

Friday 5th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Remote Learning – The End is in Sight!

It's staggering to look back over the last 10 school days since term started and see what we have achieved:

- Continued with our onsite learning for key students – attendance is more than DOUBLE the national average!
- Continued with quality remote learning and live lessons for all students.
- Welcomed students back from Wednesday to complete their first lateral flow test.
- Set up and issued home testing kits for staff a week ahead of schedule!
- Updated the operational plan and risk assessment.
- Ensured all classrooms are ready to go with cleaning caddies in place.
- Received **148** offers of places for the new Year 7's from September – another big increase!
- Successfully completed an Ofsted Inspection on Tuesday!

There really is SO MUCH to celebrate and be proud of. The last year has been hugely challenging for everyone, and I am humbled by the overwhelmingly positive response students, parents, staff and our wider community partners have given in the last 12 months to step up and make sure the children in our care really are looked after and educated. Thank you.

This is especially true of the parents that completed the Ofsted Parent View survey earlier this week. We received the largest response and feedback was amazing – although I'm unable to share at this time just how well we did on inspection, do know that feedback from pupils, parents and staff all said the same thing and made it very easy for the inspection team to reach a positive judgement.

"97% of parents would recommend Oak Academy to another family."

We are at a real turning point in our journey now and it is Oak's time to shine:

- Another big increase on Year 7 student numbers for September.
- Parents and Ofsted recognise the quality of care and education we are providing.
- We're 1 of the first 50 schools selected for a full building refurbishment/rebuild.

Thank you for such personal recognition of what we've achieved together since our last inspection. Our ongoing close relationship with families will build on current momentum and continue to keep learning and education at the heart of what we do.

It's been an absolute pleasure working with families during the remote learning period and we're looking forward to welcoming students back from Monday.

Yours sincerely,



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