



Newsletter



Oak Academy

16.12.21

Principal's Update

We're fast approaching our second Christmas living with covid and for many this may bring ongoing anxieties and concerns - not least with the spread of the Omicron variant!

At Oak though, it never ceases to amaze me how our community has the strength to endure. Staff, students, parents and friends within our wider community—we have all come together very strongly over the last 20 months to support each other and keep learning and well-being at the heart of what we do.

We have been really lucky this term with limited disruption due to Covid cases, with recent numbers remaining in single figures for several weeks now.

This is a reflection of how hard everyone is working to follow the guidance and keep the risk of infection transmission as low as possible.

Parents and Carers—**thank you so much** for your continued support in this regard, your open dialogue with us and trust that we will always do the right thing to safeguard our community is greatly appreciated and reflected in the positive attendance we are reporting.

Throughout the autumn term our overall attendance has been **in line with the National Average**—a real achievement and further proof that students are hungry to learn more and do more!

With that in mind, I'm delighted to share that we've made considerable investment in Sports and PE equipment to re-launch our extra-curricular offer, with healthy numbers attending our sports, music,

performing arts, trampolining, chess, badminton and boardgames clubs that run throughout the week.

Further investment is being made in Creative Arts in the Spring term, so that all students have the opportunity to develop a range of skills and experiences based on personal choice and interest.

Success outside of the classroom has also featured heavily throughout our busy term and I'm delighted to share some of these exciting highlights in this newsletter.

Our resolve to make Oak the 'best it can be' remains secure and the task is made all the more easier thanks to the support and feedback we receive from you.

I remain utterly proud as Principal to work alongside a dedicated, hard-working and tenacious team of staff and know that the break this year is very much needed and deserved.

We will be doing our best to switch off phones, leave laptops closed and spend quality time with our families and loved ones, hoping that it's very much the same for you.

On behalf of all the staff at Oak Academy, may I wish you a very Merry Christmas and Healthy New Year.

We look forward to welcoming students back on Wednesday 5th January, 2022!

With very best wishes,

Richard Burgas



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Give us a Twirl!

In November, Sophie M in Year 9 attended the **National Baton Twirling Association Championships** in Devon with great success, being awarded:

- 1x first place
- 5x second places
- 1x third place
- 2 x fourth places

...across a range of events.

Sophie has also been selected to go on and **represent England** at the European Championships in Italy next April!

Looking forward to further updates in the Spring!

Hospitality and Catering

Our student love getting involved in practical subjects and have had the opportunity to gain essential life skills in the kitchen thanks to the lovely Mrs Shinton (pictured below) and Mrs Furey (pictured right)



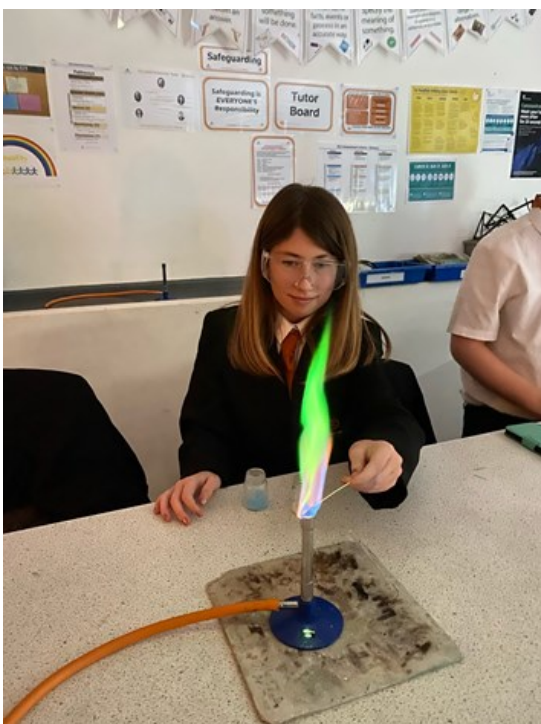
Science

'Magic is just science we don't understand yet' Arthur C Clarke. We feel this is encapsulated perfectly by our students conducting flame tests with various metals. Here we have Olivia F exciting the electrons with some thermal energy



'This is awesome, because I love Harry Potter' Olivia F. We couldn't agree more!

And a picture of Alisha W below



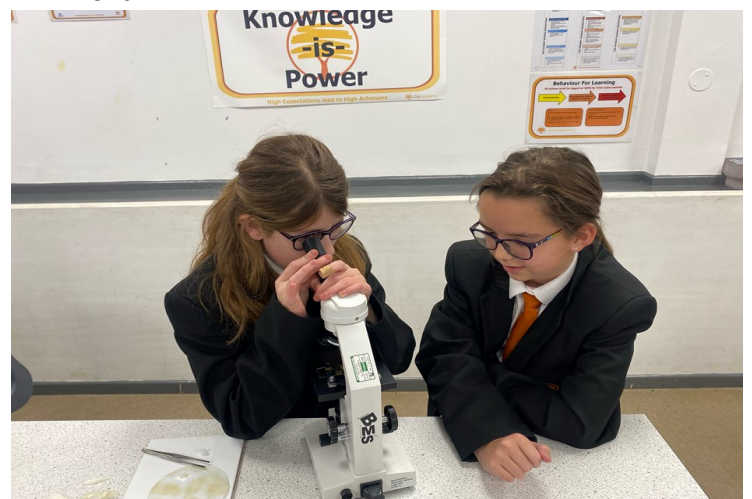
Science is Greek for truth and the scientific method is what we use to separate fact from fiction. In medieval times, people thought illness was an Act of the Lord. However, the discovery of microscopes allowed us to see the germs (bacteria and viruses for example) which cause disease. Here are some Oak student demonstrating their proficiency with microscopes



Above is Callum H and James showing their skills.



Above we have Ruby P and below Angelina S and Alisha W



Sport

‘Healthy in body, healthy in mind’ The Roman Poet Juvenal. At Oak we believe physical activity is an important component of wellbeing.

Through P.E, Sports Science and Sports Studies, students can learn about their body and health and put it into practice on the pitch. It also gives an opportunity to develop sportsmanship, teamwork and resilience. Transferrable skills that will benefit our students at Oak and beyond.

Training is on Thursdays after school.



Oak also has links with a rugby club and have really seen our students flourish playing rugby during P.E and some participating in clubs after school.



Our ladies recently competed against Glenmoor Academy and have been working with women's rugby specialist Gordon Horsley, who has over 25 years experience coaching women's rugby.

Rugby training is Mondays after school

An action shot from our girls enjoying a game in the sun during some after school training below.



Oak have recently invested in some pro-level trampolines and we have a gymnastics room which the students love. This allows us to offer a range of sports although there is still the opportunity to get involved in classic sports.

Mr Pretty, Mrs Ferret, Mr Joyce and Mr Turner have all seen huge success with the boys playing football.

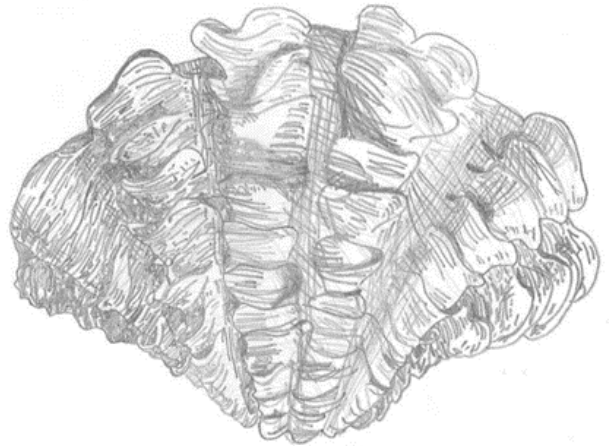
Students can participate in after school sports clubs and get access to the sports Hall for at least one lunch time a week for an extra session.



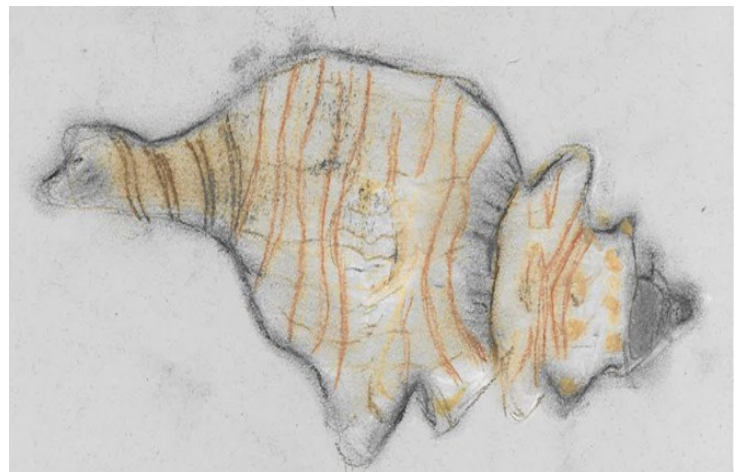
Art

'Art speaks where words are unable to explain'.
Pam Holland. Mrs Whitby and Ms Harris have used art as a vehicle to allow our students to develop core skills and express their creativity in a beautiful way.

The image below was submitted by Hilary F



The image below was submitted by Akira D



The image below was submitted by Tamia D-W



The images above and below are submissions by Lacey S



At Oak we offer Art, 3D form and textiles. This offers students the opportunity to specialise in different artistic fields throughout their time at Oak. By using a range of techniques students are well prepared for future opportunities in art, animation or design, should they wish to continue with the arts after graduating.

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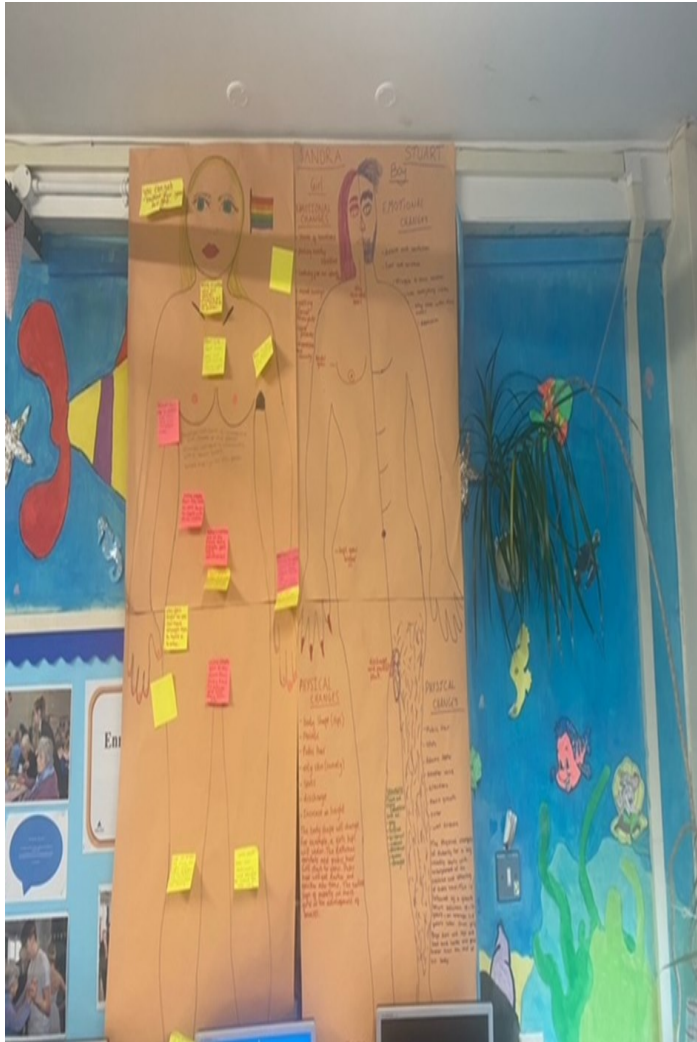
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Roxanne H's submission. A wonderful gift for Mr Williams, who loves One Piece, the show this character is from.

"What an incredible piece of art—I am eternally grateful" —Mr Williams

Health and Social Care

'Health is not valued until sickness comes'
Thomas Fuller. A quote I'm sure resonates with everyone who has experienced the pandemic.



Childcare

'Children are not a distraction from more important work, they are the most important work' John Trainer



Above are Kira S and Sara F.

Year 11 HSC/Childcare starting their interactive baby project with a newborn over night to teach them the skills and strains of being a new parent

Although not as challenging as the real deal, it gave some insight to the students about the future and true responsibility. An important step in preparing them to be successful in life after Oak.

Mrs Cummings leads both health and social care and childcare and was very excited to share the excellent work Oak students have completed.

The students have completed work on life stages and their views on the Adolescence Years through the eyes of a teenager.



Chess Club

Mr Lissenden has introduced Chess Club at Oak this year and the students are loving it! A tactical game which requires patience, planning and precision. A great addition to the extra-curricular activities offered each day!



The first Chess Club session was Monday 22nd September and we had 10 students.

Membership has more than doubled since then - with big plans for 2022!



Chess Club

Monday after school and
every Wednesday lunchtime

Maths Intervention Room

New and experienced
players welcome



Chess Club has been a huge success and we've seen a solid turnout in Music Club also — **Tuesday Lunch times with Ms Davis.**

Last week we saw the biggest turnout across extra-curricular we've seen in years.

The 'return to normality' we've all been craving since Lockdown is being seen in the high numbers of students keen to get involved.

Well done, everyone, and a massive thank you to all the staff that freely give their time for such a worthy cause.



Match Report



Year 8 vs St Aldhelm's Academy

Score: St Aldhems 4-3 Oak Academy

Oak Academy gets back on the map in the Bournemouth area and travelled away to St Aldhem's Academy for a wet friendly fixture.

This is the first match the year 8 boys have had since joining the school over a year ago.

However, this did not stop the boys from putting on a display of fantastic football. Oak displayed great possession with excellent link up play which bamboozled the opposition, with strong and well organised defending to back up the attacking players.

Overall, all players can be very proud of themselves, they kept their heads and came together to achieve something special for their very first match.

Goal Scorers: Beau J x2 Calum B x1

Team Stars of the Day: Beau & Calum B

Teacher Star of the Day: Miguel

Performing Arts

Improvise, adapt, overcome. Due to COVID, we couldn't perform in front of a live audience, but as you know—the show must go on! A huge well done to our students who recorded a brilliant Christmas show.



‘There ain’t no business like show business’. The students have worked incredibly hard and we are so glad that they had this moment to demonstrate their talents—absolute superstars. Performing Arts is run by Ms Tweedle Ms Jeffrey and Ms Davis.



Shanice E, Alisha W,
Mickey S and Emily P
on the right



Emily I, Jasmin G and
Gracie S on the left



Ethan M, Ashton H,
Nelly S, Olivia S and
Dulcie F on the right





TERM DATES 2021-22

Spring Term 2022

Tuesday 4th January – Friday 8th April 2022
(Term begins for all students on Wednesday 5th January)
Lieu Jubilee Public Holiday – Monday 31st January 2022
Half Term
Monday 21st February - Friday 25th February 2022

Summer Term 2022

Monday 25th April – Friday 22nd July 2022
(Term begins for all students on Tuesday 26th April)
Half Term
Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June 2022

**Wishing Everyone in our Oak Academy
Community a very Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year!**

**We look forward to welcoming students
back to Oak when term starts on
Wednesday 5th January.**

*Onsite Testing where consent has been given takes place on Tuesday 4th January,
more details here: [OA-Lateral-Flow-Testing-January.pdf \(oak-academy.co.uk\)](https://oak-academy.co.uk/OA-Lateral-Flow-Testing-January.pdf)

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