

29th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Principal Update; T3.5

We have worked hard to extend our extra-curricular programme for our students. A growing number now participate in a range of clubs including chess, gardening, performing arts and sports. As part of our rewards programme that I will fully update you on next week. Students who attend 4 extra-curricular sessions in a term will receive a 'Golden Ticket' which will be placed in our family summer draw.

Attendance

Despite the recent cold weather student attendance has continued to improve. We appreciate your support and understanding of the importance of being punctual and attending. Just a reminder that we have a free breakfast club which is accessible for all students from 7:30am in the canteen.

If for any reason your student is unable to come to school please remember to call the Oak Academy Absence Line on 01202 242300 by 8:25am everyday that your student is absent.

Parents Evenings – Year 8 and 9

We are very pleased to invite you to your child's Year 8 Parent Consultation Evening which will be held at the Academy on Thursday 8th February between 3.30pm and 7.00pm.

We will still be using School Cloud to make appointments. Parent/carers register and make appointments online, using the following link: <https://oakacademyaat.schoolcloud.co.uk> This parent consultation evening is now open for booking.

There is still time to book your appointments for the Year 9 parents evening on Thursday 1st February, using the following link: <https://oakacademyaat.schoolcloud.co.uk>

PE Kit and Expectations

PE remains a compulsory subject under the National Curriculum at all key stages. Students are expected to engage in these lessons as part of their full Curriculum. While it can be a stress-reliever and provide respite from classroom-based learning, it also provides students with meaningful learning experiences.

Students must be commended this term for the work ethic and positive attitude shown in lessons, especially when faced with the extreme cold weather we have just had.

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A reminder that while the weather remains cold and wet, warmer layers may be worn for PE lessons. These must be black in colour and must be worn alongside the Oak Academy polo shirt. Furthermore, to maintain high levels of health and hygiene, long hair must be tied up for all PE lessons and all jewellery is expected to be removed.

This is an expectation, and we appreciate your support in following PE Oak guidelines.

Navy Workshop

Last week we had a visit from the Navy, our Year 9's took part in the Navy Resilience and Careers Workshop. Students were given the opportunity to ask questions to Navy personnel, discover what their jobs entail and take part in a number of team building challenges.



Sports News

Our Year 7 Basketball Team has emerged as undefeated Regional Champions in the Jr NBA League! Congratulations to our incredible players for their hard work, dedication, and unbeatable spirit on the court! We're beyond proud of their stellar performance!

If you're inspired by their success and have a passion for basketball, join us for training sessions every Wednesday after school! It's the perfect opportunity to be part of our winning team and refine your skills.

At this stage, we're eagerly awaiting the next phase of the competition. Stay tuned for more information as soon as it is released by Jr NBA.

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Core Value Postcards

We have had lots of core value slips dropped in the boxes this week.

Core Value	Name
Respect	Suzi Cox
Excellence	Precious Imiere
Community	William Bushnell
Courage	Jazmin Pinkett
Kindness	Dulcie Futchter

Oak Points

This week's averages and winners can be found below. Students in Year 10 will go to break and lunch ten minutes early this week.

Year Group	Oak Point Average		Top student/students
	T3.3	T3.4	
7	4.25	4.16	Ifreke Michael 7DTH
8	4.21	4.11	Chyhirov Dmytro 8KAR
9	4.14	4.13	Phelps Leon 9USP
10	4.22	4.17	Aina Rhema 10NJO
11	4.34	4.41	Jagobin Julisa 11LWE

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

Yours sincerely



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