

4th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

RE: Principals Update – Term 2, Week 1

The end of our first week of term 2 and despite the poor weather there has been lots going on at Oak this week. From our GCSE trip to see and Inspector Calls, to Anti Bullying Ambassador training and badminton/volleyball tournaments the week really did have a lot to offer. This weeks update in a little longer than normal as I am keen to share important updates with you.

Year 11 Pre-Public Examinations

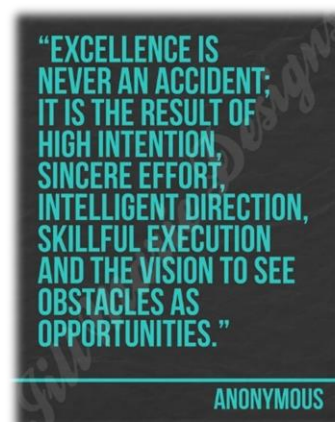
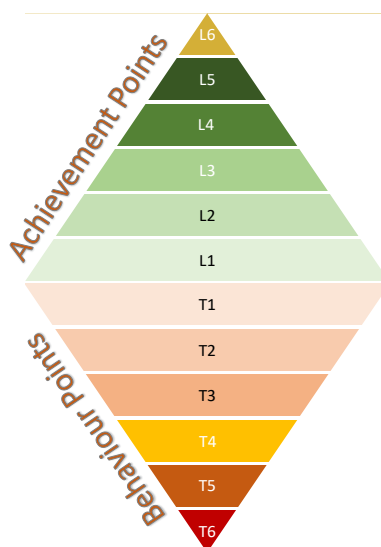
Our year 11 students will begin their first experience of a GCSE exam season starting next week. All students have been given timetables and have had assemblies to go through expectations and procedures for the exams. Attendance to exams is key. Where exams are missed students will need to make up in their own time to avoid lessons being missed. It is important that students take these exams seriously to allow teachers to gather information on what they do and don't know.

Focus on 'Excellence'

Week one of any half term is always one of my favourites, as I get to meet with all year groups in assembly. This week's assembly we focused on our core value of 'Excellence'. We took the opportunity to talk about examples of excellence we saw across last half term. If you haven't had the opportunity already, our newsletter is a really good place to see examples of students at Oak demonstrating 'Excellence' [T1.pdf \(oak-academy.co.uk\)](https://www.oak-academy.co.uk/T1.pdf)

We also spent time looking closely at the way in which behaviours in the classroom, that are not excellent, can have an impact on learning. I updated students on ways in which our behaviour system has been adjusted to ensure students experience 'disruption free learning' in lessons. This is largely linked to the number of opportunities students will have to correct behaviours before being removed from lesson.

After our first half term running our new achievement and behaviour policy we have made some slight adjustments to thresholds. The main purpose of this is to allow more students to be recognised for all the 'excellent' behaviours and attitudes they are displaying.



	Unit (AP/BP)	Action
L6	150+	Principal Voucher/Letter home
L5	120	Lunch canteen voucher/Cert
L4	100	Canteen voucher/Cert
L3	80	Front of queue pass/Cert
L2	60	Phone call home – tutor
L1	30	Text home
T1	< 20	Tutor discussion
T2	40	* Tutor report/Phone call
T3	50	* HOY report/Meeting
T4	80	* AVP Report/Meeting
T5	110	* VP Report/Meeting. Governor panel
T6	150+	* Principal Report/Meeting

*If a student fails any report card, after 2 weeks, they will automatically follow our graduated response.

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Top Achievers T2.1

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Najah M Gracie S Kian H	Melody S Jacob J Tilly H	Harry B Sadie B Sarah C	Ellie M Katie G Courtney S	Mickey S Tia D Damian R

Detentions

I thank all parents who supported us with detentions last half term. Detentions are given for a number of reasons, where students are not meeting our academy expectations around behaviour. Although these are generally working well some students are choosing not to attend on repeated occasions resulting in excess administration work for staff. I would therefore like to reduce the number of chances students have when set a detention. Students must learn that detentions should be attended on the first occasion. If students fail to attend any detention going forwards, they will only be given one opportunity to resit this before spending time in our 'Ready to Learn' during the school day, including social time.

In addition to our normal detention system, myself and Mrs Biles will also be running a 3-5 detention on a Friday, for students who repeat behaviours, such as lateness to lesson and truancy. This gives us opportunities for us to talk to students about the behaviours they are displaying and the impact they can have on those around them.

Attendance



As we continue our drive to ensure all students attend school, we have launched our 'Festive Countdown'. Each week every student who has attended every day will be entered into a price draw. This week our winner was Harry B in Year 9. Harry took home a 'Movie Night Hamper' including a £15 amazon voucher, to be enjoyed with his family.

Over the next six weeks we will continue with our give aways. At the start of each week every student will have the chance to win one of the following prizes. They will just need to **Be In To Win!!**

- T2.2** – Family Swim Hamper
- T2.3** – Fish and Chip Supper for the family
- T2.4** – Go Karting for the family
- T2.5** – Family restaurant voucher
- T2.6** – Family Snow Trax Ticket
- T2.7** – Family Hamper to enjoy over the festive holiday

Teaching and Learning

To enable you to know what your child will be studying this half term, and what home learning they have been set, please do take a look at the following pages on our website.

- **Teaching and Learning Newsletters** [Term 2 - Oak Academy \(oak-academy.co.uk\)](https://www.oak-academy.co.uk)
- **Home Learning** [Home Learning - Oak Academy \(oak-academy.co.uk\)](https://www.oak-academy.co.uk)

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Opportunity for Year 9

Calling Year 9 students who may be interested in a career in law. We have been given the opportunity for Year 9 students to perform in a 'real' court case against other local schools. Full details will be given at the first meeting which will take place on Tuesday 8th November at break time in 2.2. We encourage as many students as possible to consider this.



Remembrance Day



As an academy we will be remembering those who have lost their life in conflict on **Friday 11th November**. On this day we will be doing a ten-minute reflection followed by a two-minute silence.

On this day we would invite our cadets to come to school dressed in their 'cadet uniforms' and take an active part in our reflection assembly. If your child is a cadet and would like to wear their uniform on this day, please complete the following form. <https://forms.office.com/r/N7CyppD3Pp>

Charity for 2022-23


Following our student voice meeting Oak students have made the decision that this year they would like to support our local foodbanks to give a little back to our community. Events will run throughout the year which will allow us to do this. The first of these events will be on Thursday 8th of December where we will hold a charity day to include Christmas jumpers and non-uniform. In return we will be looking for food donations. More details will follow closer to the time, but we are keen for you to pop the date in your diaries. The students have certainly expressed their excitement for this day.



**Christmas Jumper
Non-Uniform Day**
Thursday 8th December

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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