



Oak Academy Newsletter 2021/22 – Term 4

Principal's Welcome

Waving goodbye to students at the gate last Friday, wishing them a Happy Easter, I was able to take a moment to reflect on the last six weeks and all that has been achieved. From Year 11 PPE's to our first onsite parents evenings in two years, there is much to look back at and be proud of. Staff and students have worked hard, both inside and outside the classroom and I know many happy memories have been made. In my first term, acting as principal, I could not have asked for anymore and I now look forward to what the rest of the academic year will bring.

There is no doubt that COVID continues to cause disruption in schools across the country. We hear in the media all the time about the need to 'live with COVID', and although at Oak Academy we are embracing this, it doesn't mean that it is easy. This term we continued to see absences amongst both staff and students which of course can take its toll. That being said, I am incredibly proud of the way in which students have made the effort to live life to its fullest and just embrace every opportunity they are given. With every lesson and extracurricular activity attended it is clear they are beginning to feel a sense of normality. As we return after the break and as the temperatures continue to rise, I really do feel we can begin to look forward to a period of stability within education and therefore make the most of every opportunity we are presented with.



I hope you are able to take a moment over the next few days to read through our newsletter. This should give you and insight into life at Oak this term whilst providing some important updates for the term ahead.

As always do not hesitate to email me at hayley.richley@oak-academy.co.uk.

Yours Sincerely,

Hayley Richley
Interim Principal



Senior Team and Student Council

Following successful interviews this half term I am pleased to be able to welcome our Head Boy, Head Girl and their deputies below. In coming weeks we will look forward to growing this team and assigning roles to each of them to support with the daily running of the academy.



Over the last half term Mrs Garza has been working with the student body to re-establish a student voice at Oak. We really believe a good student voice is needed in every school. With regular meetings and a real say in what goes on at Oak we are excited by what this new team will offer.

In a short space of time students have already spoken on behalf of the school at our bidder's day for the new build, organised a cake sale in support of the Ukraine crisis and visited primary schools with me to welcome our new 6 students. I know they will continue to make a real contribution over the next term, and I look forward to working with many of them.





Sporting Fixtures

A number of students across Years 7-10 have taken the opportunity this term to be involved in sporting fixtures again. Our football and netball teams have continued with scheduled matches. We have also taken part for the first-time in matches/ tournaments in basketball, handball and futsal. Although the results have not always gone our way, there is no doubt that students have continued to show great resilience and should be extremely proud of their efforts. I know the PE staff are.





Ten Tors Training

While many of us have been at home in the warm during the winter months, our Ten Tors Team have been getting ready for their final challenge that will take place between the 6th and 8th May.

Weather and conditions have not made it easy. Staff and students have battled through high winds and some extreme cold temperatures. Efforts all around have been relentless and our determined team have stuck together through it all. They have made memories they will hold with them for a lifetime, and we are confident they will achieve their goals for their final tour. We wish them all the best.





Other Sporting Achievements

Trip to AFCB

As part of Mental Health week some Oak students had the opportunity to team up with AFCB this term. Some of our Year 7-9 students were lucky enough to be invited, by the schools mental health team, to visit the AFC Bournemouth Stadium today.

Students had the opportunity to interview a female player and take part in a discussion around mental health and the importance of exercise while physically getting involved in some exercises.

Our students were outstanding. They engaged so well and blew the team away with their questions during the interview. At one point they all had to take shots into the goal... this took real confidence and they were all amazing.

A big shout out to all the students involved both on camera but also behind the scenes. Also a special mention to Keira H who took part in a radio interview ahead of the visit.



Year 9 AECC Sport Science Trip



Mr Pretty felt extremely proud taking a group of Year 9 students to AECC University College for an introduction to Sport Science.

Students got involved in sessions on sport psychology, performance and physiology. Students attitude was impeccable.

Everyone engaged fully throughout the day, asking excellent questions with confidence, even when working alongside someone who had recently worked with Lando Norris and George Russel from Formula 1.



Sports Leaders



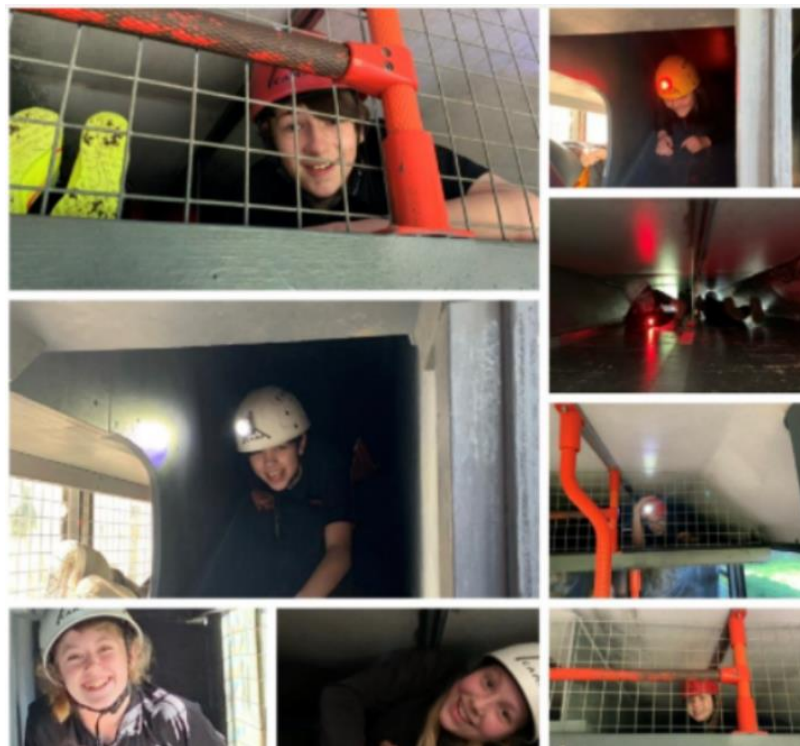
On Tuesday 5th April Oak selected students who have recently been excelling in both PE and across the wider academy to spend the day at Bryanston School to work with the Dorest Leadership Academy.

Students spent the day coaching events, both teaching and managing techniques.

Students also had the opportunity to meet and work with the GB Paralympian Team.

All students excelled on the day and have now been invited to be part of our first ever 'Sport's Committee'

Outdoor Adventures



A group of 14 Year 8 students have this term had the opportunity to be part of our Outdoor Adventure Group.

As well as activities at Oak, the group have also been able to work down at Butcher's Coppice once a fortnight. As part of this they have had to work as a team as well as overcoming adversity to complete challenges set for them.



A second group of students will be given the opportunity next half term



Sparx Maths

"Mathematics is not about numbers, equations, computations, or algorithms. It is about understanding".

The maths department have recently launched Sparx as the new homework, and some students have shown fantastic effort and developed a deeper understanding of their learning because of it.

Special shout-outs to students who have achieved 100% on all of their assigned Sparx homework:

- **Y7:** Alice A, Aaron B, Holly C, Harrison C, Lucy C, Djibril D, Gabriella D, Danny H, Emily K, Keighly L, Macey L, Ryan Q, Harry R, Cleo R, Angelina S, Melody S, Shana Y.
- **Y8:** Jessica A, Harry B, Louise B, Leah B, Lexi B, Archie B, Maisie C, Charlie D, Raquel DS, Russell D, Heidi F, Iuliia G, Eduardo GA, Kacie H, Bailee H, Melody H, Roman M, Dylan N, Vanessa N, Naira O, Ash P, Bianca S, Nelly S, Ben W, Olivia W, Kai Z.
- **Y9:** David B, Ayla B, William B, Ethan C, Rio C, Scott E, Kacper G, Ella G, Donraj K, Jasmine L, Kezzia M, Ellie M, Wiktorja P, Rhiannon W.
- **Y10:** Jessica C, Roxanne H, Hillary JF, Gustavo LDS, Caitlin P, Madison S, Faye S, Amie T, Evie W, Ben W, Dumitru Z.

After Easter break the maths department are staffing a drop-in for any student stuck on their homework to come and ask for help. This will be every Monday lunchtime in room 2.8.

bookwork code: J62

$$\frac{3 \times 4}{21} = \frac{12}{21} = \frac{4}{7} = \text{Correct}$$

bookwork code: K72

$$\frac{8 \times 3}{5} = \frac{24}{5} = \text{Correct}$$

bookwork code: L82

$$\frac{7 \times 5}{15} = \frac{35}{15} = \frac{7}{3} = \text{Correct}$$

XP boost task 1

Q59 Put these mixed fractions into ascending order?

$3\frac{4}{5}, 4\frac{1}{4}, 3\frac{3}{4}, 3\frac{2}{3}, 2\frac{5}{6}$

answer = $2\frac{5}{6}, 3\frac{2}{3}, 3\frac{3}{4}, 3\frac{4}{5}, 4\frac{1}{4}$

R69 Put the fractions into ascending order: $\frac{47}{100}, \frac{9}{20}, \frac{4}{10}$?

$\frac{47}{100}, \frac{45}{100}, \frac{40}{100}$

answer = $\frac{4}{10}, \frac{9}{20}, \frac{47}{100}$

XP boost task 2

S79 How much larger is $\frac{7}{10}$ than $\frac{2}{5}$?

$\frac{7}{10} - \frac{4}{10} = \frac{3}{10}$

A big thank-you to the maths department for continuing to support all students to make the progress they are capable of!

If you or your child is struggling to access Sparx then do get in contact with their class teacher using the following contact information.

[Academy Staff - Oak Academy \(oak-academy.co.uk\)](http://Academy Staff - Oak Academy (oak-academy.co.uk))



And in other news

MyTime Young Carers

Over the last half term Oak students have been provided with some great opportunities from the MyTime Young Carers team. This has included a careers convention and a day of outdoor adventure. The team also surprised students with a delivery of Easter eggs in the last week of term. We remain thankful for the support the team show students at Oak.





Celebrating International Women's Day

In celebration of International Women's Day our Year 10 AFCB PL Inspires group had the opportunity to spend the day at Aston Villain in celebration of all they have achieved over the last year. As part of the day the girls were involved in.

- Age-appropriate workshops linked to the UNITAR Leadership Course.
- Networking opportunities for the girls with the other 34 PL Inspires clubs.
- Guest talks from inspirational females throughout the day.
- Tour of Villa Park.

Despite the early start all girls thoroughly enjoyed the day and did Oak and the PL Inspires Team proud.





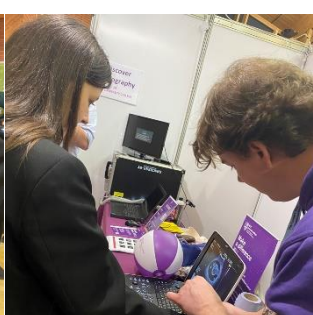
Year 9 Visits to Elm

Students in Year 9 were given the opportunity to experience what a career in childcare would involve and were invited to Elm reception to support in play activities and circle time. The students were fully engaged and proactive in leading activities.



Year 10 Careers Convention

Forty Year 10 attended the BIC for The Careers and Apprenticeship Show. They were able to meet and speak to representatives from huge range of local businesses, employers and Universities. Fantastic to see our students so engaged on their next steps in life as well as well as talking to the companies represented and taking part in activities offered. A fantastic afternoon was had by all.





Achievements outside of Oak

In addition to everything Oak students achieve in school I always feel really privileged to hear of things they are doing in their own time. Below are a few things that have been shared with me. I know this is probably only a tiny proportion of some of the amazing things Oak students are involved in. Do keep sharing these with me so we can celebrate success with you.

Sophie M (Year 9) has recently received her England kit ready to represent our country in twirling. An amazing achievement. Sophie remains 100% dedicated to her sport whilst displaying an amazing attitude to all aspects of her school life. Sophie was one of my Students of the term for this very reason.



Isabel H (Year 10) continues to amaze us with her talent for cake making and decorating. We are super impressed by the dedication she shows outside of school to improve her skills. Her designs are becoming well sort after, and it is not hard to see why. Amazing work Isabel. Your latest creating could have easily been mistaken for a real bouquet of flowers.



Catherine F (Year 7) has been helping her Dad to build a steam engine. A few weekends ago she had the opportunity of driving it for the first time. Really impressive. Well done!

Heidi F (Year 8) had the opportunity to be part of the Guard of Honor at Bath Ladies rugby Ground, alongside her team, The Oakmedians. Heidi had the chance to play touch rugby at half time as part of the entertainment and was able to meet the players at the end. What a great experience. You should be proud.





Term 4 Awards

We ended the term by ensuring that students who had worked hard all term and contributed to Oak Community were rewarded for their efforts. Friday's rewards assemblies saw students being recognised for the following.

- Class awards for our core values of courage, kindness, community, and excellence. All students received or will receive certificates for this from their teacher.
- Class Super Star Awards. KS3 students were awarded a certificate, sweet treat, and star badge to wear on their blazer. KS4 students received a certificate and an Easter Egg for their efforts.
- Tutor Group Members of the term. All students were awarded a certificate and an Easter Egg.
- 100% attendance awards. Students with 100% attendance were entered into a draw and the 8 lucky winners were given family tickets to watch Bournemouth Ladies play at the Vitality Stadium on Sunday.
- Finally, 10 students across the 5-year groups were awarded the Principal's Student of the Term. Each student was awarded a certificate and a Cineworld Voucher.





Principal's Award T4



Year 7

Daisy H

Riley F

Year 8

Jesica A

Leland S

Year 9

Angelos G

Sophie M

Year 10

Jessica C

Alex B

Year 11

Duggie E

Rachel H



I know lots of students are now working hard and looking forward to having the opportunity to be involved in our end of year rewards trip. We really want as many students as possible to be able to attend.

END OF YEAR REWARDS TRIP

98% Attendance From 3/3/22
1&2 Attitude to Learning Grades
for Progress T4-5.

Thorpe Park
July 14th



ATTEND
TODAY

ACHIEVE
TOMORROW

We want you there!





Academy Updates - Uniform

I remain incredibly proud of how smart Oak students look on a daily basis. Most of our students wear their uniform with pride. Where needed we have also been supporting families to ensure their child is in the correct uniform.

In the last six weeks I have been working to source a new uniform supplier ready for September. Although we remain happy with the quality of uniform Brigade offer we have found their delivery times have meant that many students remain without uniform for too long. In the next few weeks I will be able to update you with details of our new provider and confirming those compulsory items for September. In the mean time please can I remind families of the following.

- 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 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.
- Girls **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 daily. 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**.

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 be flat bottomed, leather style uppers and must have not coloured logo or split/bubbled sole. The picture below gives some guidance. Do contact me if you

are not sure at Hayley.richley@oak-academy.co.uk. This will become part of our policy from next year if students stick to the guidance given.





Key Dates

Date	Year Group	Event
Monday 25 th April	All	Inset Day – school closed to students
WB 26 th April	11	Catering Exams - Practical
Wednesday 27 th April	All	Reports to Parents
Thursday 28 th April	10	Parents Evening – Onsite SchoolCloud - Oak Academy
Monday 2 nd May	All	Bank Holiday Monday
WB 3 rd May	11	MFL Speaking Exams
Monday 16 th May	11	GCSE Exams and Study Stay Timetable begin
Wednesday 25 th May	7-10	Dance Beats
Friday 27 th May	All	Last day of term
Tuesday 21 st June	10	Careers Carousel
Wednesday 22 nd June	11	Leavers BBQ and Assembly
Thursday 24 th June	11	Last main GCSE exam. Please check timetables.
Monday 27 th June to Friday 8 th July	7-9	End of Year Exams
Monday 27 th June to Friday 15 th July	10	End of Year Exams
Thursday 30 th June	6	Transition Evening
Friday 1 st July	All	Year 6 Transition Day Inset Day – school closed to students unless invited to support with transition day
Friday 8 th July	11	Prom
Friday 22 nd July	All	Last day of term. Summer break begins.