

27<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

## RE: Principals Update – Term 2, Week 4

As we end the fourth week many teachers are now busy marking, as Year 11 have finished their Pre-Public Examinations. Behaviour shown by students over the last three weeks during, these exams has been excellent. Although a few individuals have not been able to meet the expectations of the exam hall, the large majority conducted themselves with a mature attitude. Well done Year 11. In lessons, over the coming weeks, staff will begin to go through papers with students so they can see the gaps in their knowledge. On **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December students will be invited to a mock results day**, to get a sense of how it will feel when they open their results in the summer. It is important that students continue with the momentum of attending intervention and completing home learning and revision at home.

### Inset Days

A reminder that this **Friday 2nd December** the school will be closed to all students. Our site will be closed on this day and therefore there will be no one available to answer phone lines.

### Supporting our Local Foodbank

As previously mentioned, this year our student body have made the decision that the charity they would like to support is the West Howe and Kinson Food Bank. As you know, the food bank plays a large role in supporting our families and

community by making sure that those in need have access to food. Our Year 10, leaders Cortana B and Ethan C, have been busy



volunteering here over the last couple of weeks. On **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December** we will hold our first charity day of the year, with all proceeds going to the foodbank. On this day it will be a **non-uniform day** for staff and students. As this coincides with the National Christmas Jumper Day we are encouraging as many of our students as possible to come in, in festive wear on this day, although this is not compulsory. In return, and to support the food bank, we are asking for either **£1 on the day or a non-perishable item**. Students are welcome to bring these items in advance as we have already begun our collection.

URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS
TINNED CUSTARD
TINNED TOMATOES
TINNED CARROTS
TINNED MEAT
TINNED FRUIT
PASTA SAUCE
UHT MILK
CRISPS
JAM
SWEETS
DOG FOOD
TOILET ROLLS
WASHING UP LIQUID
DEODORANT (MALE & FEMALE)
NAPPIES SIZE 5 & 6

THANKS BUT WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF
BAKED BEANS
DRIED PASTA
BREAKFAST CEREAL
TEA

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## Home Learning Support

For those of you with students in Year 8-11, you will know that we have had a real drive to improve home learning over the last 6 months. Most students have taken well to this and are now regularly completing all their home learning. There is however a percentage of students who are regularly not completing at least one piece of home learning each week. Home learning is a critical part of school, and we would ask for your support in ensuring this is either completed at home, or during the support sessions promoted here. Details of home learning expectations can be found on our website at [Home Learning - Oak Academy \(oak-academy.co.uk\)](https://www.oak-academy.co.uk).

## Home Learning Support

Every week in IT3 3pm-4pm  
KS3 Tuesdays, KS4 Wednesday

## Sparx Maths Support

**Week 1:**  
Monday Lunch – 3.4  
Tuesday Lunch – 3.3  
Thursday 3pm-4pm – 3.6

**Week 2:**  
Monday Lunch – 3.4  
Tuesday Lunch – 3.5  
Thursday 3pm-4pm – 3.6



Where a student does not complete one or more piece of home learning on a week, they will be directed to the home learning support as detailed above the following week, for a minimum of 40 minutes. This will allow them to complete outstanding work and also get ahead with upcoming work. Where this is not complete, a home learning detention will then be set. This will be an hour in length.

We are receiving several questions about Sparxs maths, how it works and why there is a need to complete 100% each week. With this in mind, we would like to invite you to a drop-in session on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December from 3.15 – 5.00pm**. This will be led by Ms Price, Assistant Vice Principal of Standards, and some of our student team.

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## Celebrating Attendance



With our continued drive to ensure students are attending school we continue with our 'Be In to Win' rewards campaign. This week our South West Karting Vouchers were awarded to Christopher Stanners in Year 8

Over the next three weeks, leading up to Christmas 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!!**'

**T2.5** – Family restaurant voucher

**T2.6** – Family Snow Trax Ticket

In the last week of term we will then be celebrating those students who have attended all half term.

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,

Hayley Richley  
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