



## Oak Academy Newsletter 2021/22 – Term 5

### Principal's Welcome

It feels no time at all has passed since I shared our last Newsletter with you. It is hard to believe how much Oak students have been up to in such a short space of time. We certainly ended the term in style with the return of our Year 7 Hotel Day and our Jubilee Cake Sale. Efforts of students and staff meant we raised £136.20 in just a short 30-minute lunch break. We will split this between our Peter Pan fund and our chosen charity, which the student voice is currently deciding upon.



This half term has been an especially busy and important one for our Year 11 students. As they have completed those last pieces of coursework and begun their final GCSE exams, we remain extremely proud of each one of them. There is no doubt that they have not had the easiest of GCSE journeys, however we hope that they can begin to feel that sense of looking forwards to what their futures will bring. All year 11 students, unless agreed otherwise, should continue to attend as per their Study Stay timetable which can be found at the following link. [Year 11 Information Page - Oak Academy \(oak-academy.co.uk\)](https://oak-academy.co.uk/Year11InformationPage) I thank you for your continued support with their attendance.

Over the next few days, before students return to school, do take a moment to look through our newsletter to see what Oak students have been up to and also to get some important updates with regards to the next half term.

If you are planning any Jubilee celebrations, then do enjoy them and I look forward to welcoming students back to Oak on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June.

As always do not hesitate to email me at [hayley.richley@oak-academy.co.uk](mailto:hayley.richley@oak-academy.co.uk).

Yours Sincerely,

Hayley Richley  
Interim Principal







## Ten Tors Success – A message from Mr Turner



Congratulations to this seasons Ten Tors team. They did us proud walking over 36 miles, getting lost in very foggy conditions – correcting themselves, getting interviewed by ITV, wild camping and getting over the finish line with 50 minutes to spare. A massive achievement!! Well done to Patrick U, Alex Ba, Ellie-May H and Jess C for completing the challenge. Congratulations also go to Billy S managed to walk to checkpoint 8, on day 2 covering around 30 miles. He carried both team tents before dropping out. However, without his sacrifice, the team would probably have not completed! Well done also to both Leo P and Damian G for completing all the training events throughout the year. My final thanks go to all the amazing staff that gave up their weekends in order to help train the team for this amazing opportunity.



**Mr Turner**





## Ten Tors Success – A message from the Ten Tors Team

Ten Tors has been a massive opportunity for us pushing ourselves beyond anything we've ever done before. Seven months of training and all for one weekend where we could show everything we had learnt with hundreds of other schools and colleges across the Southwest of England.

On the day of the event, bags packed and adrenaline running through us, when that cannon fired at seven in the morning everything was on us. We were ready to give it our all, ready to do this. We made good time, pushing ourselves up hills and along tracks, making friends with many groups along the way laughing and crying our way through the challenge.



One checkpoint after the other, time went on and the campsite at the end of the day got close and closer, but with one big push day one was complete twenty-four miles done, only eleven more to go. After singing at the campsite with hundreds of others and eating some dreadful food, night fell, and all was quiet.

Early in the morning, it all began again. Four in the morning start, eating what food we had the energy to eat and packing up the tents ready to walk again, six in the morning we left for a long day to go.

One checkpoint after the other the blisters became more and more painful and the heat beamed down upon us, the fog became thicker and thicker, but the finish line got closer and closer. Each step was one step closer, one step closer to completing thirty-five miles.







Checkpoint nine, only one more to go. Straight downhill from here back into the army base and through the finish line. Hundreds cheering us through the last two hundred meters congratulating us for what we have done. The army personnel at the finish line shouting us through congratulating us and congratulating our school through the speakers. We dropped our

bags and went up to the podium, we've done it. the medals fall around our necks and the cheers get louder and

louder, tears try and show but we were so proud. All the pain and argument and sweat and tears was all worth it. For the medal and the pasties!!

As Principal I remain incredibly proud of the commitment of both staff and students and cannot wait to see next year team get going. Please follow the QR code for ITV News report on the event.







## Duke of Edinburgh – Bronze Award

We are so proud of the participants that have just completed their Bronze Awards. They completed some of their sections throughout the pandemic and their Expedition had to be changed to be Covid safe. This did not stop them. They have shown resilience and determination and taken every opportunity given to them. The next DofE cohort are due to go out for Expedition next month so please do look out for more updates.



## First aid Training

Whilst getting a little taster of what a Level 2 course in Health and Social Care might look like, Year 9 students have opportunities to learn some First Aid this half term. Great fun had by all and new skills learned. All Year 9 students now know the GCSE options they will take and I know they are looking forward to getting them started.

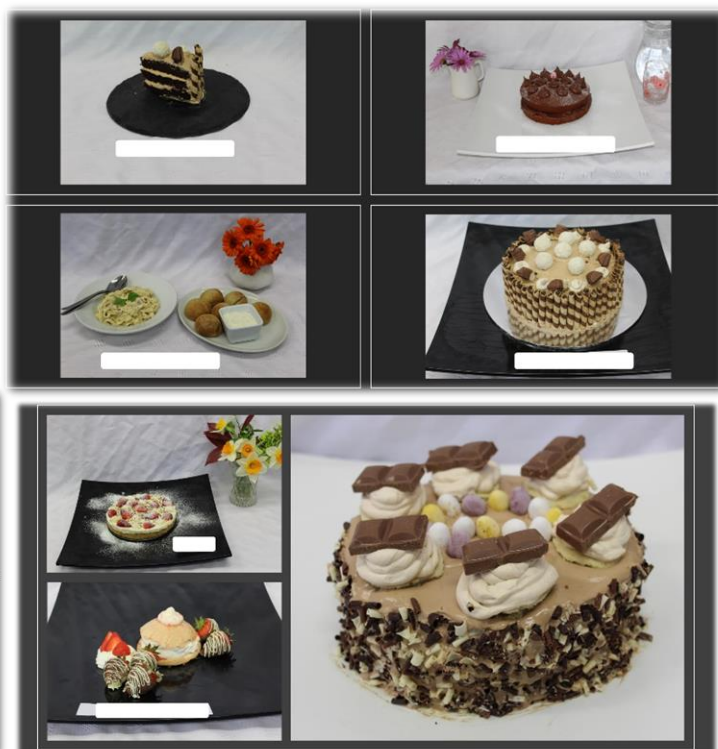






## Catering

Mr Wacker and Mrs Shinton could not have been prouder of our Year 11s during their final Catering practical and theory exams. With school closures and restrictions due to COVID, developing the practical skills needed to be successful in their final exam has been difficult. Student and staff determination however meant that students really have every reason to hold their head high after they completed their final dishes. Here are just a few examples of what was achieved. High level skills were on show everywhere with students making their own bread, pasta and meringues. A massive well done to each of you for all the hard work and perseverance.



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And the catering talent at Oak continues outside the classroom. Isabel H in Year 10 now successfully runs a small cake business outside of school time. Her artistic talents continue to wow us all and her cakes taste truly delicious. It is great to see her confidence grow doing something she loves. Well done Isabel!







## Dance Beats Cancer

Students performed in the Dance Beats Cancer show on Wednesday 25th May. It was an exciting opportunity for the students to perform in a professional production outside of school. They performed alongside 21 other dance groups in aid of the Youth Cancer Trust, which has been running since 2015. This was the first time our 'Oak Dance Company' got to put all their hard work into live practise against some other well established dance schools

Miss Tweedle was so proud of the professionalism and dedication the students put into creating such a wonderful yet quirky piece. The piece was called, 'Alice,' which was an adaptation of the story, 'Alice and Wonderland.'

Students worked hard to create this piece since September, when Oak Dance Company was formed. The students performed beautifully on stage and their passion for dance shone through. Their energy was infectious to all of the audience and they got some great big and well deserved cheers!

A big thank you to all students who worked so hard and performed so beautifully. You were Amazing! Well done!



### Oak Dance Company

'Oak Dance Company is an inclusive dance company where students can thrive to their full potential, allowing them to expressive themselves creatively, independently and as part of a team.

The company was set up by Miss Tweedle in September 2021 at Oak Academy.

The students and teacher work together to create new and exciting pieces of work. Our current piece is an adaptation of 'Alice in Wonderland.'

We are very excited to be a part of this special and wonderful event. DBC thank you for having us!  
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# Oak P.E News

## Your Time to Compete - Rounders Competition

This half term, Oak Academy had it's first Your Time to Compete event for Rounders. This is an event which is part of a 3-year pilot programme from Sports Leaders UK, with Oak being one of a small number of schools who have the funding to run the programme for three consecutive cohorts. Six of our outstanding female leaders planned and lead the event as part of the Your Time to Lead element

of the programme. The main aim of the programme is the increase the opportunities for female leaders and participants in sport.

All the Year 7 girls involved were excellent and should be incredibly proud of how they conducted themselves. A special mention must go to the 6 leaders from Year 9 and 10 who worked hard to ensure the event ran smoothly and was enjoyed by all. Lauren R, Jess O, Caitlin P, Cortana B, Courtney S and Cemo S congratulations on a great event and well done on being the first group to run an event for this new programme. You have most certainly inspired others to take on the role of leader for our project in Year 2.







## YEAR 9 BASKETBALL REVIEW

Written by: Mr Joyce  
Wednesday 11th May, Year 9 participated in their first ever Basketball match Vs Avonbourne.

The team looked strong from the start and took a very comfortable 9-2 lead. Avonbourne thought back showing experience and determination, which unfortunately lead to Avonbourne winning the match by 10 points in the end. Sam H, showed dominance from distance, Kuba displayed incredibly technique at rebounds and Harrison A played his heart out.

Team Star of the Day: Sam H  
Mr Joyce Star of the Day: Kuba M



## TOWN SPORTS RECAP

Written by: Mr Joyce  
Tuesday 17th May, Oak academy participated in Town Sports at Kings Park. It was glorious weather where multiple school saccross the region brought their greatest athletes to participate in an athletics tournament.

All students on the day showed great determination, teamwork, excellence and sportsmanship.

Podium Positions:  
Sam H: 2nd in High Jump.  
Sam N: 2nd in Discuss.







## TENNIS SUCCESS

Written by: Mr Joyce

Its been a busy week for Oak Academy, with some students representing their school on back to back days. Wednesday 18th May, Oak travelled to neighbouring school Magna Academy in our first ever Tennis fixture.

All participants played, singles, doubles and mixed doubles, where they accumulated a team score by winning points in their retrospective matches.

Again, team Oak showed passion in representing their school and picked up multiple wins, whilst creating a friendly competitive atmosphere against Magna.

Stars of the Day: Kuba M, Ethan C, Cemo S.



## Success outside of school

Akira D in Year 10 begun playing rugby at Oak just last year. She instantly took to the game and showed great promise from the start. She was soon asked to join the Oakmedians team for her age group.

Akira has gone from strength to strength. Earlier this month she was selected for the Dorset and Wilts County Teams, under 15 girls and then just last week won player of the year at Oakmedians. Everyone is incredibly proud of her achievement including Gordon, her coach. Well done, Akira!







## Thankyou!

We remain incredibly grateful for our partnership with the AFCB Inspires Team. A number of students have benefited from their work with the Academy. This half term we were lucky enough to be donated 3 bikes from the AFCB 1<sup>st</sup> Team. We were pleased to be able to give these to three chosen students. Thankyou to Gareth and the Team. We look forward to continuing to work with you next year.



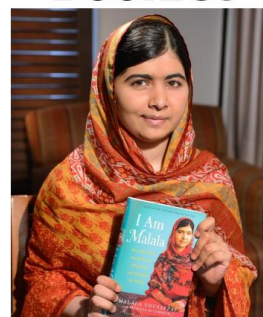
## Home Learning Success

This half term saw the launch of our new style homework booklets. We thank you as parents for the support you have shown in ensuring that homework is completed and that students are bringing their booklets to school for checking each day. Students T6 booklets are ready and will be handed to students on Monday morning. They can also be found on our website at [Term 6 - Oak Academy \(oak-academy.co.uk\)](https://oak-academy.co.uk)

Where students need support with homework or somewhere to complete this, students can access the SSC Tuesday after school each week of Hall B every lunch time. For additional Sparxs support students the Maths department have dedicated lunchtimes on Tuesday (Intervention Room) and Friday (2.9). Students will continue to be set home learning support sessions where homework is not completed.



## Year 7 – T6 Home Learning Booklet



*"Let us remember: One book, one pen, one child, and one teacher can change the world."*  
(Malala Yousafzai— Education Activist and Youngest ever Nobel Peace prize winner )

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Tutor Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Tutor: \_\_\_\_\_





## Sparxs Success

With the successful introduction of Sparx we in the Maths department have seen lots of students develop their understanding of key topics we have taught in class!

Special shout-outs to students who have come top in their year group for XP points:

**Y7: Djibril D, Ryan Q, Melody S, Harrison C, Courtney-Sinead C**

**Y8: Nelly S, Jesica A, Raquel DS, Faye Z, Leah B**

**Y9: Kezzia M, Donraj K, Ellie-Louise M, Sophie M, Scott E**

**Y10: Erhumuoghene A, Gustavo LDS, Jasmine C, Harry L, Dumitru Z**

XP points are awarded based on the work completed, and any extra practice students have taken advantage of online.

Keep up the brilliant work mathematicians!

## T5 Awards – Class Teachers

Class teachers were proud to be able to hand out certificates on the last few days of term. Certificates were award to students consistently demonstrating our 'Core Values' in lessons and tutor time. A total of 596 certificates were produced.







## Principal's Award T5



Year 7

Christopher S

Angelina S

Year 8

Miguel D

Heidi F

Year 9

Cortana B

William B

Year 10

Emily P

Patrick U



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On Friday I was delighted to be able to walk around classrooms to award students the Principal's Award for T5. During our first week back I will be taking each of the students above, along with a friend of their choice, to Pizza Hut for lunch. I look forward to sitting down and celebrating their successes with them.

### End of Year Reward Trip

Now Term 5 reporting has closed we are in a position to confirm those students who are on track to attend our rewards trip to Thorpe Park. Letters will be issued in the first week back. Students will need to maintain their attendance up until the trip. Many thanks for your support in ensuring students are attending school. On Friday I was delighted to be able to walk around classrooms to award students the Principal's Award for T5.

**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!**



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## 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. When we return, where students are not wearing the correct uniform, we will be sending students home to correct this.

- 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. **From September the only permitted jumper will be the one with the academy logo.**
- 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 Sparx maths book with them each day. For the **remainder of the academic year**, we will allow bags to be **non-branded**. **From September students will be expected to wear a branded bag**

Students have taken well to my change policy with regards to shoes. A reminder that if students choose to wear trainer style shoes then they must ensure they.

- Are flat bottomed
- Have leather style uppers. No canvas style please.
- Must not have a coloured/white logo
- Must not have a split/bubbled sole.



The picture above gives some guidance. Do contact me if you are not sure at [Hayley.richley@oak-academy.co.uk](mailto:Hayley.richley@oak-academy.co.uk). This will become part of our policy from next year if students stick to the guidance given.





## Change to Uniform Supplier

As you will be aware, for much of this academic year we have had great difficulty with receiving uniform from our uniform supplier in a timely fashion. I have therefore worked this last half term to secure a new supplier for September. I am please to confirm that our new supplier will be 'Price and Buckland'. As a parent myself, with a child at another secondary school in Bournemouth, I have worked with Price and Buckland as a customer and cannot fault their delivery and returns service.

Price and Buckland should be used to order uniform for next academic year. Their website page will be live from 30<sup>th</sup> June although can be viewed now at <https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/oakacademy>.

Although there are no changes to our uniform policy, do please be aware of the following from September.

- Students choosing to wear a jumper will be expected to wear an Oak logoed jumper again, under their blazer. The adjustment made this year was due to a supply issue.
- Students will be expected to wear an Oak logoed bag again. As with the jumper, the adjustment made this year was due to a supply issue.
- We have introduced a non-compulsory PE hoody. This can be used during PE lessons and for fixtures only. This does not replace the academy blazer or jumper. Alternatively, a plain black jumper can be worn for PE.

*Price & Buckland*  
SCHOOLWEAR SINCE 1959

### ORDER SCHOOL UNIFORM ONLINE

Our uniform is supplied by Price and Buckland, who have been manufacturing exceptional schoolwear since 1959. Visit the website below to shop for your school uniform.

**WE NOW OFFER FREE RETURNS**  
<https://www.royalmail.com/track-my-return/create/2864/>

**HOW TO ORDER**

- 1 Visit the school finder located on the Price and Buckland website.
- 2 Browse the range and buy your uniform.
- 3 Enter your delivery details and await your order.
- 4 Register your details or log in to your account to view your order status and history.

**price-buckland.co.uk**

**ORDER BY 1ST AUGUST**  
for delivery before the start of term

I am expecting some sizing uniform into school shortly. I will write to you when this is available with details of how you can size your child. Please do be aware though, Price and Buckland a free returns policy if uniform does not fit.





## Oak Rebuild

I have been very privileged this half term to be involved in planning meetings for our new school. During the final meeting I was able to watch to live fly throughs, looking at what Oak may look like in September 2024. I know I for one cannot wait to open the doors to welcome students in.

The DFE are now in the final stages of choosing our contractor to carry out the rebuild before work formally starts in January 2023.

To make this happen however, there is a significant amount of work that needs to be done at Oak to allow students to continue to receive the same broad curriculum over the next couple of years. The following will take place over the next few months, ahead of September.

- Complete refurbishment of all classrooms and toilets in A Block.
- A new reception area to be placed at the front of A Block.
- A move of our catering classroom.
- A decamp of all theory teaching spaces and offices from B Block to A block.
- Sectioning off our creative and performing arts departments from the rest of B Block ahead of demolition of this block.

We of course want to minimise impact to students but their inevitably will be some moderations that need to be made. You may well have already seen some fencing go up at the entrance to the school. This is to allow for access road to be built so that the refurbishment of A Block can begin. This will happen in the first week back. The refurbishment will be completed by the end of the summer, so when students return after the break they will largely be based in the A Block.

I thank you for supporting us in encouraging your child to stay out of any building areas. Where students enter, work will immediately be halted. Delays will only set back the start of the new build. Students who do choose to enter will be sanctioned. I will take this very seriously.

## Additional Inset Day

When we return in the summer our inset days are going to be largely filled with moving from one building to another. The end of this half term is also going to be taken, packing up classrooms and office spaces. To ensure staff can still receive training needed at the end/start of an academic year and so staff can further review and enhance their curriculums for next year, I have requested and been granted, an additional inset day to take place on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July. I apologise this was not on the calendar at the start of the academic year, but I hope you understand my rational for requesting it. If you have questions or please do not hesitate to email me at [Hayley.richley@oak-academy.co.uk](mailto:Hayley.richley@oak-academy.co.uk).





## Key Dates

Date	Year Group	Event
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	10	Careers Fayre
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	7-10	Reports to Parents
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	9	Boys STEM Trip – invited students only
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	11	Leavers BBQ and Assembly
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	7	Geography Trip to Marwell Zoo. Letter to follow Monday.
	11	Last main GCSE exam.
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> June to Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	7-9	End of Year Exams
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> June to Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	10	End of Year Exams
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	6	Transition Evening
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	All	Year 6 Transition Day Inset Day – <b>school closed to students</b> unless invited to support with transition day
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	All	Additional Inset Day. Please see details above. School closed to students.
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	11	Prom
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	All	Peter Pan Performance
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July		
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	All	Rewards Trip Thorpe Park
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	All	Summer Festival to include Sport Day. Parents will be welcome to this event. Details to follow,
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	All	Final reports to parents
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	All	Last day of term. Summer break begins.