

16<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

## RE: Principals Update – Term 1, Week 2

As our second week and first full timetable cycle draws to close, it was lovely this afternoon to speak to so many students on the gate, who were excited to tell me things they had done this week. The move to the new block has of course been hard for students to get used to but the large majority have taken this in their stride and are finding their way around the school quickly and calmly. Thank you, to you as parents for ensuring they are coming to school looking smart and equipped for learning.

## HM Queen Elizabeth II

With Her Majesty's Funeral taking place on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September, as previously communicated, the school will be closed to all staff and students to allow everyone to be part of this historic event. On Tuesday we will hold a one-minute silence, to recognise the end of the period of mourning.

## Achievement for All

This week there was plenty to reward students for. Below are the top three rewarded students in each year group. Students have begun to bring postcards home from their Heads of Year and tutors, and now a timetable cycle has been completed subject areas will begin to send home cars. We really want to celebrate student success. Our students have much to be proud of. Below are this week's top three students in terms of reward points. Well done to you all.



Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Mordecai A Najah M Ernie L	Liliana P Ibtisem H Cleo R	AJ A Jack J Paris M	Courtney S Ellie M Katie G	Evie W Maddie S Amie T


**England  
Rugby**

**GIRLS DEVELOPING  
PLAYER PROGRAMME**

This week we are extremely proud to have learned that two of our Year 11 girls have been selected to be part of the England U16 Rugby Development Programme. Both Alicia F and Akira D have only been playing rugby for the last 15 months. This is a massive achievement for both girls and we are excited to watch their journey. A massive well done from everyone at Oak.

## Term 1 Curriculum

Now we are in the full swing of the curriculum I'm pleased to be able to share with you information about what your child is studying this term. This was something that was raised in a survey last year, with many of you saying you would like to know more about students curriculum. We will continue to develop this during this year.

Term 1 curriculum's can be found at the following link [Term 1 - Oak Academy \(oak-academy.co.uk\)](https://www.oak-academy.co.uk)

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### Learning Outside the Classroom

Eight of our Year 9 students had the opportunity to go to Bournemouth University this week for an. I look forward to sharing more detail with you in our end of term Newsletter.



This week has also see the launch of our Extra Curricular Programme. It has been fantastic to see a number of students choosing to remain onsite until 4/5pm. This included our Peter Pan auditions and I look forward to sharing the cast list with you next week. A reminder that our extra curricular programme can be found at the following link. [Extra Curricular Activities - Oak Academy \(oak-academy.co.uk\)](https://oak-academy.co.uk)

### Reading Assessments

As part of our commitment to Reading, every student at Oak Academy will complete the New Group Reading Test (NGRT). The NGRT test will be repeated every term so we can closely monitor the progress of all students. This assessment will help us to see where your child is with their reading and put into place any interventions which may be needed. These assessments will take place during T1.3 and T1.4, during English and Reading lessons.

### Year 7 CAT Tests

At Oak Academy, to support teachers in understanding how students learn, we routinely administer Cognitive Abilities Tests (CAT's) to all students in Year 7. CAT's are made up of a series of short computer based tests, which assess a student's reasoning abilities in key areas, in order to support educational development and academic attainment. No preparation is necessary; it is important that your child does not become anxious, as no pre-learning of knowledge is needed to complete the tests. CAT's have many uses and can help your child and his/her teachers to plan appropriately. Your child will need to wear headphones while they are taking the tests. This will allow them to hear all the instructions clearly and concentrate fully on the assessments. If your child has any at home, please can they bring them in on their given day.

Date	Tutor Group
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	7AKN
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	7STA, 7KAR, 7SHU
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	7AJO, 7HJE

As always many thanks for your support. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at [hayley.richley@oak-academy.co.uk](mailto:hayley.richley@oak-academy.co.uk)

Yours Sincerely,



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