

2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

**Re: Principal's Update; T6.4**

On Thursday evening and Friday, we welcomed our new Year 7 students to the academy. It was fantastic to see such a large cohort which is likely be up to 210 students by September. With such high numbers on the evening and day, we are so thankful for the large number of Oak students who gave up their time to support both events. Our senior team did a fantastic job of coordinating younger students so both the evening and day ran smoothly. I am very proud of them all.

**Blazers**

This week is set to be significantly cooler, and I would imagine a number of students will be reaching for that extra layer again. A reminder that this should be their blazers and oak jumpers only. Once I am back in the school tomorrow and have seen how warm the building feels I may make the decision that blazers need to be worn again.

**Strike Days**

As previously communicated, this week we will be partially closed due to industrial action on Wednesday and Friday. Please see details below.

**Wednesday 5 July 2023** – Years 7, 8 and 10 only will attend school. Year 9 will work remotely unless vulnerable or where adults in the house are critical workers.

**Friday 7 July 2023** – Years 9 and 10 only will attend school. Year 7 and 8 will work remotely unless vulnerable or where adults in the house are critical workers.

**Year 10 Rewards Trip**

Invites to those students who qualified for the Year 10 rewards trip have now been sent out. If your child has been invited and would like to come, please do complete the following form by Tuesday 4th July 2023. <https://forms.office.com/e/g9k0CYwzN3>

Invites to the Year 7 – 9 rewards trip will be sent out by the end of this week.

**End and Start of Term Arrangements**

With the end of the academic year fast approaching I would like to confirm end of year arrangements. The school year will finish **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 12.30**. On this day students will be able to access food in the canteen during break time only.

The new academic year starts on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September. This day and Monday 4<sup>th</sup> are inset days and the school will be closed to all students. On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September the school will open to our new Year 7 and Year 11 students only. The school will re-open to all other year groups on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

In preparation for the new academic year, I need to confirm that uniform ordered from Price and Buckland needs to be done by 1<sup>st</sup> August. This can be ordered from the following link. [UK's Leading School Uniform Supplier - Price & Buckland \(price-buckland.co.uk\)](https://www.price-buckland.co.uk). A reminder that the **Oak Academy branded bag is a compulsory item**. Students will not be allowed to carry alternatives next year. In

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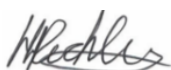
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addition, as previously stated, students who wear tops other than the Oak PE top will not be allowed to take part on PE.

Although students have not been wearing their blazers as of late all will be expected to return in them in September.

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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