

Wednesday 21st July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: End of Year Newsletter

I did say there would be a lot of letters this week!

Hopefully the last one from me, it's our end of year newsletter that starts with a massive THANK YOU to all the families that make our Oak community so special.

In a few days the 2020-21 academic year will be completed, and despite the many challenges we've continued to face throughout the pandemic, we can all feel proud of the community we have built and the strength that comes in giving support to the children and young people in our care.

With two positive Ofsted visits, selection from the government as one of the first 50 schools to be rebuilt, increased numbers (again) in Year 7 for September AND consistently positive feedback from parents, all indications are showing that Oak is a GOOD school and one that is valued by our community.

As Principal, I remain utterly privileged to work with your children and our amazing staff each day and am so proud of what we have achieved together – a happy, safe and diverse academy where learning and well-being are at the heart of what we do.

Today our Year 11s will gather a final time for their Prom. It's well-deserved and I'm looking forward to seeing familiar faces, hearing about what has happened in recent weeks and sharing the excitement of A-Level, Apprenticeships and College placements starting in September.

A reminder to all Year 11 students (and parents) that GCSE results day is on Thursday 12th August. Further details setting out the plan for the day will follow in due course.

For everyone else, the highlight of this week must be Sports Day on Thursday – bring water, a hat and sunscreen – we'll make full use of the shade, but it's looking to be another great day!

On the pages that follow is key information that will bring this year to a close and set out plans for our return in September. Being honest, I can't rule out that plans may change over the next 6 weeks, based on any future government guidance, but we will continue to do all we can to keep the risk of infection transmission as low as possible and students learning onsite.

In the meantime, on behalf of everyone here at Oak, thank you so much for your continued support. We wish you all a safe, happy and restful summer holiday – you've earned it!

Switch off, stay safe and recharge - ahead of the new term that begins on Monday 6th September.

Yours sincerely



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Staff Leavers

We are saying goodbye to several staff this year, one of which has worked at Oak for over 20 years! As colleagues leave us to take up new posts and pursue other opportunities, I know you would wish to join me in giving thanks for the support and care they have given over the years. I truly believe Oak is a special place because of the people in it, and the colleagues below have all been instrumental in our improvement journey these last 5 years.

At the end of this term we're saying thank you, goodbye and all the best to:

Mrs J Lee	Apprenticeship Lead	24+ Years' service
Ms Emma Weir	Head of Year with Sociology	16 Years
Ms K Gaffney	Teacher of Art and Design	12+ Years
Mrs S Bailey	Teaching Assistant	11 Years
Mrs J Coombes	Exam Invigilator	7 Years
Mrs M Helliwell	Vice Principal – SMSC & AP	4+ Years
Mr G Remmer	Teaching and Learning Lead	3 Years

Wishing you all the very best as you move forward with the next chapter in your lives.

New Staff Welcome!

As one door closes, another opens. I'm delighted to welcome the following new colleagues to Oak from September, two of which have already started!

Mr P Allen	Teacher of Computing and ICT
Ms W Tweedle	Teacher of Dance
Ms H Jeffrey	Teacher of Drama
Ms T Harris	Teacher of Art
Mrs G Beard	Teacher of Humanities (Geography)
Mr P Robinson	Teacher of Humanities (History)
Mrs I Lamas-Perez	Teacher of MFL (Spanish)

Uniform

As previously stated, there are NO CHANGES to our Oak Academy Uniform and PE Kit for next year. This means that we will be following our existing dress code which can be found on our website here: [Academy Uniform - Oak Academy \(oak-academy.co.uk\)](http://oak-academy.co.uk)

Brigade continues to be our uniform provider and Covid restrictions mean that for a second year running, families will need to place all orders online. The following link is for a sizing video, created by Brigade, which you may find useful: www.brigademeasurement.info

You can place your order by using this link and searching for Oak Academy in the text box provided: [Brigade Clothing UK Manufacturer & Suppliers of Quality School Uniforms & Schoolwear](http://www.brigademeasurement.info)

Please note that all orders must be placed by 1st August for deliveries to arrive by the start of term. Brigade has brought this forward from the original deadline due to delivery delays because of the pandemic.

Finally, as you've come to expect, a new year brings smart new uniform, academy bags, PE kit and shiny new shoes when students return in September. We will be monitoring uniform very closely to ensure our dress code is being followed, taking action where this is not the case – thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

Mobile Phones

Thank you for your support in recent weeks as we've worked to change habits and behaviours in how we use mobile phones at Oak. With raised expectations and a clear consequence when they are misused, students have quickly learnt to follow rules with the immediate benefit to learning.

After an initial spike in the number of phones handed in during the day, numbers have steadily fallen as students have learnt to keep mobiles out of sight (and mind), and particularly during lesson changeover.

This has made such a positive difference to the running of the academy day – it's stopped arguments, placed a focus on learning, and generally helped some students reconnect with others in the real, physical world. These are all good things, and our policy will continue when we return in September.

We are not banning mobile phones but will continue to insist that they are kept switched off and in bags during the day, confiscating phones where they are seen. I am looking to consult with our student council and wider community in the new year about our wider expectations, and this will be a topic of discussion.

Student Expectations

Our new Code of Conduct under the headings of Kindness, Courage, Community and Excellence is beginning to be embedded in our practice and I'm excited to see how our culture of rewards is further improved as a result.

We have high expectations at Oak, and, despite the pandemic, will continue to work hard in upholding these expectations so that the quality of education and standards we believe in are maintained.

Positive behaviour, a smart appearance and pride in the academy is now the norm across all year groups, with only a small number of students now requiring our support to make better choices.

Everyone has the right to learn without disruption and I make no apologies for taking a firm line on this – we've worked hard to raise standards, and these will remain when we come back in September.

Ofsted have rightly identified the benefits of a firm but fair approach, parental feedback indicates the same.

It's therefore important that all students return to Oak in September with correct uniform, appropriate equipment, including a water bottle, and the positive attitude required to be successful in the real world.

I know for many this will already be the case. Where it is not yet in place, do know that students will be supported through our policies to make necessary improvements to be the 'best they can be.'

Safeguarding Contact Details

Oak Academy will be closed from Saturday 24th August until Wednesday 1st September. We will, however, continue to monitor our Safeguarding email address daily over the summer.

Should you need to contact us, our address is SafeguardingTeam@leaf.bournemouth.sch.uk

This email address will be monitored by 10am each day, with colleagues responding and signposting concerns to relevant agencies for support.

Alternatively, contact the relevant agency directly:

Contact the BCP Council Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) if you have a concern about the safety and wellbeing of a child or young person.

- Telephone 01202 735 046
- Email MASH@bcpcouncil.gov.uk

The Children's Social Care Out of Hour's service is the emergency response service for any child who is in crisis, needs urgent help or is at serious risk of significant harm. Hours of operation are 5pm to 9am from Monday to Friday, all day Saturdays and Sundays and all bank holidays, including Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

- Telephone 01202 738 256
- Email ChildrensOOHS@bcpcouncil.gov.uk

The Early Help team provide help and support with all aspects of family life.

To find out more information visit;

- Bournemouth residents - family.supporthub@bcpcouncil.gov.uk
- Christchurch residents - christchurchfamilypartnershipzone@dorsetcc.gov.uk
- Poole residents - ehap@bcpcouncil.gov.uk

Start of Term Arrangements

The remaining pages in this newsletter set out the start of term arrangements. All students (where consent is given) will be given two LFD tests onsite, 3 days apart. Following these onsite tests, home testing kits will again be issued on a regular a basis. All year groups will initially arrive on site for LFD test one only. Year 7 and Year 11 will do this on Friday 3rd September. Years 8, 9 and 10 will do this on Monday 6th September.

Term begins fully for Years 7 and 11 on Monday 6th September.

Term begins fully for Years 8, 9 and 10 on Tuesday 7th September.

Full details are given below:

Start of Autumn Term 2021 – Year 7

Friday 3rd September

<i>Time</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Audience</i>	<i>Venue</i>
10.45 – 11.00	<i>Arrival</i>	<i>Year 7</i>	<i>Canteen</i>
11.00-12.30	LFD Test ONE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students arrive using Main Entrance and proceed to the canteen for registration. • Students must stick to their given time slot. • Students leave the site once tested. • Students choosing not to test do not attend on this day. 	Year 7	Hall A
12.30	<i>End of Year 7 Testing – all Year 7 students offsite</i>		

Monday 6th September

<i>Time</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Audience</i>	<i>Venue</i>
8.00-8.40	<i>Year 7 Arrival</i>	<i>All</i>	<i>Canteen</i>
8.40-9.10	Assembly (RBU and DTU) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance and Behaviour – Expectations • Ready to Learn • T1 Student Focus 	Year 7	Hall B
9.10-11.10	Tutor Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planners, TTs, KOs - Expectations • Attendance and Behaviour – Expectations • Ready to Learn • T1 Student Focus • ParentPay registration 	Year 7	OA
11.10-11.30	Break		
11.30-12.30	Lesson 3 – Students follow their timetable	Year 7	OA
12.30-13.30	Lesson 4 – Students follow their timetable	Year 7	OA
13.30-14.00	Lunch		
14.00-15.00	Lesson 5 – Students follow their timetable	Year 7	OA
15.00	<i>End of Day</i>		

Start of Autumn Term 2021 – Year 11

Friday 3rd September

<i>Time</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Audience</i>	<i>Venue</i>
12.15 – 12.30	<i>Arrival</i>	<i>Year 11</i>	<i>Canteen</i>
12.30-14.00	LFD Test ONE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students arrive using Main Entrance and proceed to the canteen for registration. • Students must stick to their given time slot. • Students leave the site once tested. • Students choosing not to test do not attend on this day. 	Year 11	Hall A
14.00	<i>End of Year 11 Testing – all Year 11 students offsite</i>		

Monday 6th September

<i>Time</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Audience</i>	<i>Venue</i>
8.00-8.40	<i>Year 11 Arrival</i>	<i>All</i>	<i>HSC Hub</i>
8.40-9.40	Tutor Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planners, TTs, KOs - Expectations • Attendance and Behaviour – Expectations • Ready to Learn • T1 Student Focus 	Year 11	OA
9.40-10.40	Lesson 2 – Students follow their timetable	Year 11	OA
10.40-11.10	Year 11 Assembly (RBU and RCU) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance and Behaviour – Expectations • Ready to Learn • T1 Student Focus 	Year 11	Hall B
11.10-11.30	Break		
11.30-12.30	Lesson 3 – Students follow their timetable	Year 11	OA
12.30-13.30	Lesson 4 – Students follow their timetable	Year 11	OA
13.30-14.00	Lunch		
14.00-15.00	Lesson 5 – Students follow their timetable	Year 11	OA
15.00	<i>End of Day</i>		

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Monday 6th September – Years 8, 9 and 10

Year 10

Time	Activity	Audience	Venue
9.45-10.00	<i>Arrival</i>	<i>All</i>	<i>Canteen</i>
10.00-11.30	LFD Test ONE – Hall A <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students arrive using Main Entrance and proceed to Hall A for LFD Test One• Students must stick to their agreed time slot given.• Students leave the site once tested.• Students choosing not to test do not attend on this day.	Year 10	Hall A
11.30	<i>End of Year 10 Testing – all Year 10 students offsite</i>		

Year 9

Time	Activity	Audience	Venue
11.15-11.30	<i>Arrival</i>	<i>All</i>	<i>Canteen</i>
11.30 – 13.00	LFD Test ONE – Hall A <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students arrive using Main Entrance and proceed to Hall A for LFD Test One• Students must stick to their agreed time slot given.• Students leave the site once tested.• Students choosing not to test do not attend on this day.	Year 9	Hall A
13.00	<i>End of Year 9 Testing – all Year 9 students offsite</i>		

Year 8

Time	Activity	Audience	Venue
12.45-13.00	<i>Arrival</i>	<i>All</i>	<i>Canteen</i>
13.00 – 14.30	LFD Test ONE – Hall A <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students arrive using Main Entrance and proceed to Hall A for LFD Test One• Students must stick to their agreed time slot given.• Students leave the site once tested.• Students choosing not to test do not attend on this day.	Year 8	Hall A
14.30	<i>End of Year 8 Testing – all Year 8 students offsite</i>		

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Tuesday 7th September – All Year Groups

<i>Time</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Audience</i>	<i>Venue</i>
8.00-8.40	<i>Arrival</i>	<i>All</i>	<i>OA</i>
8.40-9.40	<p>Tutor Time (All Years)</p> <p>Years 8, 9 and 10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planners, TTs, KOs - Expectations • Attendance and Behaviour – Expectations • Ready to Learn • T1 Student Focus <p>Year 7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bespoke Activities (HoY) <p>Year 11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LFD Test TWO 	<p>Years 8, 9 & 10</p> <p>Years 7</p> <p>Year 11</p>	<p>OA</p> <p>Hall A</p>
9.40-10.40	Lesson 2 – Students follow their timetable	All Years	OA
10.40-11.10	<p>KS3 Assembly (RBU and LFE)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance and Behaviour – Expectations • Ready to Learn • T1 Student Focus <p>Note: Year 10 Assembly will take place during Tutor Time on Wednesday 8th September</p>	Years 8 and 9	Hall B
11.10-11.30	Break		
11.30-12.30	<p>Lesson 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 7 LFD Test TWO • Years 8-11 follow their timetable 	All Years	OA
12.30-13.30	<p>Lesson 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 7 LFD Test TWO & PE Expectations • Years 8-11 follow their timetable 	All Years	OA
13.30-14.00	Lunch		
14.00-15.00	Lesson 5 – Students follow their timetable	All Years	OA
15.00	<i>End of Day</i>		

NOTE:

- Year 8 will complete LFD Test 2 on Friday 10th September, Lesson 2 and some of Lesson 3.
- Year 9 will complete LFD Test 2 on Friday 10th September, Lesson 1 and some of Lesson 2.
- Year 10 will complete LFD Test 2 on Friday 10th September, Lesson 4 and some of Lesson 5.