

11<sup>th</sup> September 2023

**Dear Parents and Carers** 

# Re: Principal's Update; T1.2

At the start of our first full week of this academic year I would like to say a massive thank you to all students and you as parents for such a positive start to the academic year. It was fantastic to welcome our new Year 7 students and of course welcome back students in Years 8-10. Student's came back extremely well, wearing their uniform smartly and with overall a great attitude for learning. It really was our best start to the academic year and demonstrates just how far Oak has come on its journey of improvement. Students managed the warm weather extremely well and were respectful of the building works now going on, on the school site.

For our new parents you can expect a weekly update from me, celebrating successes and informing you of any upcoming events and any academy updates.

# **School Photographs**

Students will have their school photograph taken on Wednesday of this week. This can include sibling photos. If you would like your child to take part in a sibling photo, please complete the following form. If students are not on this list, they will not be permitted to have a joint photograph taken. https://forms.office.com/e/aavTD29Ryg

## Year 6 Open Evening

This week we will hold our Year 6 open evening. Many thanks in advance for all the students who have volunteered to support on the evening. We have been overwhelmed by the number of students wanting to support Oak.

## **Extra-curricular Activities**

This week we launch our extra curriculular clubs. The timetable for our sports clubs can be found at the end of this letter. A full timetable can be found at the end of this letter.

# **Equipment**

Just a reminder that students should arrive to school wearing the correct uniform and carrying the correct equipment in an **Oak Academy Bag.** Expected equipment includes.

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

The large number of students arrived to school with all of the equipment above so many thanks to those parents who supported with this. We will be in contact this week if items are missing. Equipment is checked dailly as informed in the letter at the following link. Stationery

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#### **Oak Points**

Last week we launched our new system for tracking students readiness to learn across every lesson. Staff will award Oak points each lesson and at the end of the week and average 'Learning Ready' score has been calculated. This will be shared with students across the next couple of days and can be found in student's planners. We will also report this home to you as parents for each subject, at the end of every half term. The table below will give you an understanding of what the different scores mean.

Code entered	Descriptor
5	Exceptional performance
4	Students demonstrate they are 'Learning Ready'
3	Inadequate behaviour poor attitude to learning
1	Student removed from lesson
0	Truancy

Students should score an average of 4 or higher to demonstrate they are 'Learning Ready'.

This weeks average scores and top performers can be found below. A massive well done to these and any other students who achieved a score of 4 or better this week.

Year Group	Oak Point Average	Top student/students		
7	4.06	Theo Stevens, Charlie Stevens		
8	4.02	Judah Aina, Hugo Curtis		
9	3.96	Daniel Green, Leon Phelps		
10	4.11	Maddie Whitemore, Jesica Adamczyk		
11	4.12	Emily Irving, Kezzia McDougal		
Average	4.11			

## **Core Value Postcards**

Students continue to be rewarded for meeting our core values. Where they go above and beyond with this students will be handed a postcard to bring home. Weekly we will do a draw and reward one student per core value. We look forward to sharing our students this week.



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As always many thanks for your support. If you have any questions please do not hestiate to contact me at hayley.richley@oak-academy.co.uk.

Yours Sincerely,

Hayley Richley

**Principal** 



# **PE Extra-curricular Clubs**

All clubs are free to join. For more information please see the PE staff.

		Autumn Term = 11			•			
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday and Sunday		
	Before School No morning clubs	Before School 8:10 am All Years Basketball	Before School No morning clubs	Before School 8:10 am All Years Basketball	Before School No morning clubs	Dates for DofE and Ten Tours  To be confirmed.		AN BOA
	Break  Girls Only Benchball  Table Sports — Undercover area  Lunch Club  Basketball — Sports hall  Table Sports — Undercover area  After School  All Years Volleyball  All Years Girls Football	Break Benchball – Sports hall Table Sports – Undercover area  Lunch Club Years 7 Only Basketball Table Sports – Undercover area  After School No Clubs	Break  Girls Only Benchball  Table Sports — Undercover area  Lunch Club  Basketball — Sports hall Table Sports — Undercover area  After School Girls Only Fitness All Years Basketball	Break Basketball - Sports hall Table Sports - Undercover area  Lunch Club Years 7 Only Basketball Table Sports - Undercover area  After School All Years Football All Years Netball	Break Girls Only Benchball Table Sports – Undercover area  Lunch Club Basketball – Sports hall Table Sports – Undercover area  After School All Years Badminton and Pickleball			



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