

15 May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

RE: Principals Update – Term 5, Week 3

With only two weeks left of this term and the start of Year 11 written exams this week, I cannot believe how quickly this academic year is passing by. Before we know it, we will be into the final half of the summer term looking forward to all the extracurricular activities this term will bring. From sports days to visits offsite the summer term really will offer opportunities for everyone.

When I wrote to you last week, I mentioned that we had a team on Dartmoor taking part in Ten Tors. I am extremely proud to confirm that our team completed all Ten Tors within the time limit. Mr Turner who has been running Ten Tors for many years was elated that this team battled to the end and were emotional to see members of staff who came to see them across the finish line. More details will follow in our end of term newsletter but for now just a massive well done to all students involved.



This is just one of many things Oak students have been up to this half term with the school. If your child has done something outside of school that you are proud of please do email me as I would love to be able to share their achievements in this terms Newsletter.

New Staff

I would like to welcome Miss Crosland and Mrs Sedwick to Oak Academy. They join us as 'Assistants to our Heads of Year' and complete our inclusion team. The additional staff who have joined the inclusion team over the last few weeks will really allow us to increase that wrap around support, for both students and you as parent/carers. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with them if you have any concerns you wish to raise. This can be done either by phone, selecting **Year Team** when given the option, or by email using the following addresses.

- InclusionY7 inclusionY7@oak-academy.co.uk
- InclusionY8 and 9 InclusionKS3@oak-academy.co.uk
- InclusionY10 and 11 InclusionKS4@oak-academy.co.uk

Year 11

Year 11 final written exams start tomorrow. A letter was sent on Friday with details of study stay timetables and information around the exams. [OA-Year-11-Final-Update.pdf \(oak-academy.co.uk\)](#) A reminder that students must be wearing **full school uniform** in exams. This includes a shirt and tie. **Leaver's hoodies cannot be worn into the exam hall.**

Town Sports

We are really excited to be able to take a team to our town sports this week on Tuesday 17th May. Due to COVID it has been a long time. I wish all students the best of luck. I know they will enjoy the experience.

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Home Learning

A reminder that students should be completing all homework in their homework booklets on a weekly basis. They should also be completing work set on Sparx Maths. If this has not been completed on time, they will be expected to attend a home learning detention.

Breaks and Lunchtimes

Due to GCSE exams and building works starting we have made changes to areas available to students at break and lunch time. Students continue to be able to access the canteen. Students can also access the sports hall and tennis courts for active play. We have then developed a seated area and covered activity base for all students. This includes table tennis tables, table football tables and arriving very soon a Teqball table. We will continue to develop this area over the summer term. Finally students can access our 'Reading Hub' and 'Kindness Room' (see below).



Kindness Campaign

It is recognised Nationally that during COVID students have become more reliant on social media as a form of communication. We know at times this can lead to students becoming unkind to each other which can then spill out into their everyday lives. During assembly last week we launched our kindness campaign

#KindnessStartsWithUs. We are determined to put 'Kindness' back at the forefront of everything we do. Students have been able to apply to be 'kindness champions'. Interviews will take place this week. We have also opened Kindness Room at breaks and lunches [Kindness Presentation PPT May 2022 Final \(002\).pdf - Google Drive](#)

We thank you again for your continued support. Do not hesitate to contact any member of the Academy Team using email addresses at the following link [Academy Staff - Oak Academy \(oak-academy.co.uk\)](#) or contact me directly at Hayley.richley@oak-academy.co.uk.

Yours Sincerely,



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