

2nd January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Principals Update; T3.1

I hope this letter finds you well with all students to return to Oak tomorrow. It was great to see Year 11 students returning today, showing the commitment they have for their upcoming GCSE exams. The content of the letter provides a few reminders along with a few important updates from the academy.

Uniform and Equipment

A reminder that all students should return tomorrow in correct uniform. This should include the following.

- Any trainer style shoes should be plain black, leather uppered, flat bottomed, containing no bubble.
- No false lashes, nails or tan should be worn.
- Any nose piercings should be replaced with a plastic retainer. No tape will be allowed.
- Academy rucksacks should be worn.

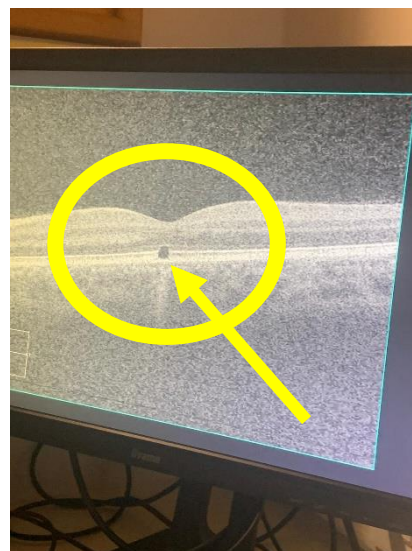
Failure to meet with the above standards will result in students being isolated/sent home to rectify.

Students should also carry the following basic kit. Full kits can be purchased on Parent Pay and collected from our Student Reception. Individual items can be purchased using cash at a cost of 20p each.

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| • A pencil case | • 1 pencil | • 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) |

Laser Pen

During the Christmas break I was made aware, by a parent of one of our Oak students, that during a recent check up it was discovered that her child has a **laser burn** at the back of eye, consistent of that caused by a laser pen. This is irreversible damage. Laser pens have been a banned item at Oak for a significant amount of time. Following this however, any students found carrying one will be sanctioned in line with students carrying other weapons. This means that this may result in suspension or even permanent exclusion, where the pen is used to cause what I perceive to be real harm to another person. Please do discuss the seriousness of this with your child. The image to the right highlights the damage that can be done.



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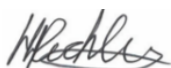
Canteen Price Increase

You will be aware that food prices have significantly increased recently. Up to now we have tried to keep the cost of our food down. The academy is no longer able to provide the same quality whilst keeping prices as they were. For this reason the following price increases will occur from **January 24th**.

- Meal Deals will be increased from £2.45 to £2.50. Students free school meal allowance will still cover this and will be encouraged.
- There will be a 7% increase on items such as
 - Yoghurts and plant based mousses
 - Fresh Fruit (whole, pots, and slices)
 - Homemade cake, biscuits and muffins.
 - Homemade savoury snacks
 - Plain water, milk and juice boxes
 - Low sugar and no palm oil flapjacks
- There will be a 12% increase on items such as
 - Flavoured Water and Drinks (these are currently being reviewed in terms of purchase as students are currently buying too many of these. Please encourage your child to bring a water bottle instead).
 - Pre-packaged Cakes and Biscuits
 - Pre-packaged Biscuits and Flap Jacks
 - Bags of Savoury Snacks.
 - Bought in Pizza Products

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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