

15th July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Principal's Update; T6.6

Just one week to go until the summer break. Last week was one of our busiest yet. On Wednesday we held our increasingly successful summer festival. Thank you to everyone who joined us on the day. It was fantastic to see so many of you. Much money was raised on the day for Kinson and Westhove Foodbank and there is no doubt, from the photographs of the day, that fun was had by all. I look forward to sharing our video with you following rewards assemblies at the end of the week. Our newsletter will also include a feature article on successes from the day, along with a collage of wonderful photographs.



Year 10

On Friday we said a farewell for the summer to the majority of our Year 10 students who are now on work experience for the next week. It was lovely to spend lesson 5 celebrating their successes with them during their rewards assembly. Have a great work experience and summer Year 10 and we will see you in Year 11 😊



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Piercings

You will know that during this academic year I have allowed students to wear a clear plastic retainer where they have a facial piercing. This has been received well by students and the very large majority are completely compliant on this.

Throughout the academic year however there have been a number of students having facial piercings which cannot be taken out for a six-week period. We have allowed students to wear tape however this has often resulted in conflict. From next academic year we will not allow any new piercings. Tape will not be permitted, and students will be expected to remove them. Please will be informed of this in assemblies this week. Please ensure any new piercings are done at the very beginning of the summer break.

Uniform

A reminder below of the information I included last week regarding uniform and equipment, in case you missed it.

In preparation for the new academic year, I need to confirm that uniform ordered from Price and Buckland needs to be done by 1st 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.

Equipment

Over the next two weeks we will be talking to all students about what it means to be a learner at Oak. As part of this we will discuss minimum expectations with regards to equipment next academic year to ensure students are ready to learn. With that in mind I have included below what is our basic expectation of what equipment students should carry, at all times next year.

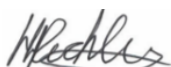
- A pencil case
- 3 Black pens
- 1 green pen
- 3 pencils
- 30cm ruler
- Rubber
- Pencil Sharpener
- Highlighter
- Scientific Calculator (compulsory in Year 10 and 11 only although desirable in all year groups)

Newsletter

With the end of term fast approaching I am beginning to compile our end of term newsletter and would welcome you sharing any successes your child has outside of school. Please do email them across so they can be included at the end of term.

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.

Yours Sincerely,



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