

6th March 2024

Dear parent/carers

Re: Year 6 Welcome

I am delighted to be writing to you and would like to formally welcome your child to Oak Academy. I feel privileged to be leading Oak and am excited to work with you and your child over the coming months, as they transition to secondary school.

Choosing a place for secondary education can be a difficult decision. As Principal, I am utterly proud of the achievements of all our students and delighted that we can help shape, guide and support your child over the next five years, to be the best they can be. You will be joining Oak at an exciting time as the rebuild of the Academy has begun. By the time your child starts with us in September the new school will very much feel like a reality with a planned move in date of September 2025, when your child will be starting Year 8. Do look at the flythrough of the new build at the following link.

https://youtu.be/zO_RqSK_KEU



We hope your child enjoys their final few months of primary education and wish them all the best. Over the summer term, a member of our transition team will visit them at school, which will give them an opportunity to ask any questions they may have. Our Transition Day and Parent Information Evening will also provide you and them with a great opportunity to get a sense of what Oak Academy is like before September, and we will be in touch with you closer to the time regarding arrangements.

Although September seems a long way off, the process of transition has formally begun, and we will write to you again shortly to provide a detailed welcome pack that includes all the key Academy information, registration and permissions forms you will need to ensure a smooth transfer from your current primary school.

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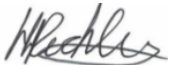
I am proud to share that this year we have received another increase in both families choosing Oak Academy and those directed to us through the admissions process. I am aware for those of you who did not apply this may seem like a daunting time. I would therefore like to invite you to Oak for a formal presentation and tour of Oak on **Tuesday 12th March from 6pm**. This will give you an opportunity to meet myself and my senior team and ask any questions you have. This will be followed up with some tours during the school day to allow you and your child to visit Oak during the school day to get a feel of what it is like to be a student here. If you would like to come to this evening or would like to visit Oak but cannot attend, please complete the following form. <https://forms.office.com/e/7CmDJkKDeA>

Do keep an eye on our webpage. A dedicated tile on our homepage will soon appear that will include all the information you need for transition. In the meantime, do use our webpage to find out more about us. [Home - Oak Academy \(oak-academy.co.uk\)](http://Home - Oak Academy (oak-academy.co.uk)). You will also be able to find us on Facebook where we post regular updates about what students at Oak have been up to.

This is very much a 2-way process - please do contact us should you have any questions regarding transfer at any point between now and September, we're here to help! If you have any initial questions regarding the transition process, please do email us using the following email oakst@leaf.bournemouth.sch.uk.

I look forward to working with you closely.

Yours faithfully



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