

27<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

## Re: Principal's Update – Term 4, Week 5

Wow, what a busy week for everyone at Oak. There were lots of smiles and memories made last week and I look forward to sharing events in more detail with you in our upcoming newsletter. Below is just a small glimpse of just a handful of the activities students were involved in.



Year 11 catering students successfully completed the practical element of their qualification. Some amazing dishes were created and students really should feel proud of what they were able to achieve.

This week will be another busy one with some details below.

<b>Tuesday</b>	Showcase, all day rehearsal.
	Year 11 photo, lesson 5
<b>Wednesday</b>	GCSE Art Exam
	Showcase – matinee (Primary Schools) and evening performance
<b>Thursday</b>	British Red Cross First Aid Course
	GCSE Art Exam
<b>Friday</b>	Attendance and behaviour rewards trip. 109 students will attend this trip.
	Reports to Parents
	Rewards Assemblies
	PPE results to students

Students will leave site on Friday at 2pm. This is slightly later than originally communicated. Please do contact me if you have any concerns with this.

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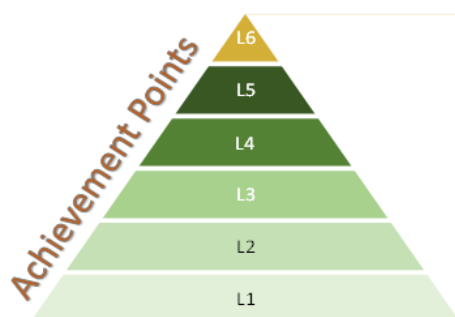
## Year 9 Options

Year 9 students should have now selected their preferred options for next academic year. Mr Wacker will this week be following up on missing forms. Many thanks for those students who have completed this already. If this has not yet been done please do use the following link [Year-9-Options-2023.pdf](https://www.oak-academy.co.uk/Year-9-Options-2023.pdf) ([oak-academy.co.uk](https://www.oak-academy.co.uk))

## Celebrating Success

Students will be receiving subject certificates this week. At the end of the week we will be rewarding subject awards, year leaders awards and my Principal's, Student of the term award. Students continue to collect reward points and I am pleased to announce that the following students reached the highest level with a week still to go.

Cortana B
William B
Ellie-Louise M



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

Last weeks top achievers can be found below.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Elise W Filip S Kenzie F Lewis F Jophiel R	Tilly H Amy S Brad S Gracie S	Jesica A Vanessa N Heidi F Lana H	Cortana B Dulcie F Scott E Ruby K	Charley P Anna-Jayne C Logan B Jasmin G Maddison H

## Uniform

This half term we have worked with a number of parents to ensure our uniform is smart and in line with policy. Many thanks for working with us on the following.

- **Leggings** – girls cannot wear leggings to school. Girls can wear black trouser or a black skirt only.
- **Jumpers** – students are allowed to wear an oak branded jumper **under their blazer**. This cannot be plain black and cannot be worn instead of the blazer.
- **Trainers** – A very small minority of students continue to arrive in trainers that do not meet my criteria. A reminder that I expect any trainer style shoe to have.
  - A plain black, leather style upper.
  - A plain black flat bottomed sole.

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- **Nose studs** – Students cannot wear a visible nose stud. Please do not allow your child to have their nose pierced in term time or during any holidays other than the start of the summer. Where students currently have nose piercings I expect the following.
  - For piercings done in the last 6 weeks, students must cover the piercing with micropore tape **supplied by yourself. We will not supply.**
  - For piercings done more than 6 ago, any metal stud must be either removed or replaced by a very small clear retainer as in the picture.



We have supported a number of parents where financial difficulties have been a concern. Do please be in contact if you need our support and where we are able to we will support.

**A reminder of the following guidance to schools around uniform.**

- Schools have the right to enforce students wear a school uniform.
- Schools can discipline students who do not comply with the rules on uniform.
- Schools are allowed to send students home to enable them to put the right uniform
- Sending the student home should NOT be an exclusion or an unauthorised absence unless the student persistently breaches the uniform or deliberately takes advantage of the time given to fix their uniform.
- Suspension is justified for repeated uniform breaches.

On return after the Easter break students not in correct uniform will be placed in isolation while we work with you as parents to correct this. If you are aware of issues in advance of your child's return please ensure you have emailed their relevant year team.

Items can be ordered from our uniform supplier at the following website.

**Year 7, 8 and 9** [InclusionKS3@oak-academy.co.uk](mailto:InclusionKS3@oak-academy.co.uk)

**Year 10 and 11** [InclusionKS4@oak-academy.co.uk](mailto:InclusionKS4@oak-academy.co.uk)

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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