

2nd October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Principal's Update; T1.5

The end of our fourth week back. It is hard to believe that we are already more than half way through the term already. I ended the week on a high with both an update meeting from Kier on the new build and the release of our Ofsted Monitoring Report.

Ofsted Report

Ofsted visited Oak in the last week of last academic year for a monitoring visit. This was due to the previous requires improvement judgement that Oak had received. On the day the inspector could not speak more highly of the students in terms of both how smart they looked and the way in which they present themselves. It was an extremely positive visit for Oak as the inspector recognised all the work that has gone in to ensuring Oak secures its 'good' judgement at its next full inspection.

The full report can be found at the following link. [50229520 \(ofsted.gov.uk\)](https://www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspections/50229520) Some quotes from the report that we are particularly proud of are below.

*'You have had a **sharp focus on the development of the quality of education this year.** Leaders have provided support to new and established staff to implement the curriculum more effectively so that **pupils know and remember more.** Staff are now more ambitious for pupils. Staff have higher expectations of what pupils can do.'*

*'Following the last inspection, you and your team have ensured that **processes in place to support good behaviour** are known by staff and pupils and followed consistently. Additionally, **your work to eliminate derogatory language is having an impact.** This has been recognised by pupils. Many pupils are positive about the school and value the relationships they have with adults.'*

Communication

Many of you have reported recently that our phone lines are often busy and you are unable to get through. We are therefore in the process of reviewing our whole communication system and I will be writing to you in the next couple of days to confirm that this is now live. Many thanks for your patience in the meantime. I expect a far improved system by the start of next week. Many thanks for your feedback.

Parking

As you will know, the traffic at the front of the school remains a problem. A number of staff are now on the gate trying to calm the situation and prevent cars parking outside the school which often causes the problems we are facing. Please can I ask for your support with the following.

- Please do not attempt to collect your child from the top of duck lane or school site. Please use designated parking spaces further down the road, on Poole Lan or on Holloway Avenue.
- When parked up please discourage your child from running across the road without looking.
- When pulling out of parking spaces please do take care.

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Oak Points

This week staff have been back to logging Oak Points and our year group winners can be seen below.

Year Group	Oak Point Average		Top student/students
	T1.2	T1.4	
7	4.07	4.08	Tyanna Lovelace (4.24)
8	4.01	4.08	Maisie King (4.33)
9	3.98	3.99	Daisy-May Hubbard (4.20)
10	4.09	4.24	Roman Marshall (4.41)
11	4.15	4.15	Samuel Harley (4.32)

Core Value Postcards



349 students placed a core value tear off slip in the drop boxes this week. Students should have also brought these postcards home to you. On Friday one name was drawn from each box and our winners can be found below.

Core Value	Name
Respect	Lacey Edwards
Community	Lousie Blewer
Excellence	Jacob Trivett
Kindness	Mason Crutcher
Courage	Amaya Ryan

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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