



Oak Academy Newsletter 2022/23 – Term 2

Principal's Welcome

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Colleagues

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and New Year and have managed to stay well. There is no doubt that illness hit us all hard at the end of last half term and the news has certainly shown that this has continued at a national level, throughout the festive period. This, along with the arrival of a new puppy has certainly meant that the last two weeks have had a very different feel about them in my household. It has however been nice to be able to take life at a slower pace and remember all that is truly important.



Before the new term gets underway, it has been lovely to be able to look back and reflect on everything that last term brought. There is, as always, much to be proud about at Oak and I am delighted to be able to share just a small fraction of this with you in the next few pages. Over the next half term, we will be developing our newsletter further so you can begin to see some of what students have been up to across all the different subject areas. If you have any suggestions about what you might like to see in our Newsletter, I would love to hear from you.

As always do not hesitate to email me at hayley.richley@oak-academy.co.uk if you have any questions ahead of the new term.

Yours Sincerely,

Hayley Richley
Principal



Start of Term Arrangements

The school terms begins on Tuesday 3rd January. This is however an inset day so the school is closed to students in Years 7 to 10. We are however expecting all Year 11 students to attend on this day.

Year 11 students should arrive from 8.30 to the canteen for breakfast. Students are expected to wear full school uniform. The students will only be able to purchase drinks from the canteen. There will be snacks however available at break time, and lunch will be provided. The school day will finish at 3pm, as normal.

Students in years 7-10 are due back on Wednesday 4th January. They will be expected in tutor time as normal at 8.30.

Key Dates

Date	Details
3 rd January	Inset Day. Year 11 students only to attend.
4 th January	Term starts for students in year 7-10
12 th January	Year 10 Parents Evening. Please make appointments at SchoolCloud - Oak Academy
16 th – 27 th January	Reading Assessments – Round 2
19 th January	Options Information Evening Year 9 Parents. Information to follow.
26 th January	Year 9 Parents Evening. Information to follow.
3 rd February	Year 9 Options Carousel
8 th – 10 th February	Disney Trip
10 th February	T3 Reports to parents, Y11.
13 th – 17 th February	Half Term

Uniform

At the end of last term wrote to you regarding my expectations around students uniforms. Please see below a reminder of some of my concerns shared.

- Missing ties and blazers.
- Jumpers that do not have the Oak branding on.
- Trainers, not in line with our policy (plain black, flat bottomed).
- Leggings/jogging bottoms.
- Bags without Oak branding.

Students will find themselves isolated if these are not corrected on return. I would also ask that you ensure that students do not return with false nails and lashes. There will be an expectation that they are removed.



Anti-bullying Campaign

During Term 2, several of our students trained to become Anti-bullying ambassadors as part of our wider Kindness Campaign. These students, supported by Miss Jeffries then delivered assemblies to all year groups and all students were asked to join in signing our kindness pledge. There is no doubt that there is a rise in the use of social media to be unkind to one another. I thank you for your continued support in checking your child's social media content and reporting any concerns you may have to us.



Remembrance Service

On Remembrance Day this year we asked our Scouts and Cadets to come to school dressed in their uniform. These students also delivered a service to the whole school Live via teams before everyone joined in on a 2-minute silence. We were extremely proud of everyone involved.





BMSA Annual Carol Concert



Students from Oak represented the school in the BMSA annual carol concert held at Bournemouth Pavilion this term.

Shanice, Penelope, Isabelle, and Jophiel joined hundreds of students from across Bournemouth onstage in front of a sold-out audience to perform Christmas songs including Somewhere in my Memory from Home Alone, Saviour's Day by Cliff Richard, and Spaceman Came Travelling by Chris De Burg. Students also led the audience to sing classic Christmas carols including Hark the Herald Angels Sing and Away in a Manger.

These 4 students committed to practices, and worked hard over the last term to prepare these songs having attended rehearsals at Oak, Leaf Academy, and at Bournemouth Pavilion.

On the night of the performance the students were nervous at first but were incredibly brave standing at the front and center of the stage. Once they started singing their nerves melted away and they did a fantastic job helping everyone to feel the Christmas spirit.



Jolabokaflod

Year 7 students were all gifted a book for Christmas on the last day of term. The English department loved sharing the story of Jolabokaflod with students during their lessons.





Peter Pan

In the last week of term students across Years 7 to 11 treated us to an amazing performance of Peter Pan. Students worked hard on this, putting in many hours of rehearsals. The commitment they showed really paid off and there was much praise from members of the audience. We are excited to continue to grow our performing arts department and look forwards to the next show.



The Darling Family

Mrs Darling – Isobel Ginger

Mr Darling – Mickey Simonds

Wendy – Madie Stanners

John – Elise Wallage

Michael – Jophiel Ransom-Sharma

Nana – Penelope Bryant

Pirates

Captain Hook – Chanai Holland

Smee – Penelope Bryant

Jukes: Chelsea Edwards

Crocodile – Holly Baldwin

Brave Girls

Tiger Lily Tuesday – Lucy Marshallsay

Tiger Lily Wednesday – Emily Kench

Brave Girls:

Holly Baldwin

Evie Collins

Emily Kench

Lucy Marshallsay

Chelsea Edwards

Lost Boys

Peter Pan – Gracie Simpson

Nibs: Mickey Simonds

Slightly: Isobel Ginger

Curly: Kaylee Haskell

Twin 1/2: Natalie Holian

Tootles: Shanice Edwards



Sporting Ventures

As always, the PE department have been busy ensuring students have opportunities to be involved in fixtures and opportunities outside of the Academy. It is great to see our football, netball, basketball and badminton teams grow and we are excited that training for this years Ten Tors has already begun.



Ambitions Trust Racquet Sports competition day

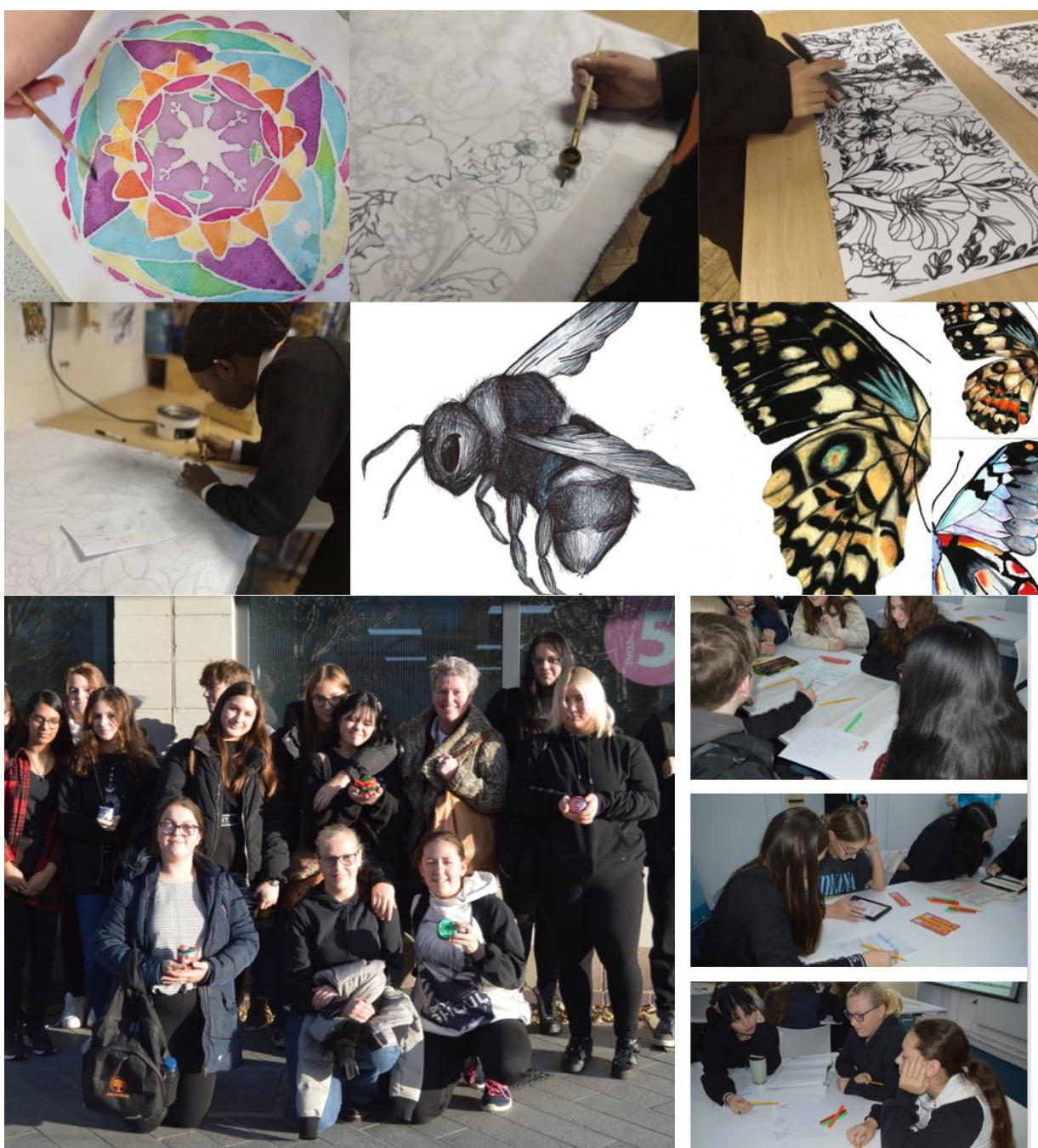
The first Ambitions Trust Racquet Sports competition day was held at WVA for Year 7 and 8 students from Wey Valley, All Saints, St. Aldhelms and Oak Academy. Competitions were held in Tennis, Table Tennis and Badminton with over 80 students participating and showing determination, teamwork and respect for each other. Despite it being a very cold day Oak students were excellent in their approach to competition, demonstrating Oaks core values extensively. This is hopefully the start of an annual event between the trust schools. The trust schools PE Departments have already agreed on a Handball and 3v3 Basketball competition to be held and hosted by Oak and LeAF at Easter, with a further event in the Summer Term currently being planned.





Creative Arts at Oak

Mrs Whitby continues to ensure students are given opportunities to explore the different forms of creative arts both inside and outside the Academy.





Celebrating Successes Outside the Academy

I am always amazed when parents stop me on the gate and tell me some of the amazing things their children are involved with, outside of the academy. I would love to continue grow a culture of sharing success. If therefore you are proud of your child for something they have been involved with in their own time then please do email me at hayley.richley@oak-academy.co.uk.

Success in Gymnastics

Macey L in Year 8 demonstrated that hard work really does pay off during The Wiltshire School of Gymnastics Championships in November. Although Macey had struggled with perfecting her routines her resilience and perseverance meant she walked away with a 1st on floor, 1st on beam and 4th overall on all four apparatus. We are extremely proud of Macey for all her hard work. We look forward to watching her success in the future.



Work Experience

Kezzia M from Year 10 continues to complete work experience at a local Alpaca Farm in her spare time. She recently supported the farm in transferring some of the Alpaca's to a new college.





Rewards at Oak

We continue to reward students for all the amazing things they do at Oak. As ever I loved watching students be rewarded for their hard work during the last week of term.

Teacher Certificates

At the end of each term all teachers are given the opportunity to nominate students who they recognise as loving by our core values during lessons. In the last week students will have come home with certificates recognising this. In total teachers handed out 1456 certificates for excellence (481), community (159), kindness (199), respect (193) and courage (424). Students were proud to show these to me both in the canteen and on the gate.



Head of Year Awards

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Courage	Aurelia R	Ellie M	Noah G	Cemo S	Mickey S
Excellence	Elise W	Tilly H	Heidi F	Courtney S	Aimee T
Kindness	Jophiel R	Courtney C	Jessica A	Aimee B	Joshua C
Respect	Leo L	Ryan Q	Rhema A	Scott E	Isobel H
Community	Jake W	Catherine F	Roman M	Cortana B	Harry L



Subject Awards

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
ART	Ellie-May S	Danny S	Kyla M	Samual H	
English	Riley T	Isaac H	Leah B	Kacper G	Joshua C
Maths	Filip S	Gracie S	HT A	Jake S	Alex B
Science	Kaylee H	Gracie S	Harry B	Marissa R	Evie W
Geography	Riley T	Courtney-Sinead C	Radiyyah A	Scott E	Emilie L
History	Filip S	Ryan Q	HT A	Cortana B	Amie T
RE	Ifeoluwa A	Riley F	Roman M		
Computing	Lewis F	Emily K	Heidi F		
Computer Science					
Creative iMedia				Katie G	Hayden R
Spanish	Shania B	Lily D	HT A	Cemo S	Jessica C
PE	Kenzie F	Golsoom S	Jesica A	Sam H	Rawan S
Catering	Zuzia D	Fiza K	Calum O	Aimee-Mae B	Isabel H
Performing Arts	Jay Jay H	Goldsoom S	Jesica A		
Health and Social Care/Child Care				Emily I/Toni S	Charley P/Ellie H
Sociology				Suzi Cox	Isobel Hough
Sports Studies/Sports Science				Kuba M/Scott E	Andrea L/Lauren R
Business				Jasmine L	Caitlin P
Film Studies				Katie G	Emily P

Principal Awards

It gave me great pleasure to meet with students who I awarded my Principal's Award to this half term. All received a certificate and voucher. A massive well done for all your efforts.

- Year 7 - Jophiel R
- Year 8 – Gracie S
- Year 9 – Archie B
- Year 10 – Cortana B
- Year 11 – Isabel H





Rewarding Attendance

We know in the cold winter months, when there is an increase in illness, sometimes it can be hard for students to make it to school. Over the last half term, we ran an attendance rewards scheme aimed at encouraging 100% attendance each week. We know this is not always possible but where students can make it in, we encourage them to do so as know the massive impact absence from school can have on academic progress. A massive well done to everyone who won a prize this half term.

Attendance Festive Countdown Rewards

Each week this term every student with **100% Attendance** will be entered into a raffle to win a prize to be drawn and shared on social media every Friday

- Week 1 : Movie Night Hamper including Popcorn, Chocolate and Amazon Voucher
 - Week 2 : Family* Swim at Pelhams
 - Week 3 : Fish and Chip Supper Voucher
 - Week 4 : Go Karting session for the family*
 - Week 5 : Family* Restaurant Voucher
 - Week 6 : Family* Snow Trax Ticket
 - Week 7 : Family* Hamper to enjoy over the holidays
- (*Family = 2 Adults and 2 Children)

100% Attendance

Be In To Win



Thank you in advance for supporting us in ensuring your child is attending school. We will be in touch this week to launch our next rewards scheme.



Supporting our community

This half term we had our first charity day this year, raising money for our local foodbank. The support was of course welcomed as you will see in the letter of thanks.

Thank you to all the students and parents who supported this event through food/non-food and monetary contributions. You will see from the letter just how much we were able to raise. Thank you also for those staff and parents who made cakes to sell on the day. Finally a special thank you to Isabel H and her family. Isabel already does much charity work but spent £50 of her own money purchasing items to donate. This amount was then matched by her family.



The letter we received can be found on the next page. Details will follow soon about our next event.

Thank you again for your support!





Kinson & West Howe Foodbank

St Andrews Church Centre

Millhams Road

Bournemouth

BH10 7LN

Oak Academy

Duck Lane

Bournemouth BH11 9JJ

9th December 2022

To all Staff and Pupils,

Thank you so much for your generous donations to Kinson and West Howe Foodbank. As always, we are very grateful for all donations. Your food collection had a total weight of 253kg. In addition to this you also collected a very impressive £360. Cash donations are always gratefully received as these allow us to purchase the items that are not so often donated to us such as toiletries etc.

During November we distributed food parcels to feed 282 adults and 167 children which totalled approximately 4.7 T.

This year has been our busiest ever with many new individuals and families being forced to turn to us for support. Your donation will be used to help us continue to provide this service to local people in times of crisis.

Your generosity is very much appreciated. Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Andy

Administrator