

23rd April 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Principal's Update – Term 5, Week 1

This week was only a four day week for students and already such a busy one. Many thanks to the large majority of parents who ensured students returned to school both in the correct uniform and equipped for learning. We really appreciate your support on this. There was much to celebrate in my Principal assemblies on 'excellence', as we reflected on the term that had just gone and looked forward to the one ahead. There is no doubt it will be an important one for our Year 11 students, as they prepare for their final exams. We will be launching our 'Passport to Success' with students on Monday and will share with parents at the end of the day.

This week there was a focus on careers this week. With a Forensic Workshop for Year 9, a STEM event for Year 8 and a talk from Kier, the company responsible for rebuilding Oak, looking at building opportunities in the construction industry. This continues this week with a careers fair for students in Year 7 to 9. Year 9 options evenings have started and Year 10 are looking forward to their 'mock interviews' and work experience. As always students have been fantastic in their participation of all events.



Teaching and Learning

In addition to everything going on outside the classroom, students have been working hard in lessons. Please do take a moment to read about what students will be up to this half term in our 'Teaching and Learning Newsletter' at the following link. [Term 5 - Oak Academy \(oak-academy.co.uk\)](https://www.oak-academy.co.uk/term-5) This half term's letter also has a Science Careers Focus. New Home Learning booklets have also been issued to students and can be found at the following link. [Home Learning - Oak Academy \(oak-academy.co.uk\)](https://www.oak-academy.co.uk/home-learning)

Top Achievers

Last week's top achievers can be found below.

| Year 7 | Year 8 | Year 9 | Year 10 | Year 11 |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Alfie P Harry D Gracie S | Carter D Kieran I Gabriella J | Tia R Archie B Dylan G | Cortana B William B Etahn C | Charlie P Billy S Evie W |

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Industrial Action

As I already mentioned in the newsletter, there are two upcoming strike days on Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May. Based on the staff I am expecting to have onsite, and the need to ensure GCSE students are ready for exams, I have made the decision to **open the school to Year 10 and 11 only. Students in Years 7 – 9 will be set work to complete at home.** As always, we are happy to welcome vulnerable students, and those whose parents are key workers. The following form must be completed if you wish for your child to attend on this day. <https://forms.office.com/e/4aurJ64d3R> Many of you have already completed this. There is no need to complete again.


If you have any queries about anything in this letter or any other aspect of academy life please do not hesitate to contact inclusion teams at the email addresses below.

Year 7, 8 and 9 InclusionKS3@oak-academy.co.uk

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As always many thanks for your support.

Yours Sincerely,



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