



Oak Academy Newsletter 2022/23 – Term 5

Principal's Welcome

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Colleagues

It has been an incredibly busy term for students and teachers alike, with a huge range of opportunities across all areas of academy life.

Year 11 students began their GCSE exams two weeks ago and have to date shown great commitment to doing their very best in them. On Friday students attended a celebration assembly and BBQ where they had the opportunity to share memories of their time at Oak and receive awards for all their achievements. Between pages 7 and 13 of this newsletter, I share a little insight into the day for you to enjoy. A quick reminder to all Year 11 parents, students should be attending full time until their last exam following the timetable at the following link. [Final-Phase-Cohort-2023.pdf \(oak-academy.co.uk\)](https://oak-academy.co.uk/Final-Phase-Cohort-2023.pdf) This is apart from a minority of students for which alternative arrangements have been agreed.

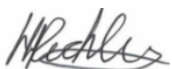


As we move into term 6, we begin to consider the next academic year. In the coming weeks Year 11's will leave us, Year 10 students will be promoted into senior roles, Year 9's can begin to look forward to their GCSE options, which were confirmed with students on the last day of term, and we look forward to welcoming our new cohort of students and staff to Oak. Term 6 is always one of my favourites and I look forward to welcoming all of you to our Summer Festival towards the end of term.

Please do take a moment to read through our newsletter and look at what everyone has been up to over the last half term. The letter also includes important information about the term ahead, there is no doubt that it is going to be a busy one for all involved.

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

Monday 5th June School starts again for all students. GCSE exams recommence at 9am on this day.

All students should return wearing the correct uniform and equipped for learning. A reminder of our expectations with regards to uniform and equipment can be found later in this letter. Many thanks for your support with this.

Key Dates

Date	Details
Wednesday 7 th June	Senior Team Interviews (Head Boy/Girl/Deputies Year 10 only)
Friday 16 th June	Year 11 Final exam for all students (with the exception of those sitting catering exam)
Saturday 17 th June	West End Live
Wednesday 21 st June	Final GCSE Catering exam (selected students only)
Monday 26 th June	Chalke Valley History Festival for Year 7 students
Tuesday 27 th June	Chalke Valley History Festival for Year 10 History students only
Thursday 29 th June	Year 6 Transition Evening
Friday 30 th June	Inset Day and Year 6 Transition Day. School closed to all students apart from those volunteering to support.
	Year 11 Prom
Tuesday 11 th July	Year 10 visit to Bournemouth and Poole College
Wednesday 12 th July	Summer Festival – families to be welcomed, details to follow.
Monday 17 th to Friday 21 st July	Work Experience Year 10 students
Thursday 20 th July	Rewards Trip Years 7 - 9
Friday 21 st July	Rewards Assemblies
	Reports to Parents
	End of Summer Term

End of Year Exams will also take place during this term. Timetables to follow for all students.





Uniform

During last half term we 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 to have.
 - A plain black, leather style upper.
 - A plain black flat bottomed sole.
- **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.
 - Any piercings done between now and the end of term will be expected to be removed. Students need to wait for the summer holidays.
 - For piercings already done a clear plastic retainer can be worn.
- **Fake Tan/False Eyelashes/Make Up** – Any make up worn by students should be natural looking. Students are not permitted to wear false eyelashes or fake tan. The only exception to this is when students are competing at weekends and competitions requires them to wear this. Please do advise us in advance if this is the case. Students wearing excessive make up will be asked to remove this.



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.

Blazers Although the weather is now warmer students are still expected to wear their blazer to school and around school site. Students who arrive without them will be sent home to collect. If the weather becomes warmer I will keep you updated in any change in this.



Equipment for Learning



Students are expected to bring basic equipment for learning to school with them. This includes a black pen, pencil, ruler and eraser. Further information will follow this term regarding our expectations for students equipment next academic year to ensure students truly are **'Learning Ready'**. Packs are available to purchase from the ISC for £1. Many thanks for your support in ensuring students have the correct equipment for learning.

Water Cooler

Over the half term our canteen has been fitted with a water cooler for use by students. This is to try and reduce the money spent by students on drinks and the amount of wasted plastic. We highly recommend that students bring a refillable bottle to school with them.



If you have any questions about the information above please do not hesitate to contact the following email addresses

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

Year 10 and 11 InclusionKS4@oak-academy.co.uk





Rewards at Oak



We continue to reward students for all the amazing things they do at Oak. Due to exams rewards assemblies took place on Teams this half term but we look forward to returning to our big assemblies at the end of the academic year.

Teacher Certificates

At the end of each term all teachers are given the opportunity to nominate students who they recognise as living by our core values during lessons. In the last week students will have come home with certificates recognising this. In total teachers handed out 930 certificates across Years 7-10. Certificates were for excellence (319), community (98), kindness (122), respect (128) and courage (263). I hope students shared their certificates with you.



Top achievers

This half term the following students have achieved the highest rewards points in each year group.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Jophiel R Flavian Z Kaya C Najah M Oluwapelumi A	Samuel O Gracie S Cleo R Tilly H Holly C	Harry B Chloe H Ben W Keira H Archie B	William B Chourtney S Dillon L Suzi C Oliver J	Evie W Emily P Madison S Roxanne H





Standards Cards Rewards

At Oak we use standards to reward students outside of the classroom. Students hand in their cards when they have received two ticks. Cards are then drawn at random and students rewarded. This half term we had two standards cards winner.



Principal Level Award

By the final week of half term the following students had achieved the Principal's Level Award based on their reward points in lessons. Students will receive a certificate and voucher on their return next week.

Samuel Ogbu – Year 8

Gracie Simpson - Year 8

Jophiel Ransome-Sharma – Year 7

Rewarding Attendance

This half term we once again rewarded attendance each week with our 'Be In, to Win' Prize. During attendance week one student won a prize each week and then across the term we rewarded 4 students who had attended each day that week. A massive well done to all students. Early next week we will be announcing details of this half terms rewards trip. Remember, to be included in this, you will have to 'Be in, to Win'.

Attendance Week Winners

Liam Nye
Maisy Cooper
Jasmine Lankage
Dylan Goodwin
Olivia Morris





Charlie Dalman
Year 9
Family BH Live Voucher



Conner De'Ath
Year 7
Go Karting



Chloe Holian
Year 9
Family Bowling Pass



Cemo Sahin
Year 10
Goodies Hamper



Year 11's Celebration Day

Our Year 11 celebration day is much an opportunity for us as staff to say thank you to students for the footprints they will have left with us, as it is for them to share their memories. This year we made a short video as a way of a thank you. This can be seen at the following link. <https://youtu.be/NnX64b2NHQ4>





In addition to rewards given across Years 7-10, Year 11 were given their final subject rewards for the academic year. A massive well done to you all.

	Subject Winners
Art	Akira Drew
English	Gustavo Lanzoni Da Silva
Maths	Harry Lancaster
Science	Caitlin Penn/Patrick Underwood
Geography	Emilie Lane
History	Erhumuoghene Agare/Amie Tiller
Computer Science	Joshua Castle
Creative iMedia	Hayden Russell
Spanish	Megan Pidgley-House
PE	Logan Boyd
Catering	Jessica Cox
Health and Social Care	Amie Tiller
Child Care	Ellie-May Horey
Sociology	Megan Pidgley-House
Sports Studies	Caitlin Penn/ Jessica O'Mahoney
Sports Science	Lauren Rogers
Business	Megan Pidgley-House
Film Studies	Harry Lancaster

Core Subject Awards

	Core Class Stars
11A English	Madison Stanners
11B English	Lacey - Mai Cooper
11C English	Erhumuoghene Agare
11D English	Rebecca Davis
11A Science	Harry Lancaster
11B Science	Tamia Deacon-Witt
11C Science	Alen Chen
11D Science	Josh Castle
11A Maths	Megan Pidgley-House
11B Maths	Logan Boyd
11C Maths	Layla Franklin
11D Maths	Tia Dixon















T5 at Oak Academy

In the rest of the newsletter, I am keen to share with you some of the extracurricular activities' students have been up to this half term.

Oak Academy Girls Explore STEM Careers at Poole and Bournemouth College

Fifteen of our year 9 students had the enriching opportunity to attend a STEM Day at Poole and Bournemouth College. The day consisted of workshops that aimed to foster curiosity, broaden horizons, and inspire potential career paths in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math.

Starting the day with motor mechanics, our students got their hands dirty as they learned how to replace a car tyre—an essential life skill, regardless of career path. The session provided a valuable insight into the practical aspect of mechanical engineering.



Next, the students delved into the world of computer-aided design (CAD). This digital tool is an essential part of modern engineering and design, from architecture to product design. Our students were introduced to the fundamentals of CAD, learning how digital design can transform an idea into a tangible reality.

After a short break, the focus shifted to the sciences. The students extracted DNA from a strawberry, a hands-on activity that brought the concept of genetics to life. The forensic science session had them identifying a person from a skeleton at a theoretical crime scene, showcasing the real-world application of scientific principles. The students also used flame tests to identify different chemical substances, demonstrating the fascinating intersection of chemistry and detective work.



The day wasn't all about hard sciences, though. The students had a chance to showcase their creativity through a stop-animation video creation workshop. Combining the principles of technology and art, they learned how simple movements can be combined to create a story.

Finally, the girls donned virtual reality headsets to practice welding, bringing together the worlds of technology and skilled trades. The students discovered first-hand how technology can augment traditional fields, enhancing safety and efficiency.





The responses from our students have been overwhelmingly positive. Sinead remarked, "I really enjoyed learning about all the different things that I never thought about doing. It definitely gave me a different outlook on my future career path." Naira echoed this sentiment, saying, "I really would love another trip. I loved the things I never knew about." Kacie succinctly summed up the experience, saying, "It definitely changed my perspective on careers."



The Poole and Bournemouth College STEM Day has undoubtedly broadened our students' horizons and opened their minds to new career possibilities. Oak Academy is grateful for this opportunity and looks forward to future events that continue to inspire and empower our students in their pursuit of knowledge and growth.





Other students in Year 9 also had the opportunity to explore a taster of Forensic science deliver by Bournemouth University back at Oak.



En el restaurante

During term 5 Year 9s have been learning to give opinions about different foods, to describe mealtimes and finally to order food and drinks in a restaurant in Spanish. During this practical lesson students showed a lot of confidence speaking in Spanish and enjoyed testing some traditional Spanish dishes like croquetas, chocolate con churros, tortilla Española con ali oli and bocadillo de chorizo.





Year 8 and 9 – Robotics Workshop

Thirty Year 8 and 9 students spent a great day engaging with our STEM robotics day. The interactive workshop provided students with an opportunity to explore programming software. Using communication and problem-solving skills, students were able to build, adapt and programme a remote-controlled robot to navigate challenges and obstacles."



Careers Opportunities

As well as the opportunities above all students across Years 7 to 9 had the chance to consider career opportunities during our mini careers fair whilst Year 10 took the opportunity to practise their CV writing and interview techniques.





Oak Academy Students Explore Health Sciences at the Year 8 Science Festival

A Day of Engaging Workshops and Experiences at AECC University College



On a bright and exciting day, 15 of our Oak Academy Year 8 students embarked on a memorable trip to the Health Sciences-focused Year 8 Science Festival hosted by AECC University College. The students participated in a variety of interactive workshops, each designed to inspire, educate, and spark curiosity in the fascinating world of Health Sciences.

The day kicked off with an immersive Chiropractic Workshop, where students were introduced to the intricacies of human anatomy using an advanced visualiser. They were able to explore various body systems and learn about the role of chiropractic care in maintaining health and well-being.

Next, our students had the opportunity to delve into the world of therapeutic radiography through a cutting-edge Virtual Reality (VR) workshop. Jay, stood out by asking several insightful questions throughout the session, demonstrating excellent engagement and enthusiasm.

Students had the opportunity to simulate delivering radioactive treatment to a patient, gaining hands-on experience and insight into this vital healthcare profession.

Lastly, the students flexed their mathematical muscles in a creative workshop that encouraged them to think flexibly and strategically. They tackled a series of challenging maths problems, working together and sharing ideas.

According to the students, the festival was a fantastic learning experience. Sam remarked, "They made learning fun, and I learnt a lot." Brad echoed these sentiments, saying, "The day was amazing. The activities were fun, they gave us a lot of knowledge. " The welcoming atmosphere and friendly staff at AECC University College also left a lasting impression on our students, with Eleanor noting, "The atmosphere was awesome, and the staff were very welcoming."



Dexter and Isaac praised the catering, exclaiming, "The food was banging!" Other students mentioned, "They taught me a lot about teamwork," and "There are a lot of different jobs you can study for with the AECC University College."

We would like to extend our gratitude to Mr. Bell for driving the minibus and ensuring our students arrived safely, as well as Ms. Spencer for her exceptional organization of the day.





The Year 8 Science Festival was a phenomenal opportunity for our students to explore the diverse field of Health Sciences, and we are delighted that they represented Oak Academy with pride and enthusiasm. We look forward to seeing how this enriching experience shapes their academic journeys in the years to come.



Young People's Gambling and Gaming Harm Prevention

All Year 9 and 10 students were involved in a Gambling and Gaming Harm prevention workshop.

Students were surprised to find out how simple games online can lead to more serious addictions.

Our visitors could not speak more highly of our students and the conversations they engaged in.





Sports Leaders – Primary Cricket Event

Seven Year 9 and 10 sports leaders were asked to run a primary cricket festival for some local primary schools in Bournemouth.

Alongside Dorset Cricket they ran a number of drills, demonstrating the outstanding leadership ability they have perfected throughout the year.

The girls were an absolute credit to Oak Academy and were complimented by staff on the day.

A massive well done to all involved.



LTA National League Competition

As we approach the halfway mark of the LTA National League Competition, we are thrilled to extend our heartfelt congratulations to the Oak Academy Tennis Teams on their outstanding performance so far. Our dedicated athletes have exhibited tremendous enthusiasm, skill, and professionalism throughout the season, representing our school with pride and determination.



The journey thus far has been nothing short of remarkable, with our teams showcasing their exceptional talents on the courts. The dedication and hard work invested by each player, both individually and as a team, have been truly inspiring to witness. Their commitment to honing their skills and improving their game has paid off, resulting in some impressive victories against formidable opponents.

As the well-deserved half-term break approaches, we encourage our athletes to rest, recharge, and take pride in their accomplishments thus far. The challenges

they have encountered and overcome during the competition have undoubtedly fueled their growth, both as individual players and as a united team. We have every confidence that they will return after the break with renewed energy and determination to continue their winning streak.





Dance Beats Cancer



Our Oak Academy dance group showed real commitment during rehearsals and delivered an outstanding performance during 'Dance Beats Cancer'. Mrs Tweedle was extremely impressed by all of them. A massive well done to you all.



Where it Green Day

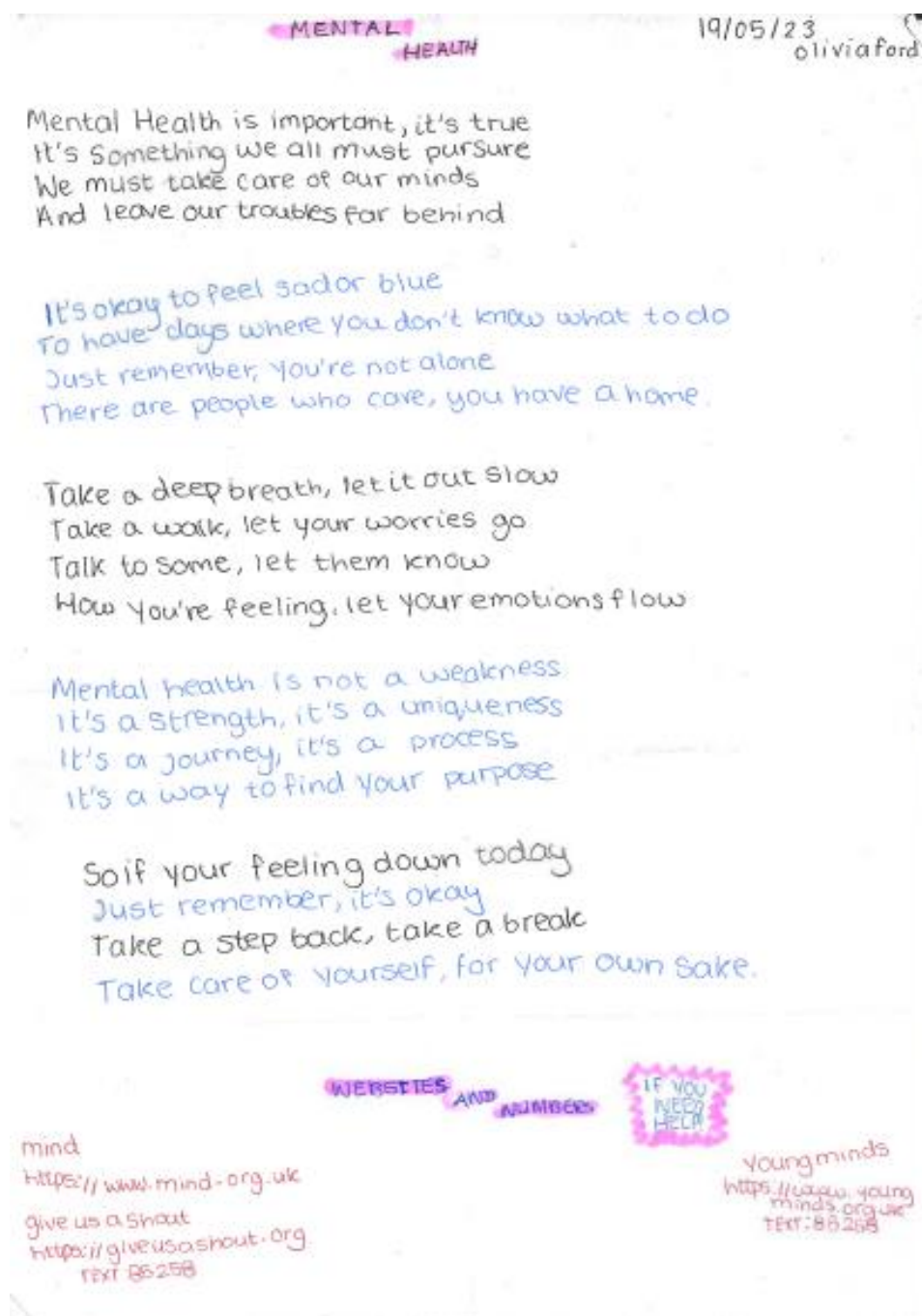
On the 18th May students and staff at Oak came to school dressed in green to support Mental Health Week. On the day we also held a cake sale. The money used on the day will be put towards funding our Summer Sports Festival. On the day we will then be raising money to support vital funding for Mental Health Research and Treatment. Thank you to everyone for your support.





A Poem for Mental Health Awareness

Olivia Ford (Year 11) wrote a beautiful poem to raise awareness for mental health. She was not asked to do this and created this in her own time. Thank you to Olivia for always demonstrating our values and showing kindness to others every single day.





Celebrating Success Outside the Academy

As always, we like to celebrate achievements of our students outside of the academy.

Verity Page, Year 7 was crowned 2023 schoolgirl under 46kg boxing national champion.



Kezzia McDougal, Year 10

Was given the amazing opportunity to represent our Young Carers, and attend the Kings Coronation Concert. Kezzia had an amazing experience and felt honoured to be selected. A fantastic representative of Young Carers in England.



Jay-Jay Haskell, Year 7 who plays for Bournemouth District FA under-12s, has won their league in each of the past two seasons, and faced a side from Liverpool in the ESFA Champions' Cup final



Logan Boyd, Year 11 Along with St John's Ambulance, Logan supported at the London Marathon. As a team they were there to provide frontline first aid treatment within the sectors of the marathon, to relieve the pressure off of London Ambulance Service, allowing them to continue with general operations.

Logan was positioned at Mile 25 at a treatment centre crewed with FAs HCPs and An ambulance. They were kept busy with patients from crowd members and runners.



