



Oak Academy Newsletter 2021/22 – Term 6

Principal's Welcome

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Colleagues

As we see out the end of the academic year, we are finally able to look back and reflect on a full year of education, and everything that this has brought with it. From our transition day to GCSE exams and sports day, for the first time in 2 years it has been amazing to close out a school year, that has been as close to 'normal' as we can remember. Students have shown immense resilience working hard to close gaps in knowledge, whilst also engaging themselves fully in every opportunity that has come their way. We are extremely proud of them for this. Staff have also worked relentlessly ensuring the impact of any staff absence has been minimised for students **A massive well done and thank you from to everyone!**



As we now look forward to next year, we know that there will be many changes as the new build begins. This may bring with it a certain amount of anxiety, however I would like to reassure you all that while the work is being completed there will be no disruption to your child's education and our focus remains fully on driving forwards our plans for improvement.

Over the next few weeks, as you enjoy time with your families, do take a moment to read our newsletter to gain a little insight into what we got up this term. Towards the end of the letter there is also important information for next year including key dates and uniform information.

As always do not hesitate to email me at hayley.richley@oak-academy.co.uk if you have any questions ahead of the new year. Although I will not be monitoring this email continually, I will ensure that I get back to you in good time for the new year.

Yours Sincerely,

Hayley Richley
Principal



Year 11 Prom – The Three Tuns

This year, the Three Tuns at Bransgore hosted the Class of 2022 Prom and what a spectacular. With over 7,000 views on the Daily Echo site, Luc Hilton marching in with Bournemouth Youth Marching band.

Students arrived in an array of vehicles and motorbikes with music being played and canapes and cocktail reception.

Students danced the night away to a disco whilst feasting on a medley of food and drinks.

Prom Royalty was awarded to Luca R and Carlo C with Prom King and Queen going to Jake T and Shelby G

Students were perfect and ended their night travelling home together singing 'Sweet Caroline' all the way.

A massive thank you to Mrs Cummings to pulling together such an amazing evening and to students for just being you!



[Teenager arrives at Oak Academy prom at Three Tuns pub with marching band | Bournemouth Echo](#)







“Can Do” Rockley Water Sports Festival

On 14th June, seven students in years 7, 8 and 9 attended the “Can Do” Rockley Park Water Sports Festival where they participated in activities such as pairs Kayaking and Mega Sup board riding. Twelve schools participated in a festival organised by Rockley, aimed at getting students involved with activities that were different.

The day consisted of kayak training in the morning, followed by field sports such as football and rounders, and finally paddling on the Mega Sup board to finish the morning. After lunch, students participated in pairs kayak races to win medals. Oak did incredibly well coming 4th in two of the four races. The group had a great time and were a real credit to Oak Academy.





Participation in PE

ATHLETICS UPDATE

Written by: Mr Joyce
Throughout this academic term Oak Academy has attended multiple athletic fixtures at Magna Academy.

Our Students from year 7-9 have participated with high levels of excellence and great sportsmanship. Some key participant mentions: Cortana B, won Shot Putt. Charlie J, jumped for gold in Long Jump and all other students have made Oak very proud with their work ethic.



THE MAGNA OPEN

Written by: Mr Joyce
Oak Academy attended "The Magna Open" on Thursday 16th June. We took a selection of year 7 and year 8 girls.

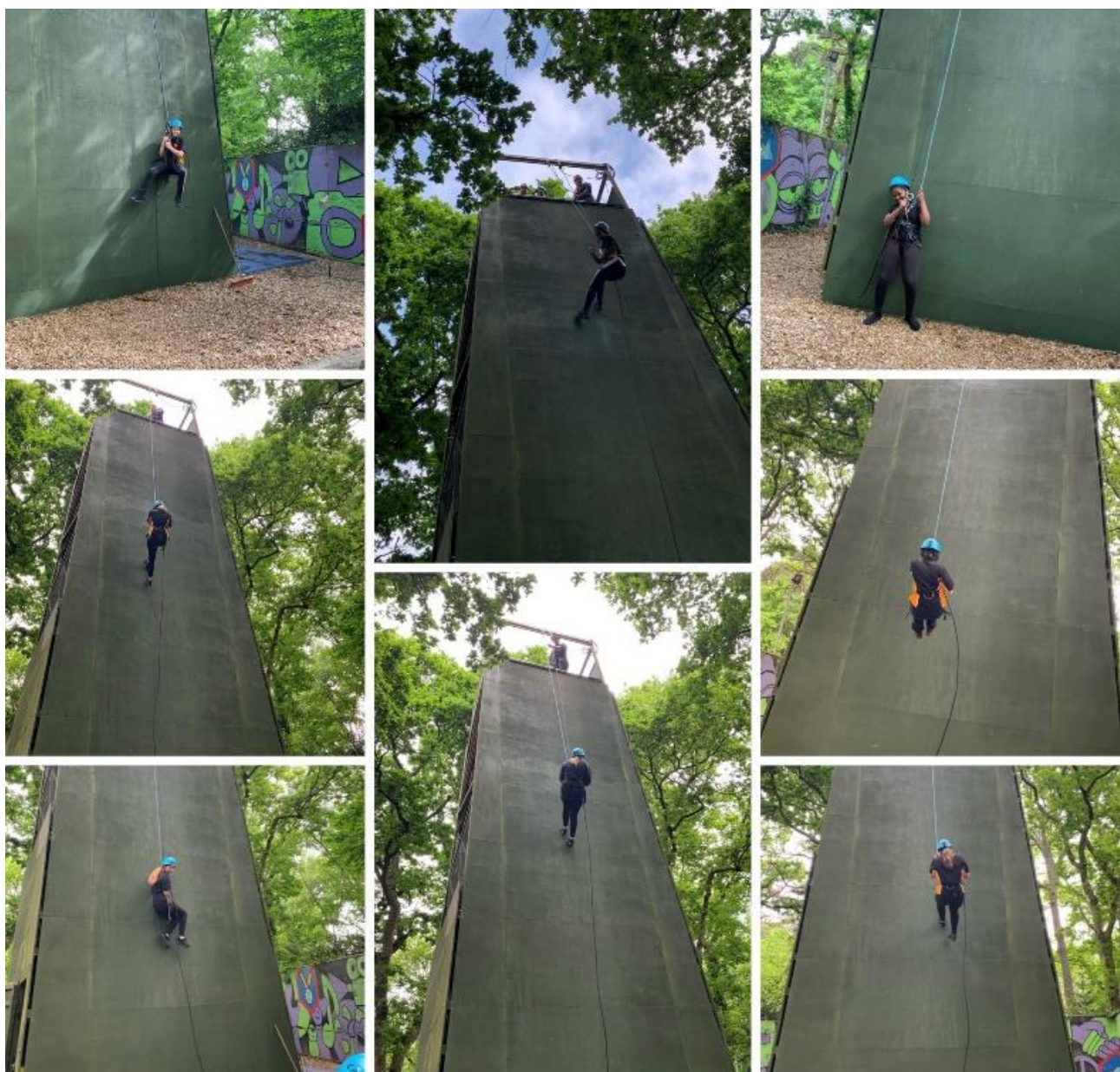
The open works by the students competing in Singles and Doubles gameplay, with scores added as a total at the end. Charlie J, Chris S & Ajaye L all competed against a year above themselves and dominated the court. Kacie H, Sinead D & Chloe H played with smiles on their faces and showed Outstanding sportsmanship. Oak Won the tournament 176-151.
Star of the Day: EVERYONE!





Abseiling (OAA Group)

Our 'Outdoor and Adventurous Activities' group (OAA) completed Abseiling at Butcher's Coppice alongside of a number of other activities this half term. Students were first taught how to set up their equipment, then they were taught the technique needed to abseil down the wall. They were very brave and conquered their fears to complete the wall. Watch this space for their next adventures.





Dorset School Games

"Oak had 14 students attend the Dorset School Games at Bryanston School. The weather was incredible and absolutely reflected the positive behaviour and attitudes shown by all students.



Throughout the day, ten year 7 boys were involved in a number of outdoor activities such as rock climbing, archery and axe throwing. The boys supported each other really well and certainly demonstrated tonnes of courage and kindness. For some this was their first time on a trip since moving to Oak and I hope that students put themselves in a position again to be selected for similar opportunities.

Two girls in year 9, Courtney and Cortana, were part of the events team, helping run the event and take photos throughout the day. These girls had attended the leadership academy in April, so were putting skills developed on that day to good practice. They did an outstanding job throughout the day.



Finally, we had Jessica from Year 8 and Ethan from Year 9, who were part of the sports leaders team and assisted in running the Ultimate Frisbee competition. Again these two students attended the leadership event in April where they learnt various skills linked to sports leadership and coaching. They were integral to the efficient running of the frisbee event and lots of positive feedback was heard.

Overall, a fantastic event and one which we will be looking to take more students to next year. A massive thank you to the Dorset School Games team and Active Dorset for putting on an incredible event for our students and the many hundreds of students present from other schools in Dorset."





Oaks Got Talent

During the penultimate week of term our showtime students performed to their parents and 160 year 4 and 5's from Elm Academy and Kinson Primary.

The show was presented by our very own Billy Swartz, who entertained the small ones with jokes and silly slapstick moments.

We saw music performances including songs from The Greatest Showman and Moana. We also had some Contemporary, cheer and tap dances paired with music from Michael Jackson and Lewis Calpaldi.

There was a Rock performance of a well-known ACDC song, an acoustic performance of Vance Joy's Riptide as well as vocal ballads.

There were two devised comedy sketches which brought laughs all-round.

What a fantastic show it was. We are so proud of all our young performers.





Duke of Edinburgh – Bronze Award

Several students across year 9 and 10 successfully completed their DofE expedition to successfully complete their Bronze Award.



All students did amazingly across the weekend and contributed to ensuring the exhibition was completed by all students. We are looking forward to seeing more students complete this next year. Some will also move on to complete their Silver Award and compete in Ten Tors.





Year 10 Careers

Cabin crew training, working in pods, experiencing lecture theatres and hair styling.... just some of the aspects of college experienced by 46 year 10 students got to experience when they visited Bournemouth College as part of their career programme.



Year 9 GCSE Options

Year 9 students have been given the opportunity to get some hands-on experience this year when choosing their GCSE options. Students were able to experience some of the First Aid Training they will learn if they chose to study a Level 1/2 Course in Health and Social Care.

All students have now chose their options and are looking forward to starting them in September. There is real mix of both academic and vocational courses and we are proud to announce the return of Triple Science to the academy after a number of year.





Y9 Boys STEM Trip to AECC

Our students spent a day on AECC campus in Southbourne for Boys in Science STEM Day, where they received a talk from a leading physiotherapist; and then rotated around 4 workshops to include radiotherapy and the use of virtual reality (physics and biology); a visit to the Xray suite; a session in the dry model lab looking at body parts.

Our students were engaged, inspired; and had the opportunity to ask questions and interact with professionals in STEM field.





Year 10 Geography Field Trip

On Monday, 11th July our year 10 Geography group had their fieldtrip to Swanage. The excitement at the beginning of the day was palpable. We were going to the beach!

This fieldtrip was part of our physical geography enquiry, and students had the opportunity to investigate a hypothesis through the analysis of secondary data (maps, images) as well as collecting primary data themselves. This involved measuring the width of the beach (both south and north of the groynes) and the drop along the groynes (in three places: sea wall, mid-length and at the water line).



All these measurements were hard work in the blazing sun, but our students did us proud. They all did their bit, working in teams, measuring and recording the data. A welcome break in the shade, with iced drinks, ice-creams, managed to give us the boost we needed to go through with all our planned measurements.

We came back with the satisfaction of a job well done (despite some confusion on which groynes we had measured, which we managed to iron out). What remained to be done was analyse our data and reach a final conclusion on whether longshore drift is successfully managed in Swanage Bay. Since all our measurements show that there is a quantitative difference between south and north, both in beach width and groyne drop, we have proven our hypothesis to be correct: yes, longshore drift is successfully managed- without the groynes the sand would be transported from south to north, resulting in the beach

getting thinner and thinner and ultimately disappearing.

Fieldtrips like these are massively important and helpful in understanding coastal processes and coastal management. We consider ourselves lucky to be the first GCSE cohort to be able to carry out our geographical enquiries in the wake of the pandemic. This will help our students not only achieve higher marks in their exams, but also have a better understanding of the world around us.

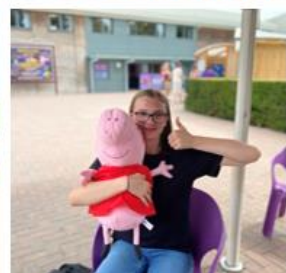


Year 10 Health and Social Care/Child Care Trip

Thursday 21st July saw students from Year 10 option subjects head to Paultons Park with the task of observing and recording how the park caters for children under 5, focusing on risk assessments and safety for the public. This is to support coursework units on Safety and Security.

Students were fantastic, they enjoyed the rides especially as they raced round taking advantage of little que times. Layla Franklin demonstrated extreme sporting skills to win a Pepper by getting the balls in the bucket on her first attempt. Mr Randall decided her was Daddy Pig and even brought the t-shirt to suit.

Wonderful day out with the class of 2023 making memories.....





End of Year Awards

There was certainly plenty to celebrate this year when it came to the end of term. As always this was done during our rewards assemblies on the last day. It was amazing to be able to hand out so many certificates and trophies as students were recognised for living by our core values across the different areas of the academy.

Firstly, class teachers were proud to recognise students for their contributions during Term 6. A total of 844 certificates were handed to students across all the different subject areas.



Secondly Curriculum Leaders selected students across the year groups who had really excelled in their curriculum area this academic year. Certificates and trophies were handed to the students in recognition of their efforts.

Year Leaders also nominated students they felt had thrived in our core values across the year and then, based on their reasons I decided on the students who I felt deserved to be awarded the Principal's award for the Academic year. Those students' names will be engraved onto our shields and stored in our trophy cabinet in reception.

I am extremely proud of every student who received recognition for their efforts. Curriculum Leader, Head of Year and Principals Award names can be found on the next page.



CAL Awards

Student of the Year	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
English	McKenzie M	HT A	Suzi C	Gustavo D
Maths	Holly C	Rosha N	William B	Hayden R
Science	Riley F	Raquel D	Shengfei W	Megan P
Geography	Angelina S	Vanessa N	William B	Leo P
History	Angelina S	HT A	Ethan C	Amie T
RE	Tyler A	HT A	Shengfei W	
Computing/Computing/Imedia	Emily K	Faye Z	Sam H	Harry L
Spanish	Lily D	Kacie H	Suzi C	Benjamin W
PE	Isaac H	Roman M	Cortana B	Patrick U
Food/Hospitality and Catering	Isaac H	Olivia W	Cortana B	Emily P
Performing Arts	Lucy M	Vanessa N	Wictoria P	
Technology (3D/Form/Textiles)	Calum C	Jessica A		
Health and Social Care/Child Care				Lacey H
Sociology				Amie T
Sports Studies/Sports Science				Alicia F
Business				Megan P
Film Studies				Harry L

Head of Year Awards

Student of the Year	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Courage	Riley F	Rosha N	Ethan C	Amie T
Excellence	Angelina S	Roman M	William B	Jessica C
Kindness	James W	Jessica A	Cortana B	Evie W
Community	Lucy M	Heidi F	Charlotte E	Ellie H

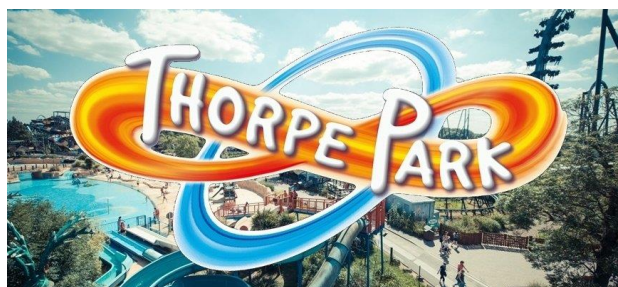
Principal Awards

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Lucy M Community	Roman M Excellence	Ethan C Courage	Evie W Kindness



2022 Thorpe Park Rewards Trip

We are proud to have taken so many students to Thorpe Park, which was a truly rewarding experience for those students who have demonstrated academic excellence and positive attendance, above 98%.



Oak Academy students were exceptional throughout

the day, showing respect and kindness to those who they encountered. This coupled with the exhilaration of the Theme Park and fantastic weather made for a brilliant day.

Some of the favourites of the day were:

Getting absolutely soaked by the Tsunami ride. The G forces that Nemesis Inferno had to provide and the insane drop of Swarm. The students had a fantastic day despite the heat and said;

"Saw was epic and terrifying."

"It was a good time and I loved going on the rides."

"The day was amazing as I enjoyed having the time to spend with my friends outside of school."

"Samurai was amazing as it went upside down. It didn't stop as it kept on flicking us around."

See if you can spot two of our Year 10 students in the photo to the left!



We look forward to next year's reward trip and having an even greater number of students attend another amazing opportunity.



Summer Festival - [Video Link](#)

There was a place for everyone within the Oak community this year to witness and enjoy our rebranded summer festival. This year had a number of firsts that allowed us to celebrate the Summer in style, with the introduction of a giant inflatable obstacle course, football darts and 10 zorbs supplied by Stars Events. We were also incredibly pleased to invite our wider community to the event, with our summer raffle proving popular. Allowing our families to come up meant that some of ours students could showcase their potential as athletes for the first time in a number of years.



The first part of the day allowed all students to take part in a number of team games and field events. Games like yBall, Benchball and Dodgeball are really popular when played in the curriculum, and allowed house teams to implement tactics and strategies to overcome their opposing houses. At 11:30 families swarmed the field with their picnics to

enjoy the afternoon track events. Staff were taken aback by the support and the number of adults making the time to support the day. Both staff and students were incredibly thankful for this.

In the afternoon it was the chance for a more traditional sports day programme, with the track



events. Despite the weather getting hotter and hotter, the support and effort shown was amazing, and the large crowd on both sides of the track were able to witness some exhilarating races. As always students are drawn to the school records, with the oldest record dating back to 1989, when W Clarke broke the Year 9 Girls Shot Put Record. This year saw two records broken with Lauren R setting a new best time in the Year 10 Girls 300m and Callum B smashing the Year 8 Boys 300m record.



Congratulations to both students who will now have their names added the record tables for next year's cohorts to try and beat.

A full list of track and field results are below;

Year 7	Boys	Girls
Javelin	Charlie J	Catherine F
Shot Put	Charlie J	Amy S
High Jump	Jay F	Catherine F
800m	Louis C	Olivia F
300m	Louis C	Tilly H
200m	James W	Tilly H
100m	Jack Y	Lucy M

Year 8	Boys	Girls
Javelin	Harry B	Heidi F
Shot Put	Miguel d S	Aliesha S
High Jump	Callum B	Racquel d S
300m	Callum B – new school record	Leah B
200m	Beau J	Mason C
100m	Callum B	Maddie W

Year 9	Boys	Girls
Javelin	Hayden B	Suzi C
Shot Put	Shengfei W	Cortana B
High Jump	Sam H	Onari L
300m	Michael K	Sophie M
200m	Michael K	Onari L
100m	Michael K	Sophie M

Year 10	Boys	Girls
Javelin	Patrick U	Jasmine C
Shot Put	Patrick U	Ellie H
High Jump	Alex B	Alicia F
300m	X	Lauren R – new school record
200m	Ryat M	Alicia F
100m	Ryat M and Leo P – dead heat	Alicia F



Our Junior and Senior Sports Personality Awards goes to someone who has demonstrated outstanding excellence, grit and determination throughout the day. We are pleased to congratulate the following winners of this year's awards

Junior Boys Sports Personality – Callum B

Junior Girls Sport Personality – Tilly H

Senior Boys Sports Personality – Michael K

Senior Girls Sport Personality – Alicia F





Our final individual award this year is the Gavin Whitworth Memorial Trophy. This is a chance for us as a community to remember such an influential member of staff who sadly lost his life last year. This award is given to a student who goes above and beyond what is expected of someone on the day. This year we are pleased to announce that the winner of this highly significant award goes to **Cortana B in Year 9**. She is a truly outstanding student who in the build up to the event and during the event itself ensured that her house was organised and prepared to be as successful as possible. Not only this but she is a student who dedicates a large part of her school life to sports leadership and extra curricular sport.



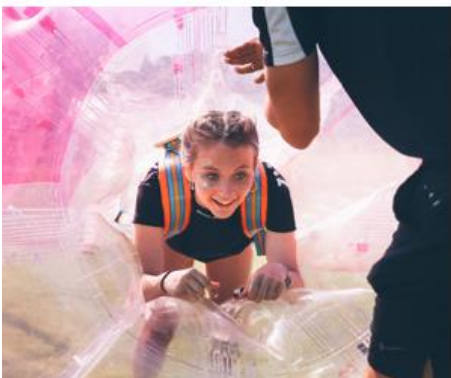
One other major part of our Summer Festival this year was to raise money for a charity. This year our student council chose Julia's House, a local charity from Corfe Mullen, supporting children and their families who suffer from life debilitating illnesses. Throughout the day, students paid for refreshments and to take part in some activities all with the purpose to raise as much money as possible. We also introduced our first Summer raffle with some very generous donations from local companies. Thank you to the following businesses who supported us with donations on the day;

- Tesco Kinson
- Churchills Café
- The Angel at Longham



Following on from the day, students this week have been able to buy ice pops and sweets as well as giving a donation for the final non-uniform day. **Thank you so much for your generosity! We have been overwhelmed by the amount of money donated. Money from the muft day has not yet been accounted for, however we believe that this year we have raised at least £1000!**

We look forward to more events like this in the future, and especially being able to celebrate days like this as a whole community.









The New Academic Year

We are extremely excited for the start of the new year. Please see arrangements for the start of the term A reminder that from September our school day starts from 8.30. Students will be expected to be **sat in tutor** by this time so should arrive no later than 8.25am.

Monday 5th September

Time	Year 7	Year 11	Year 8, 9 and 10
8.00-8.25	Arrival Top end of Canteen Escorted to the Hall	Arrival Bottom end of Canteen Escorted to Tutor	Last day of Summer Break Some students may be asked to support with the Year 7 students on this day.
8.30 – 9.00	Welcome Assembly Principal and Head of Year	Tutor Time 9.30 – Welcome Assembly	
9.00 – 10.00	Tutor Time Including Tour of Academy		
10.00 – 11.00			
11.00 – 15.00	Students follow timetable for the rest of the day		

See next page for details of return for Years 8-10.

Tuesday 6th September

Time	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
7.30 – 8.25	Arrival and Breakfast Club				
8.30 – 9.00	Tutor Time Parent Pay	Hall Assembly	Top end canteen Escorted to Tutor	Bottom end canteen Escorted to Tutor	Tutor Time
9.00 – 10.00		Tutor Time	Assembly 9.30 Tutor Time	Tutor time 9.30 Assembly	Tutor The Year Ahead
10.00 – 15.00	Students follow timetable for the rest of the day				



Oak Rebuild - [Video Link](#)

You will know that Oak's rebuild will start this academic year and we will therefore be moving into the A block. By the time students return from the summer break the following will have happened.

- 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 aim to keep any disruption to an absolute minimum. I will of course keep you updated on the progress of the build across the next academic year.

Staffing Updates

Leavers

The end of term saw us say goodbye to Miss Harris. Miss Harris had worked with us for the last year in our art department. We wish her well as she moves onto her new role.

New Starters

We feel very blessed that we are this year able to grow our team. In addition to the new starters we have had over the last term we will also be welcoming the following staff members in September.

Mr Arnold	Teacher of Maths	Mrs Emery-Tyler	Teaching Assistant
Miss Knipe	Teacher of Art	Miss Fedenko	
Miss Ottaway (started July)	Teacher of Science	Mr Serrano-Almunia	
Mrs Trott (returning)	Inclusion Manager	Mrs Newton (returning)	Incluision Officer – First Aid



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.

Students can choose to wear a jumper, but it must be branded. Students can only wear their jumper in addition to their blazer, not instead of.

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 ensure any new piercings are done in this first week so they can be removed on return.

Students should bring the Oak branded bag only.

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.

Uniform Supplier

Price and Buckland should be used to order uniform for next academic year. Their website page is now live <https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/oakacademy>.

To ensure delivery before the start of the new term uniform must be ordered by 1st August. After this date delivery cannot be guaranteed. There is a free delivery service into school for collection on Thursday 25th August.



Term Dates – 2022/23

Autumn Term:

Staff Training	Thursday 1st September 2022
Staff Training	Friday 2nd September 2022
Pupils' First Day	Monday 5 th September 2022
Half Term	Monday 24 th to Friday 28 th October 2022
Staff Training	Monday 31st October 2022
Staff Training	Friday 2nd December 2022
Pupils' Last Day	Friday 16 th December 2022

Spring Term:

Staff Training	Tuesday 3rd January 2023
Pupils' First Day	Wednesday 4 th January 2023
Half Term	Monday 13th to Friday 17th February 2023
Pupils' Last Day	Friday 31 st March 2023

Summer Term:

Staff Training	Monday 17th April 2023
Pupils' First Day	Tuesday 18 th April 2023
May Day	Monday 1st May 2023
Half Term	Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2023
Staff Training	Friday 7 th July 2023
Pupils' Last Day	Friday 21st July 2023

Staff Training Days:

Thursday 1st September 2022
Friday 2nd September 2022
Monday 31st October 2022
Friday 2nd December 2022
Tuesday 3rd January 2023
Monday 17th April 2023
Friday 7th July 2023