

21st October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

RE: Principals Update – Term 1, Week 7

With just one day to go before the half term break, I wanted to start today with a massive thank you for all you have done to support both your child and the school this half term. We have much to celebrate and I look forward to sharing our termly newsletter with you in the next couple of days. Lots has been achieved in just seven weeks. I am hoping you are all able to take some time together this half term and enjoy everything an autumnal half term has to offer. I for one am hoping we get some fine weather so I can enjoy the fresh air and beautiful colours that autumn has to offer.

When the new term starts a quick reminder that **Monday 31st October is a staff inset day**. The site will therefore be closed to all students. All students return on Tuesday 1st November.

When students return, as always, I will be reminding them of some of our key expectations that support us as a community in living out our core values. Below are just a few things that I would ask you to support us on to ensure students return to Oak ready to learn and in the correct uniform. Many thanks in advance for this.

- A reminder that girls should wear either **school trousers or a pleated skirt**. Students are not permitted to wear leggings or a tight pencil skirt.
- All students must wear the full school uniform at all times. This includes.
 - An academy, logoed blazer.
 - An academy tie.
 - An academy bag.
 - A white shirt with a button to the neck. No open neck blouses please.
- Students can wear an academy logoes jumper underneath their blazer. No other jumpers are permitted.
- Students should come to school equipped for learning.
- Students should not wear more than one earring in the ear. Any facial piercings should be removed or covered. Where piercing were done in the summer, we will no longer allow students to cover these. They may wear a small clear retainer at the discretion of the academy.
- Any trainer styles shoes should be plain black, leather upper and **cannot have a bubbler in the heel**.
- **Long, false eyelashes and long, false nails are not permitted in the academy.**

Many thanks to the large majority of parents and students who support our high expectations on uniform. If as a parent you do not agree with some of our policies, please do request a meeting with me to allow me to explain why they are so important to us at Oak and why we will work relentlessly to ensure they are delivered consistently.

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. As already mentioned I look forward to sharing my newsletter with you in the next few days. It is not too late to share any outside successes.

Yours Sincerely,



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