

Dear Parents/Carers

RE: Return from Easter break

I hope this letter finds you well and enjoying your Easter break. It is hard to believe how fast time goes by. I have certainly been able to spend quality time with my family in the sunshine and am now getting myself ready for our return next week. You may have noticed that our school website is currently down, the team are working to rectify this. Some of you have emailed me as you have not been able to access some of the updates I sent through. With this in mind I thought I would write to you again just to confirm a few things ahead of our return next week.

A massive well done to all the Year 11 students who have attended revision sessions over the last two weeks. I know it can be difficult to find the motivation at times, especially when the weather is warm however I hope they have felt the benefits of this. A letter will follow shortly regarding information about the upcoming exams.

A reminder that Monday 25 April is an inset day and therefore the site is closed to students. **Students return on Tuesday 26 April** and should be onsite by 8.30. We continue with our free breakfast club from 7.30.

Uniform and Equipment

As ever it remains important that students return to school wearing the correct uniform and equipped to learn. All students will need to bring to school with them a basic kit, that includes.

- A black pen (students should carry spares)
- A pencil
- A ruler

The end of term newsletter included the information below regarding uniform. It is important that the rules below are followed. Please do expect us to make contact with you and possibly request that students return home to change if your child is not in the correct uniform.

- The **academy blazer is compulsory** and cannot be replaced by a black jumper.
- For the **remainder of the academic year**, we will allow students to wear a non-branded, **plain black** jumper under their blazer. This cannot be a hoody or have a non-Oak logo. With the warmer weather I will expect to see less of these.
- Skirts should be pleated and fall just above the knee. Girls will be asked to change if skirts are too short.
- Students **cannot wear leggings**, apart from in PE.
- Students cannot wear facial piercings. Please do not allow your child to have a new piercing ahead of the summer.
- Students should bring a rucksack or record style bag to school with them. They need to carry their homework and Sparxs maths book with them each day. For the **remainder of the academic year**, we will allow bags to be **non-branded**.

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Following discussions with staff, parents and the student voice I have made the decision to make an adjustment to our uniform policy. For the remainder of the year, **I will allow students to wear an all-black trainer style school shoe.** I am aware these are sold in shops as school shoe, and I believe they are a supportive and smart looking shoe. These must however be flat bottomed and have leather style uppers. They cannot have a coloured/white logo or split/bubbled sole. The picture below gives some guidance. Please do email me if you are not sure.




COVID Absence

A quick reminder of the change to guidance around COVID that came into effect on Friday 1 April. In broad terms: if your child is unwell, they should stay at home. Once they are feeling better and do not have a high temperature, they can come to school. If someone tests positive for Covid 19, the recommended period of time to **stay at home is 3 days** for under 18s and 5 days for adults. We are hoping this will reduce the amount of time students have to spend out of the classroom and reduce the level of staff absence.

Do enjoy your last few days of your Easter break. As always if you have any questions please do contact me at Hayley.richley@oak-academy.co.uk

Yours Sincerely



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