSWBA for the past 9 years and I teach Maths.

I spent the first 12 years of my teaching career working with children between 5 and 11 years old.

What am I like?

School is the best place for me and I am always happy teaching!

I really like helping students to learn and I am always popping into lessons and seeing how we can help you to achieve the best. I speak to teachers about how best to support you with your learning. If you need anyone to speak to about support with your learning, then I am a good listener.

What are my hobbies and interests?

As much as I love teaching I also really enjoy travelling and have visited many places around the World. I enjoy yoga and cycling. I had to develop my confidence as to start with I found it very difficult. I believe in trying really hard to achieve the things that you want to get better at and I am really looking forward to helping you when you join us here at the Academy.



Miss S Woodbine

Miss Woodbine: Vice Principal for Behaviour and Attitudes, DSL and Executive SENDCO

What's my story?

I am Miss Woodbine and I am Vice Principal for Behaviour & Attitudes, DSL and Executive SENDCO. I work alongside a fantastic team of staff to try and make sure you are all kept safe and get the support you need to achieve your best and are happy here at the academy. I have worked at the academy for nine years and I am proud to have been part of the academy's journey to being a 'Good' school.

What am I like?

In my personal life I have two diva daughters who keep me very busy and three dogs: Minnie, Poppy and Amber.

What are my hobbies and interests?

My dogs: they are my favourite pastime, taking them for walks and enjoying the countryside



MISS S AUSTIN

SENDCO: Operations, policies and practice

What's my story?

Hello everyone, my name is Miss Austin and I am one of the SENDCOs here at the Academy.

I have been at OSWB for the past 16 years and I teach Health and Social Care.

I love all kinds of different sports and activities so you will usually find me rushing around the academy in my PE kit.

What am I like?

I really like helping students overcome obstacles that may be affecting them to learn or access school, so you will find me talking to staff/students or parents/carers to try to see how we can support you to be the best you can be. I pride myself on being a very good listener and when your voice is not loud enough you can always count on mine.

What are my hobbies and interests?

As much as I love coming to work and doing my job, I also love to go on long walks with my little boy and puppy, exploring new places. I truly believe anyone can achieve their dreams and I would really like to be a part of your journey.



Miss J Timmins

Higher Level Teaching Assistant



What's my story?

Hello my name is Miss Timmins and I am a Teaching Assistant here at Ormiston SWB Academy. I would like to share a few things about me. I have a degree in Physical Education and I have always been very sporty. I am always willing to support students in their PE lessons, if needed.

What am I like?

I like Maths and I enjoy supporting in Maths lessons and with intervention. Maths allows students to break down problems into steps to get to the answer. I personally love supporting in all other subjects and I like to help students develop in their learning. I also like to try new things to develop myself and I am always willing to help others where I can. My favorite colour is green.

What are my hobbies and interests?

In my spare time, I like to visit new places with my family. I have a very friendly personality and I am very approachable. I enjoy walking and sporty activities.

Mrs L Porter

First Aid

What's my story?

Hello, my name is Mrs. Porter. I have worked in school for 16 years as a Teaching Assistant as part of the SEND Team.

What am I like?

I work with students across all year groups helping them with their work and motivating students to do their best. I am also part of the First Aid team in school so if you feel ill at any time you are very likely to meet me when I come to look after you. I have two sons who are now grown up. They were born and educated in Bilston, both went to University, and now they have the jobs that they wanted.

What are my hobbies and interests?

When I am not in school, I like to travel.

I really enjoy being by the water so I normally head for the coast, as I find watching the sea very relaxing. I enjoy being by rivers, taking long walks and enjoying picnics. I also like to go hiking and I love the hills. I have recently climbed Snowdon, which is the highest mountain in Wales. It took me three hours to get to the top and three hours to get back down.

My personal message to you all is aim high, work hard and have fun along the way. Be proud of your achievements not matter how small they may seem because small steps will lead to the sky.



Miss M Ratcliffe Teaching Assistant



What's my story?

Hello Everyone, my name is Miss Ratcliffe and I am a new Teaching Assistant here at Ormiston SWB Academy. I have recently graduated from the University of Wolverhampton with a degree in Psychology and a furthering of my study's to complete a Masters in Criminology. I will be working closely with the Humanities Team, so I look forward to seeing you all there!

What am I like?

I am an open-minded person, and I am always here to help as best as I can. I can stay calm in various situations, I enjoy learning various topics and expanding my knowledge and that is why I knew this job was the best fit for me. I hope once you all meet me you will also feel comfortable and I hope as with the rest of the staff this helps you settle into the academy every year feeling as such

What are my hobbies and interests?

I have various hobbies such as reading, these are various books but mainly fiction with my favourite being the Everyday Series, also horse riding, where I hope in the future I will be able to own one of my won and travelling, which I try to do as much as possible with my dog Milo.

Mrs T Taylor Teaching Assistant

What's my story?

My name is Mrs Taylor. I am one of the Teaching Assistants that works here at the Academy. I have been working at the Academy for 14 years. I am also one of the school first aiders so you may see me if you need any medical support. I started in a different role to the one I do now. I was an extended Schools co-ordinator so I ran holiday clubs, after school clubs and lunch time activities.

What am I like?

Before I worked in a secondary school, I was a qualified nursery nurse and worked in private day nurseries with babies and toddlers. I have two sons. One has left school and has a full time job now and my other son is in Year 11. I have a Maltese dog call Mya who barks at EVERYTHING!

What are my hobbies and interests?

I enjoy walking and I have to hit 10 000 steps every day before I can sit down. I also buy too many dresses and need a bigger wardrobe to put them in. I especially enjoy going on lodge holidays with a hot tub in this country. My favourite holiday was Disneyland in Florida as I enjoyed all the roller coasters and I screamed loudly when I was on them.



Miss S Turner Teaching Assistant



What's my story?

My name is Miss Turner and I have been a Teaching Assistant at Ormiston SWB Academy for 11 years. I really enjoy working here as the school has a great team of staff and I have made some very special friends here.

What am I like?

I have two sons aged 25 and 10 and we spend lots of time with family as we are very close. Family is very important to me so we all go away on holiday together during the year.

My favourite subjects are Art, Design Technology and Engineering. I like these as I enjoy designing things and making things.

What are my hobbies and interests?

I have an online shop where I make and sell bumblebees. I donate a percentage of my sales to the Bumblebee Conservation Trust as protecting bumblebees is something I think is important.

My other passion is gardening. I love to spend time outside with nature, pottering about with plants and making projects to encourage wildlife

Miss L Cooper Teaching Assistant

What's my story?

Hello everyone. I am Miss Cooper. I have been at the Academy for six years. My favourite subject is Science and you may see me in some of your science lessons!

What am I like?

I would like to share some interesting things about me. One of my daughters is a competitive cheerleader, so I know a lot about cheer and gymnastics!

What are my hobbies and interests?

My family and I are massive animal lovers. We have five cats, a dog and a bearded dragon, which is a type of lizard.



Miss G Jones Teaching Assistant



What's my story?

I am Miss Jones. I have worked as a Teaching Assistant almost 13 years within the SEND department. You will normally find me in the SSA (Student Support Area). The Student Support Area is an area designed for students who are facing difficulties or have a medical need.

What am I like?

Sometimes you may find me supporting in some of your lessons throughout the week. My favourite subject is Mathematics. What is yours? Before coming to work in a secondary school, I worked as a Florist. At home, I have a daughter Holly and we have quite a few pets; a 15-year-old Staffordshire bullterrier named Reggie, a ginger tomcat named Monty, 4 chickens named Meredith, Edna, Dorris and Wilma, a fish, a bearded dragon named Phillis, 2 tree frogs and 9 African land snails.

What are my hobbies and interests?

I enjoy walking, reading, music and travelling. My favourite country to visit is Malta. I am going to be trying camping for the first time this year with my family.

I support the mighty Wolves! I am well-known to burst into a song or dance around the academy. However, most students inform me that I will never win 'Britain's Got Talent'! I'm really looking forward to meeting you all and welcoming you to our Academy.



Miss K Dunn Internal Alternative Provision Support

What's my story?

Hello, my name is Mrs. Dunn and I am a part time Teaching Assistant here at Ormiston SWB Academy. I started working here, over 3 1/2 years ago, working within the sixth form.

What am I like?

I trained as a Teaching Assistant 8 years ago because before that, I always worked in Media/ Television. I have worked in a couple of primary schools before making the decision to work in a secondary school.

What are my hobbies and interests?

I really enjoy working with children of all ages and I have 2 children of my own, both girls aged 9 & 12 years.

I love animals, especially horses. We have a dog and two rabbits. I thoroughly enjoy travelling and making new memories! I am very approachable and good fun. I will always be here to listen to students, whether it is for a general chat, to discuss any issues, or to assist with day-to-day school life. I really look forward to getting to know you all and helping you throughout your journey here with us at the Academy.



Miss E Rumbold Internal Alternative Provision – Reintegration Support



What's my story?

My name is Miss Rumbold and I have recently started working as a Teaching Assistant at the OSWB Academy. I work predominantly with the staff and students in the Alternative Provision department.

What am I like?

I have gained experience from working as an Educational Support Assistant at Dudley College. I have also worked with younger children from the ages of 5 to 11 as a Teaching Assistant in a primary school. My favourite subject is English, but I do like learning so feel happy to support in other subjects.

What are my hobbies and interests?

I really enjoy reading and writing in my spare time. After completing an English degree at University of Birmingham, I went on to complete a master's in Creative Writing. I particularly like writing plays and scripts. I live with my daughter Ellie who is currently in her final year of nurse training. I love animals and have six cats.



Mr B Thomson Teaching Assistant

What's my story?

Hi, my name is Mr. Thompson. I am new to the role as a TA at this school. I recently graduated from the University of Wolverhampton with a degree in Computing and Information Technology. Before I started this role I worked at Subway in Bilston and most recently at Primark in Walsall.

What am I like?

I would like to say I am a funny, calm and relaxed individual (my siblings may say otherwise).
I have 2 older sisters, a younger brother and a crazy dog named Kolo.

What are my hobbies and interests?

I love watching and playing football and am a HUGE Liverpool fan! I have a massive football shirt collection and I am currently learning British sign language at my local college. I also like listening to music, my favourite rapper is currently Santan Dave.



Mrs K Jones Higher Level Teaching Assistant

What's my story?

Hi everyone, my name is Mrs. Jones and I am a higher-level teaching assistant at the academy. I teach Maths and I have been at the Academy for 3 years. I have spent the past 19 years teaching Maths to students age 11 to 18.

What am I like?

I really enjoy helping students to understand Maths. I often make help sheets to support with this. I am always keen to hear your ideas on how I can support you.

What are my hobbies and interests?

I enjoy reading, walking and baking. I enjoy the challenge of baking as I try to build on my skills and bake cakes that I didn't think I would be able to do. I am looking forward to meeting you when you join the Academy.

Miss D Whittaker Higher Level Teaching Assistant

What's my story?

Hi, I'm Miss Whittaker and I have worked as a Teaching Assistant/Higher Level Teaching Assistant for over 16 years.

What am I like?

I like to support students with their reading and have an understanding of how to help students with Dyslexia. I consider myself to have a very good sense of humour, so come and have a laugh with me!

What are my hobbies and interests?

My free time is spent with my two dogs, one I have had from a puppy and the second one was from a rescue centre. Springtime is my favourite time of the year, and not just because I'm a chocoholic and Easter falls in the spring, I enjoy planting new flowers in my garden and watching them grow. If you see me around school, come and have a chat.

Mental Health First Aider



Here at Ormiston SWB Academy we have 21 members of staff who are Mental Health First Aid Trained. This includes members of the SEND Team.

Our Mental Health First Aiders have developed knowledge on:

- Understanding what mental health is and why it matters
- Understanding factors that can affect wellbeing
- Identifying signs of distress
- Interpersonal skills such as non judgemental listening
- Supportive strategies to deal with distress and support recovery to good mental health
- Awareness of different mental illnesses
- The use of practical approaches/tools that can be used to support mental health and wellbeing
- Promoting mental health and helping to build a supportive, healthy and non-discriminatory climate

Miss C Turner Teaching Assistant



What's my story?

Hello, my name is Miss Turner I am a teaching assistant here at the Academy. You can normally find me in SSA (Student Support Area) and I also support in a variety of lessons.

What am I like?

I am a happy sole who loves to be outdoors. I have a son and a Golden Labrador retriever who keeps me busy.

What are my hobbies and interests?

I love sports. My favorite hobby is running, I run with a running club which I have been part of for 6 years. This helped me gain confidence in myself, which resulted in me entering races and taking part in running in cross country for my club. I also do a lot of walking with my family.

Sanderson

The **Principal's Office** is based on Sanderson. Here you will find our Principal Mr Mason.



SEND Office (S4)

The **SEND Office** is based in S4 where you will find our Miss Austin.



The **Lecture Theatre** is accessible from Sanderson and Weston, and is where you may have year assemblies, guest speakers or other events.

Weston



Here is one of our **ICT Suites** that we use to help us with our learning.



Here is the **Student Support Area (SSA)** which is an area to support students with emotional well being.

Here is our **Library** where you can access a range of books for your own personal use.

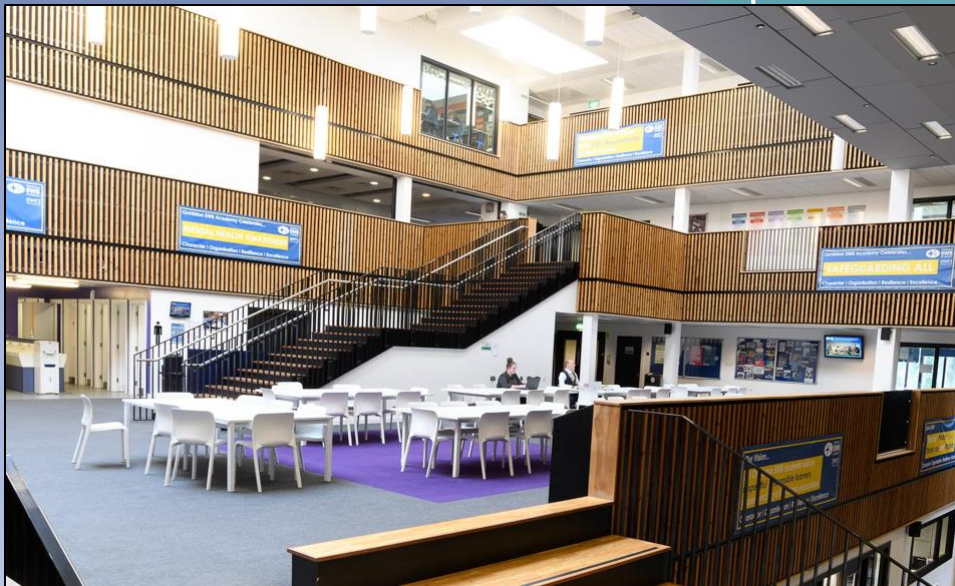


Brindley

Here at **Reception** is where our visitors get a warm welcome from our Admin staff.



Here you can see the **open areas** around the Academy. Sometimes we use the open areas for extra spaces for small group work.



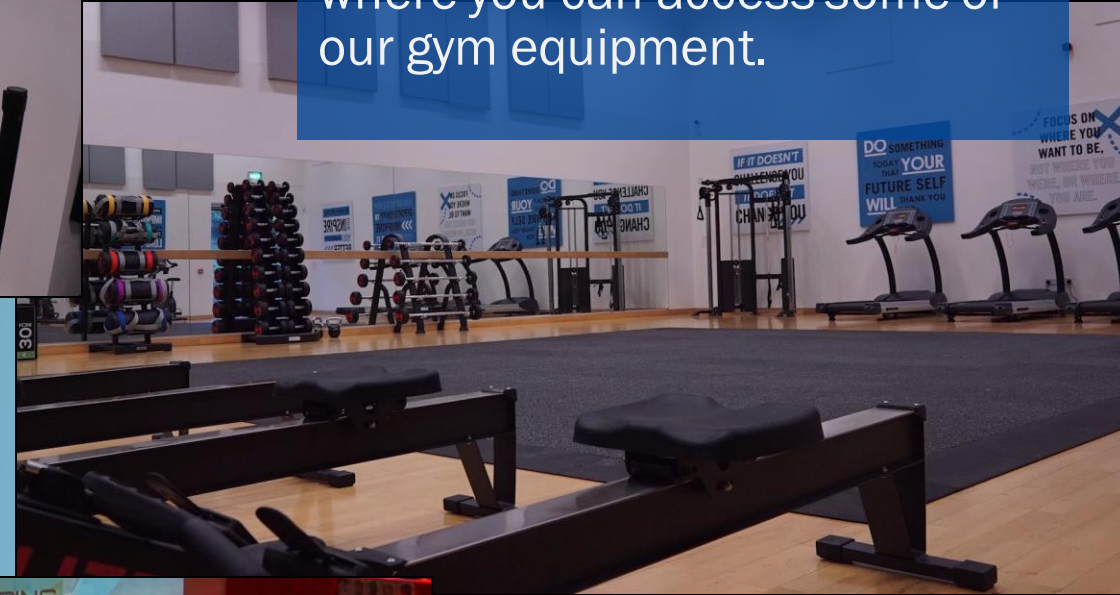
Attwood

Here is our **First Aid area** where you may be asked to attend if you need any medical help.



Activity Studio

Here is in the activity studio where you can access some of our gym equipment.



The **Dining Hall** is where we spend our lunch times.



Welcome to **Providence Hall**. This is where our Drama productions are performed.

Attwood continued...

Attwood is where our **Science** lessons take place!



Your **Engineering and DT** lessons are based in the workshop.



You will have **Catering & Hospitality** lessons in **A18**.



Safeguarding (A14)

The **Safeguarding office** is in A14 and this is where the Safeguarding team are based.

LET'S GO OUTSIDE!



We have the use of an **Astro Turf & Netball Courts** for some of our P.E lessons.



We are very lucky that we can access **Bert Williams Leisure Centre** for some of our lessons.



The **canopy and outdoor area** is used at break and lunch times.

LOOK SMART!



You will need your **PE kit** for when you are in practical PE lessons.

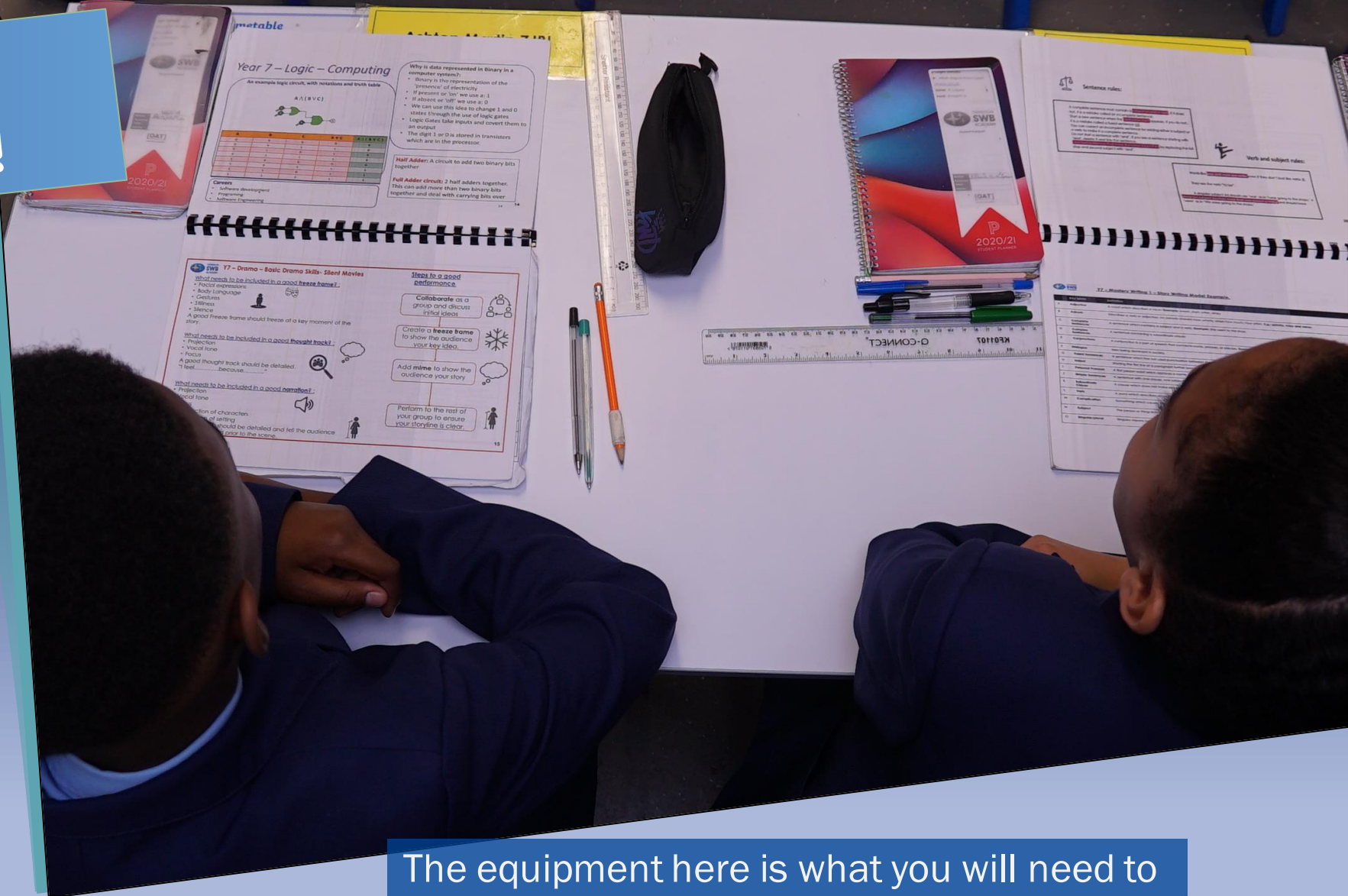


We make sure that our **Uniform** is neat and tidy. Here is an example of a neat and tidy uniform.

GET ORGANISED!



We have **lockers** around the Academy where you can store your belongings.



The equipment here is what you will need to have every lesson. This is to make sure that you are **ready to learn**.



Thank You!

We look forward to
working with you!