Orion Eden Park

Year 7 Parents' Information Booklet 2026-2027

Our Four Critical Questions

Why do we exist?

To improve outcomes, transform lives and enable social mobility.

How do we behave?

Trust • Kindness • Endeavour

What do we do?

We create a strong network of schools which transform the lives of students by enabling them to achieve high educational and personal goals, regardless of their background.

How do we succeed?

Through a clear backbone, strong culture, academic rigour and smart systems.

Orion Eden Park

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted that you have chosen Orion Eden Park for the next stage of your child's educational journey, it is both a privilege and a pleasure to be part of this next chapter as they grow and develop into confident, successful young adults.

At Orion Eden Park, we pride ourselves on offering a broad and balanced curriculum, enriched with diverse opportunities and experiences. Our aim is to nurture resilient, respectful, responsible, and reflective learners who strive for both academic excellence and personal growth.

We greatly value the strong partnership we build with families. We know that by working closely together, we can support your child to thrive, overcoming challenges, celebrating successes, and making the most of every opportunity along the way. With our shared commitment, we are confident your child will make excellent progress both academically and holistically.

This booklet has been designed to provide you with essential information to help prepare your child for their time at Orion Eden Park. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or require further clarification—we are here to support you at every step.

We look forward to working with you and your child and to sharing in the successes ahead.

Yours faithfully,

Mr M Ridley
Executive Principal

Mr G German
Head of School

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Orion Education

School Day

Line Up	08:25
Tutor Time	8:30
Period 1	08:55
Period 2	09:45
Break	**10:35**
Period 3	10:55
Period 4	11:45
Period 5	12:25
Lunch	**13:25**
Period 6	14:00
Period 7 – Enrichment	14:50

Period 7/Enrichment:

Tuesday	Enrichment	14:50 – 16:00
Wednesday	Enrichment	14:50 – 15:40
Thursday	Enrichment	14:50 – 15:40

Our Enrichment offer at Orion Eden Park is designed to help students to develop a range of interests, finding extra-curricular activities that they can enjoy and thrive in whilst equipping them with the opportunity to develop skills outside of the classroom that will accompany their academic success.

We have identified 8 components that form the basis of our Enrichment programme. These skills and qualities that pupils will gain by taking part in Enrichment aim to support the holistic development of our students and will ensure that they leave Orion Eden Park not only with excellent grades, but as well-rounded individuals.

- Communication
- Contributing to the community
- Creativity
- Empathy
- Leadership
- Problem solving
- Strategy
- Teamwork

All students are expected to take part in at least one Enrichment activity per week and can sign up for as many additional activities as they like (subject to availability). Students can sign up for Enrichment through the parent section of Arbor. Students will have the opportunity to select new Enrichment options at the start of the Autumn Term, Spring Term and Summer Term.

The Year 7 team:

Year Team Leadership		
Head of Year 7	Mr E Beckford	ebeckford@orionedenpark.org.uk
Form Tutors		
7A	Ms H Foster	harfoster@orionedenpark.org.uk
7B	Ms J Leghari	jleghari@orionedenpark.org.uk
7C	Ms B Hood	bhood@orionedenpark.org.uk
7E	Ms S Camara	scamara@orionedenpark.org.uk
7F	Mr A Basha	abasha@orionedenpark.org.uk
7G	Ms A Babatunde	ababatunde@orionedenpark.org.uk
Attached to the Year Team		
SENDCo	Mrs S Feitor	sfeitor@orionedenpark.org.uk

The Role of your Form Tutor:

To look after your son/daughter's wellbeing Form Tutors will:

- Maintain regular contact with parents and carers – for expressions of praise as well as concerns (phone calls, letters, meetings)
- Get to know the students: take a personal interest in them; get to know about their hobbies, interests, concerns, and successes
- Liaise with other members of staff on behalf of students
- Refer students to the Pastoral team as appropriate and necessary
- Participate with students in educational visits, lunchtime and after school activities
- Encourage and facilitate student participation in Eden Park activities e.g., student voice, student ambassadors, inter-form competitions, sport/music/drama events
- Liaise with third-party agencies on students' behalf.

Monitor progress and encourage achievement:

- Seek feedback from students about attitudes to lessons and progress made
- Liaise with subject teachers about the progress of individuals and the Tutor Group
- Monitor the progress of students across the curriculum
- Praise where appropriate; act where there is concern
- Encourage students in the achievement of rewards
- Refer to the Head of Year if there are any on-going concerns regarding learning

Expect high standards of attendance, punctuality, and behaviour:

- Rigorously follow all Eden Park procedures for improving attendance and punctuality and follow up with students where there are concerns
- Ensure the behaviour policy is implemented with attention to guidelines on uniform, jewellery, and basic equipment
- Monitor students on report
- Seek support from and/or refer students to Head of Year when concerned about aspects of welfare or behaviour
- Ensure excellent behaviour during assembly times, including entry and exit

Make effective use of registration time:

- Ensure high quality displays of Eden Park posters, students' work, and certificates/awards
- Carry out 'Ready to Learn' checks and embed school routines
- Communicate information to individuals and the whole group as required
- Encourage a culture of self-discipline and responsibility (including collective responsibility)
- Promote our values of ambition, integrity, and excellence
- Celebrate group successes
- Regularly acknowledge individual successes, both publicly and privately

The Role of Your Head of Year (HOY):

Your child's Head of Year (HOY) plays a key role in supporting both their academic journey and overall wellbeing. The HOY works closely with Form Tutors and the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) to oversee the progress, development, and day-to-day experience of pupils. Together, they ensure that students feel safe, happy, and able to thrive both inside and outside the classroom.

The HOY carefully monitors each student's progress and follows up on any concerns relating to behaviour, effort, attendance, or punctuality. Just as importantly, they are committed to helping every child reach their full potential by providing guidance, encouragement, and support in overcoming any challenges they may face.

Special Educational Needs:

At Eden Park there is a clearly defined monitoring structure for the care of all our students, and we have a duty to support and encourage students with a range of learning needs. At some time during their school life many students will have an educational need that requires personalised support. Should this happen, the student will be placed on the school's Special Educational Needs register at Monitoring Stage. Should their needs continue or become more complex, a formal assessment will take place by a specialist agency, and the student moves to the SEN Support stage. If a student is given an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP), the student moves to a stage where the support will be guided following an Annual Review.

Support includes helping students by:

- Providing in-class support from HLTAs and Key Support Workers
- Differentiating work to reflect the individual needs of SEND students
- Withdrawing small groups of students for specific support projects such as reading, literacy and numeracy
- Working with 6th Form students

The SENDCO at Orion Eden Park is Mrs Feitor and she can be contacted via email:
sfeitor@orionedenpark.org.uk

English as an Additional Language (EAL):

There are an increasing number of students for whom English is not their first language. This linguistic diversity is a source of richness and celebration at the school, yet we recognise that many of these students require additional help for them to reach their full potential. How we help EAL students:

- identify their needs on arrival
- monitor and support their integration to help them feel confident and safe
- monitor their progress and needs
- our staff are aware of the diversity in the school and have the tools to deliver to students with varying levels of English
- work in partnership with other class teachers to support their learning of English alongside the curriculum

Attendance:

We place great importance on excellent attendance and encourage all students to be in school every day. Absences should only occur in the case of genuine illness or unavoidable family emergencies. Our expectation is that every student achieves at least 97% attendance each term.

If your child is unable to attend school, please ensure that you contact the school office by telephone on the first morning of their absence. On their return, your child should also bring a written note from you confirming the reason for their absence.

Where possible, we kindly ask that medical or dental appointments are arranged outside of school hours. If an appointment during school time is unavoidable, your child should provide a note to their Form Tutor, and the school office must also be informed.

We also request that family holidays are not arranged during term time, as these cannot be authorised. In exceptional circumstances, if a leave of absence is unavoidable, requests should be made in writing to the Head of School well in advance.

Absence email: Absence@edenparkhigh.info

Punctuality:

We expect all our students to arrive at school, registration, lessons, and other appointments made with staff, on time. Students are expected to be on time both for the morning and afternoon sessions; poor punctuality is not acceptable. Please advise the school if your son/daughter is going to be late for any reason.

- School starts promptly at 8.25am – therefore we suggest pupils arrive no later than 8:10am so they are fully prepared for their learning.
- Students will be classed as late if they arrive after 8.20am - they will be issued with a detention on the same day.

Legal Status

Under the 1996 Education Act, the Parent/Carer has a legal responsibility to ensure that their child attends school both regularly and punctually. Failure to do so could result in the Parent/Carer being prosecuted in the Magistrates Court and potentially gaining a criminal record.

School Records:

If you change your address, email, home or work telephone number, or there are any other alterations which need to be made on your son/daughter's record, please inform the school, in writing, as soon as possible - it is essential that we know where to contact you quickly in an emergency. Contact the school office at enquires@orionedenpark.org.uk

Expectations of Orion Eden Park Students:

Learning

- Students are expected to show a commitment to learning in every lesson
- Students are expected to be 'Ready to Learn' in every lesson
- Students should be equipped for learning and ensure they have the necessary equipment, and books for every subject

Behaviour

- Students are ambassadors of Eden Park - we have high expectations of all our students and excellent behaviour is always expected
- We expect behaviour which is considerate to others, and which allows all students to concentrate on their work in lessons and to enjoy all that Eden Park has to offer – all teachers will work hard to prepare and mark the work and students are expected to work hard and to complete the work set, in class and at home
- Racist, sexist, or homophobic attitudes or actions are not acceptable and will be challenged in line with our Behaviour for Learning Policy
- Fighting and bullying will not be tolerated at Eden Park – these serious incidents will be dealt with in line with our Behaviour for Learning policy
- Where students fall short of expected standards a wide range of sanctions exist and we take care to apply the sanctions most appropriate to the situation
- Detentions are held after lessons/school for failure to complete work, lateness or for disruptive behaviour – VAR system
- Students may be placed in our seclusion room for failing to follow our Behaviour for Learning Policy
- If students are excluded from school, parents/carers are informed, and an appointment will be made for the parents/carers to meet a member of senior staff at a reintegration meeting
- It is expected that students will behave appropriately on the way to and from school, and any identified misbehaviour will be dealt with as if it had occurred in the school
- Chewing gum is not permitted
- Potentially dangerous items must not be brought to school
- Students are expected to take responsibility for all personal property. The school will not accept liability for the loss, theft or damage of mobile telephones, tablets, or ear buds. Large amounts of money should not be brought into school

School Uniform

Students are ambassadors of our school and are expected to dress and behave in a way that reflects the high standards we seek to achieve. In choosing Orion Eden Park, we trust parents will support our standards throughout their son/daughter's time at the school.

- Full school uniform is compulsory for all students in Years 7-11. Please see below for a detailed uniform list
- The uniform should be smart with all items clearly marked. If students are unable to wear the correct uniform for any reason the school must be notified in writing by a parent/carer with supporting medical evidence
- If students are not in full uniform, they will not be able to attend lessons.

- Students are also expected to adhere to the uniform rules on the journey to and from school

The Orion Eden Park Uniform

- Orion Eden Park Blazer
- Red Tie
- Jumpers
- Black pleated School skirt to be worn to the knee
- Black School Trousers
- Plain White School Shirt
- Tights and Socks should be plain black

School Uniform can be purchased from Wearabouts online at WearAbouts Schoolwear or from the Wearabouts shop at: 99 Sydenham Road, London, SE26 5UA.

Footwear

If a student arrives to school wearing incorrect footwear, they will be required to change their shoes or will have to work independently in school until they have the correct footwear.

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Rewards

Achievements and successes are celebrated on a regular basis through praise in the classroom, phone calls home, assemblies, postcards home, the OEP rewards system, trips and visits, certificates and the termly achievement celebrations.

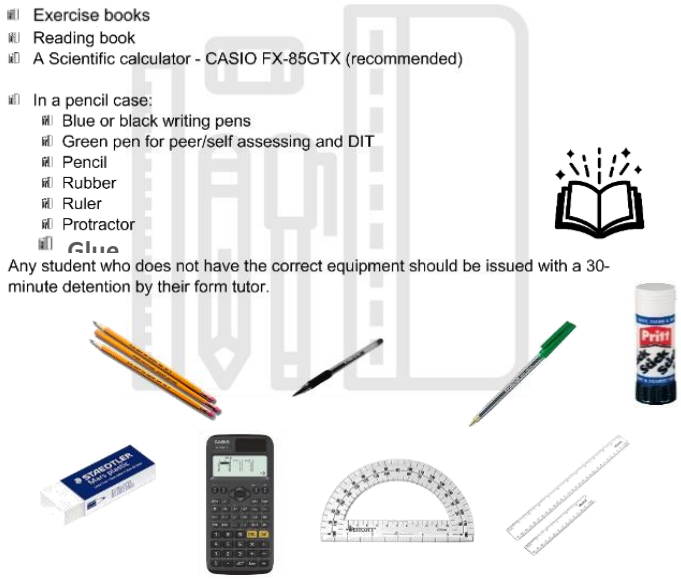
Guidance for rewards is summarised below:

General

- Each pupil should have a suitable bag for carrying books to and from school.
- All electronic items e.g., MP3 players, games consoles etc. must NOT be brought to school. Smart phones are no longer permitted at Orion Eden Park.
- Jewellery may not be worn and should not be brought to school. Small plain stud earrings, one per ear lobe are permitted.
- False nails of any variety and the wearing of nail varnish are NOT permitted
- False eye lashes of any variety are NOT permitted
- Extreme styles of hair e.g., tram lines or unnatural colours of hair are not permitted
- Hair bands should be slim and of a dark colour e.g., black, navy blue. Hair ribbons/slides must be of a reasonable size and style
- Head scarves of a plain black or navy colour may be worn

- If you have any difficulty concerning any item on this list, please consult the school before purchasing.

Equipment for Lessons



It is your son or daughter's responsibility to be prepared, properly equipped and 'Ready to Learn' for every lesson. Not being prepared for learning may result in a detention; this includes not having the correct equipment.

Homework

Our home learning is designed to support and reinforce what students are learning in lessons. In Years 7 to 9, students will receive a printed home learning booklet each half term, containing around 15 to 20 minutes of weekly retrieval practice questions, followed by a curriculum-related reading activity and comprehension questions. Every two weeks, answers will be provided so that students can review and self-assess their work using a green pen, helping them to reflect on their learning and identify areas for improvement.

Year 7
• Core Subjects (English, Maths and Science) - 60 minutes per week • Geography, History and MFL – 30 minutes per week • Other subjects – 30 minutes per fortnight or a half termly project

Communication

We no longer have school planners for students. All information about home learning can be accessed through the Arbor App for parents and students. Any other communication can be made via the form tutor, head of year, the school office, and comms via email or the school website.

How can parents/carers help with learning?

At Eden Park we are very keen for parents/carers to support and help students with their learning, but it is important, particularly as your child gets older, for him or her to become an independent learner.

To help you child you can:

- Give your son or daughter confidence through lots of praise and encouragement
- Read to, and with, your son/daughter as much as possible
- Make use of your local library
- Visit museums and places of interest
- Using web-based resources on the internet
- Set time aside to do homework
- Try to provide a reasonably quiet place for your son/daughter to complete homework
- Encourage your son/daughter to discuss their work with you
- Check Arbor for homework tasks

Safeguarding at Orion Eden Park

At Orion Eden Park we are fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our students. We recognise our central responsibility in ensuring their safety and wellbeing.

All members of staff, both teaching and associate as well as volunteers, play an active role in protecting students from harm. This commitment is reflected in our daily practices and the ethos we foster, which aims to minimise risks to students' personal safety, including abuse, bullying and discrimination. We also strive to cultivate culture in which students feel confident and supported in speaking to staff about any concerns they may.

Key Staff Contacts:

- Mr N Atherton – Vice Principal and Designated Safeguarding Lead
- Miss Z Shenton – Deputy Safeguarding Lead

For safeguarding concerns, these staff members can be contacted via email on: ephdsl@eph.e21.co.uk

Learning Beyond the Classroom

At Orion Eden Park, we believe that every space is a learning space. We actively support teachers organising educational trips, recognising the significant value they bring in terms of cultural enrichment, personal development and fostering tolerance and respects.

School Trips provide opportunities to:

- Explore new and diverse learning environments
- Enhances classroom engagement
- Encourage reflective learning and deeper understanding

- Support teachers in planning innovative and student-centred lessons

Tips for Parents

- ✓ Ensure that your child attends school every day.
- ✓ Check that your child has packed their bag the night before school and that they always have the equipment they require.
- ✓ Find a quiet time for them to complete their homework each evening and make this a habit – they will always have homework they should be doing.
- ✓ Ask your son or daughter what they are studying and what they find hard – try to work out together how you can help.
- ✓ Attend all Parents' Evenings at school and stay in regular contact with us – regularly ask your child about their progress, ask us about your child's progress and help us ensure that progress is maximised.
- ✓ Encourage your child to speak up when in difficulty, as you may be able to help find the answers.
- ✓ Keep copies of all relevant information and have key dates in your diary just in case your child needs help to remember.
- ✓ Always encourage your child not to give up.

AUTUMN TERM 2026	
First day of term (Term 1)	Thursday 3 September 2026
Last day of term	Friday 16 October 2026
Half term	**Monday 19 October - Friday 30 October**
First day of term	Monday 2 November 2026
Last day of term	Friday 18 December 2026
Christmas Holiday	**Monday 21 December 2026 - Friday 1 January 2027**
SPRING TERM 2027	
First day of term (Term 2)	Tuesday 5 January 2027
Last day of term	Friday 12 February 2027
Half Term	**Monday 15 February 2027 - Friday 19 February 2027**
First day of term	Monday 22 February 2027
Last day of term	Thursday 25 March 2027
Easter Holiday	**Friday 26 March - Friday 9 April (Good Friday, 26 March and Easter Monday 29 March)**
SUMMER TERM	
First day of term (Term 3)	Tuesday 13 April 2027
Last day of term	Friday 28 May 2027 (Bank Holiday 3 May 2027)
Half Term	**Monday 31 May 2027 - Friday 4 June 2027 (Bank Holiday Monday, 31 May 2027)**
First day of term	Monday 7 June 2027 - Friday 23 July 2027
Summer break	**Monday 27 July - TBC**
INSET days	• **Tuesday 1 September 2026** • **Wednesday 2 September 2026** • **Friday 9 October 2026** • **Monday 4 January 2027** • **Monday 12 April 2027**

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