

18th June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Principal's Update, T6.2

Last week we said goodbye to the large majority of your Year 11 students, with only a handful returning this week for their catering exam. We are so proud of their behaviour and conduct during the examinations and for the majority the efforts made in preparation for ir exams. We look forward to sharing their exams results day with them on Thursday 24th August.

As one door closes another always opens, and on Friday I concluded all interviews for our most senior student team who I am extremly proud to name below. I know all students will be fantastic embassadors for Oak. Our outgoing Head Boy and Girl handed over the reigns to our team below on Friday. I thank Madison and Patrick, along with Megan and Harry, for their commitment to Oak throughout their time with us and in particular across the last year.

Head Boy - Ethan Chivers Head Girl - Cortana Biddle **Deputy Head Boy** - Dillon Legg **Deputy Head Girl** - Suzi Cox **Senior Prefects** - Dulcie Futcher and Angel Banatan.



Uniform

The weather will be cooler this week although I appreciate it remains humid. I am therefore happy that students continue to come to school without blazers. Students responded really well to this this week, with uniforms still being worn smartly.

We have seen an increased number of students wearing school shorts. They all look extremely smart.

End of Year Exams

With the end of year fast approaching, you will have received a letter last week regarding upcoming end of year exams. As a reminder I include letters and timetables for this below.

KS3-EOY-Exams-2023.pdf (oak-academy.co.uk)

Year-10-EOY-Exams-2023.pdf (oak-academy.co.uk)

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Lockdown Practice

On Wednesday, during lesson 5, the Academy will be doing a full lockdown rehearsal. During this time our gates will remain closed, and our phone lines will not be answered. You will receive a text message confirming this on the day. Please do not try to make contact with your child during this time. This needs to mirror a real lockdown where students would not be able to use phones as rooms would need to be kept silent with nobody visible.

The next few weeks continue to be busy at Oak. This Friday all Year 9 students are going to the Arts University with plenty of opportunities over the next few weeks for other year groups. I am keen to make you aware that on Wednesday 12th July we will be holding our annual Summer Festival. Last year families joined us in the afternoon for a picnic and to watch the afternoon races. We are keen to repeat this this year. For now, this is a save the date, further details will follow. If you run or know someone who runs a local business and would be happy to donate a raffle prize. All proceeds from the raffle will go to Kinson and Westhowe Food Bank, our student nominated charity for the year.



If you have any gueries 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

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

As always many thanks for your support.

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