



Newsletter



Oak Academy

Term 1

2018-19

Principal's Welcome

Welcome to the new academic year!

Whether a returning student or one of our brand new Year 7, I hope this newsletter finds you well - refreshed and rested after the summer break and ready to join us for another year where outcomes will only be limited by your own desire to achieve.

We've much to celebrate since last term, making significant progress on our 2017-18 priorities of improving outcomes and attendance.

Key headlines are as follows:

- 63% of students achieved a standard pass (4+) in maths, 3% above the national average
- 39% of students achieved a strong pass (5+) in English
- 34% improvement in students achieving a standard pass (4+) in French (up to 55%)
- 35% improvement in students achieving a standard pass (4+) in Geography (up to 62.5%)
- 30% improvement in students achieving a standard pass (4+) in History (up to 60%)
- 48% of students achieved a strong pass (5+) in History
- Overall attendance improved by nearly 11%



We're rightly proud of these fantastic achievements and know that students are much better prepared for life after Oak as a result of all the hard work, resilience and dogged determination shown in adopting a culture of high expectations.

Parents play a pivotal role in this too and my sincere thanks to you all as we work together in creating the best possible environment for students to learn, grow and achieve.

Term 1 is always a term of new beginnings and with such a positive journey over the last 2 years I hope that as you read this newsletter, you'll agree with me that 2018-19 is already shaping up to be our best year yet!

Yours sincerely,

Richard Burgas
Principal

Uniform

The new Oak uniform is finally here and students look amazing! Visitors and guests to the academy have said that the students' appearance reflects perfectly the positive change in culture, attitude and relationships we've achieved. I'm very grateful for your ongoing support in this regard - a growing pride in all things Oak, as showcased with our new uniform, really is making a difference.



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Year 6 Open Evening

With over 90 Oak students involved, our annual Open Evening put us firmly on the map as a destination school of choice. The evening was a huge success because of our student ambassadors – the energy and warmth shown to prospective parents led many to share our belief that Oak Academy is an amazing place to be!

The highlight for me was one parent recognising just how far we've come, saying

"Your students are amazing. I feel at home here and the values and ethos they've shared are a refreshing change to what we've seen in other schools."

Oak students did that, and I'm utterly proud of what we achieved together during this flagship event and also what we do here each and every day.

Year 11 Destinations

As part of our GCSE exam preparation and onward progression, all Year 11 students will receive a 1-1 destinations interview with senior staff and the careers team during the autumn term.

Our mission is simple: to provide quality impartial advice and guidance that helps all students secure a meaningful destination of choice. As part of this programme, we've been providing free transport to other sixth form centres so that students can attend as many Post-16 Open Evenings as possible. So far we've been out to The Bourne Academy and the Bishop of Winchester Academy. Students really are benefitting from seeing the range of opportunities and provision that exists within the local area – we're keen to keep this positive momentum going so do please contact the academy if you would like further careers advice.

Congratulations to Miss Maybury!

We're delighted to announce that during the summer break Miss Maybury, Head of Year 7, became engaged to her partner Connor, who some might know as an AFC Bournemouth player currently on-loan at Birmingham City FC. Wishing the happy couple the very best for their future together, Miss Maybury sadly leaves us at Christmas in order to relocate and join Connor at his current club. She won't be swapping the classroom for a WAG lifestyle anytime soon though and our loss is very much another academy's gain.

Credit where credit's due!

Rewards are now an accepted part of daily life at Oak and it's great to see students that are more confident in receiving praise and using this most positive feedback to set higher aspirations and really begin to challenge themselves.

We're already past the 10,000 credit mark, with Year 11 just edging out Year 10 to clinch the top spot going in to half term. The most common reason given for rewarding is "attitude to learning" - proof, if ever it were needed, of the significant shift in culture we've achieved and the positive benefit this is having on the development and well-being of our students. Well done, Year 11, a great start to the year and a clear target for all other year groups to aim for!

Current Standings at the end of Term 1

| Year | T1.1 | T1.2 | T1.3 | T1.4 | T1.5 | T1.6 |
|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 7 | 356 | 764 | 1042 | 1318 | 1529 | 1899 |
| 8 | 71 | 607 | 1113 | 1342 | 1880 | 2109 |
| 9 | 311 | 1022 | 1587 | 1894 | 2373 | 2680 |
| 10 | 366 | 1231 | 1852 | 2304 | 2770 | 3382 |
| 11 | 447 | 1214 | 1771 | 2634 | 3444 | 3913 |
| 13 | 17 | 68 | 310 | 356 | 429 | 470 |



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