

28th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Principal's Update; T2

I hope this letter finds you well following a great half term break. As ever we are looking forward to welcoming students back to Oak. A reminder that Monday 30th October is a staff inset day and therefore the school will be closed to all students. Students return on Tuesday 31st October. This will be a **Week 2**.

Advance notice that Term 2 will end on Friday 15th December at 1.30pm.

Year 11 Parents Evening

Year 11 parents evening takes place on 2nd November. A letter regarding how to book for the evening was sent last week but can be found at the following link [OA-Year-11-Parents-Evening-02.11.23.pdf \(oak-academy.co.uk\)](https://oak-academy.co.uk/oa-year-11-parents-evening-02.11.23.pdf). We look forward to welcoming all parents to the evening.

Other Important Dates

| Date | Event |
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| WB 6 th November | Year 7 Core Assessments |
| 10 th November | Remembrance Service |
| 13 th – 24 th November | Year 11 Pre-Public Examinations |
| 29 th November | Year 7 Reports, including Core Assessment Results |
| 30 th November | Year 7 Parents Evening |
| 1st December | Inset Day – School Closed to all students |
| 13 th December | Year 8, 9 and 10 Attitude to Learning Reports |
| 14 th December | Year 11 Full Reports including PPE Results |
| 15th December | End of Term for all students. Term ends at 1.30pm |

Uniform and Equipment

Below is a reminder of some uniform and equipment expectations for you to read.

- **Oak branded bag** – it is compulsory that all students wear an **Oak branded bag**.
- **Leggings** – girls cannot wear leggings to school. Girls can wear black trouser or a black skirt only.
- **Jumpers** – students are allowed to wear an oak branded jumper **under their blazer**. This cannot be plain black and cannot be worn instead of the blazer.
- **Shorts** – students can continue to wear school style shorts.
- **Trainers** – A reminder that I expect any trainer style shoe to have.
 - A plain black, leather style upper.
 - A plain black flat bottomed sole.

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- **Nose studs** – Students cannot wear a visible nose stud. Students who currently have nose will be expected to wear a clear retainer. Tape will no longer be permitted and piercings will be expected to be removed,
- **Fake Tan/False Eyelashes/Make Up** – Any make up worn by students should be natural looking. Students are not permitted to wear false eyelashes or fake tan. The only exception to this is wear students are competing at weekends and competitions requires them to wear this. Please do advise us in advance if this is the case. Students wearing any of the above will be asked to remove this or will be placed in isolation for non-compliance.



A reminder of the following guidance to schools around uniform.

- Schools have the right to enforce students wear a school uniform.
- Schools can discipline students who do not comply with the rules on uniform.
- Schools are allowed to send students to enable them to put the right uniform
- Sending the student home should NOT be an exclusion or an unauthorised absence unless the student persistently breaches the uniform or deliberately takes advantage of the time given to fix their uniform.
- Suspension is justified for repeated uniform breaches.

Equipment for Learning

I have included below what is our basic expectation of what equipment students should carry, **at all times** next year.

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

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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