



# Oaklands School

"The best for all, the best from all"

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11<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

## **Headteachers Newsletter**

I hope you have had a nice summer and your child has enjoyed their return to school. It has been great to welcome the students back and in particular our new year 7 as they start their journey at Oaklands.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the new academic year and inform you of the changes to staffing and upcoming events for this term.

### **Autumn Term 2024**

#### **New Appointments:**

We welcome Miss Lupton into the role of teacher. Miss Lupton has joined us from a local primary school and is a form tutor in the year 7 team.

We also welcome Mr Mason and Miss Murie. Mr Mason starts with us in the role of Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA) working mainly in the P.E Department. Miss Murie joins us in the role of a Teaching Assistant. I am sure you join me in wishing them the best for their future at Oaklands.

#### **School Website - [www.oaklandsschool.org](http://www.oaklandsschool.org)**

I would like to remind parents to use the school website to find key information including curriculum plans and school policies. The website also includes copies of letters that are sent which can be found under Parents/Carers/Letters.

Some parents and carers mentioned in the questionnaire that was completed in the summer term, that they would like to know more about what their child is learning. Therefore, I recommend that you look in the curriculum area of the school website, where you can find the year plan, together with additional information for each subject. If you would like more information about a subject then contact the school office and they will arrange for your child's teacher to contact you.

#### **School meals:**

Please note the cost of a school dinner is £3.07 per day/£15.35 per week. This can be paid weekly or daily if necessary. Payments can be made via our on-line payment system SchoolMoney. Please contact the school office if you are unable to access this system.

Please find attached sample menus to give you ideas of what choices could be available each week. Please note that the menus cover a sample three week period and are subject to change as and when



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required. Allowances are made for seasonal alterations – e.g. Christmas lunch; themed days; new foods becoming available and special days. Menus are also available to view on the website and can be found under School Info/Lunch menus.

**Pupil Absence:**

Parents are required to phone school on the first day of absence before 9.15am on 01606 551048 and select option 2 – to report a pupil absence. Alternatively, the absence can be reported by emailing [office@oaklandsschool.org](mailto:office@oaklandsschool.org) by 9.15am. Please state your child’s name, form, your relationship to the child and the reason for absence when emailing.

**School email address for parents and carers to contact us:**

You can contact the school through the [office@oaklandsschool.org](mailto:office@oaklandsschool.org) email to ask questions or provide information about your child. The office staff will forward to email to the relevant person who will get back to you.

**Transport:**

If parents have any issues regarding transport to and from school please contact the relevant authority on the following numbers:

- Cheshire West – 01244 973637
- Cheshire East – 01270 371485

**EHCP Annual Reviews:**

Annual reviews will take place for year 11 and 12 students this term. Further information will be sent out individually. Annual reviews for other year groups will be completed as displayed in the table below:

<b>Annual Review Timetable 2024/25</b>	
Year 7	Summer term
Year 8	Spring/Summer term
Year 9	Spring term
Year 10	Autumn/Spring term
Year 11	Autumn term
Year 12	Autumn term

Please note - The review timetable in the table above has been agreed with the required local authorities and is set for the year.

**Charity support:**

For this term, the charities we will be supporting are:

- Macmillan
- World Mental Health Day
- The Mid-Cheshire Foodbank (for the Harvest Festival celebrations)
- The British Legion
- Children in Need
- Save the Children (Christmas Jumper Day)

We will provide further information of charity events as required.

### **Residential/Day visits:**

Please ensure any paperwork and medical consent forms are signed and returned to the school office promptly. It is a real shame when students are not permitted to attend trips due to parents/carers not completing and returning reply slips, so please support with this when requested.

### **Parking/Collecting children:**

Please can we ask if you are collecting a student that you are courteous to our local residents and, where possible, park your vehicle in the shop car park opposite the school to ease congestion. Please do not park in a way that blocks driveways or pedestrian crossing points as this causes frustration for our neighbours.

If you collect your child from the school gate, again please be considerate of our neighbours and I ask that you do not lean on residents walls as we will then receive complaints.

### **Uniform Policy:**

As mentioned in my summer newsletter we will be ensuring that all students will be wearing the full expected school uniform as explained in the School Uniform and Appearance Policy that can be found on the school website in the Parents/Carers tab, then in School Uniform area. Below is a section from the policy that explains the expectations around uniform.

### **School Uniform:**

#### **Coat:**

A suitable coat or jacket for wearing at break/lunchtime during cold, wet weather to be removed when in school.

#### **Blazer:**

Black blazer with school badge:



#### **Optional V Neck Jumper:**

Black with school badge:



**Tie:**

Green and gold narrow stripe:



**Shirt:**

White long or short sleeve with collar – top button to be fastened and shirt tucked in



**Skirt:**

Black knee-length – worn with black or white knee-high socks or tights

No tight fitting skirts or skirts with splits.



**Trousers and Shorts:**

Black formal style - The trousers must be of standard length, without decorations, shorts must be formal. Tight-fitting, cargo, low cut jeans or jean style trousers and sports shorts are unacceptable.



**Footwear:**

All black low heeled shoes/pumps, enclosed at the heel and toe.

**All footwear must be plain black and have no logos.**



## **Allergen Information:**

### **We are an allergen aware school.**

We are an allergen aware school, and our approach means that we will allow some cooking ingredients that state they may contain nuts in classes where no students have a known nut allergy.

We will continue to support any student with a known allergy, as explained in our Pupil Allergen Policy published on our website. If you have any feedback on the approach we take in the policy, please contact me and I will be happy to discuss any concerns or queries with you.

**To continue to keep students safe, we ask that you ensure that your child does not bring food/snacks into school that contain or may contain nuts, as we can't monitor the food that all students bring into school. We therefore ask that you continue to have no nut products in your child's lunch boxes.**

*For example:*

Peanut butter sandwiches

Chocolate spreads

Cereal bars

Some granola bars

Cakes that contain nuts

Biscuits / Cookies that contain nuts

Peanut butter cakes

Some Asian food, including satay

Sauces that contain nuts

*This list is not exhaustive, so please check the packaging of products closely.*

We appreciate that this is an additional thing for you to check, and that you may need to buy different food products. However, I am sure you recognise the importance and that we must work together to care for all the children who attend Oaklands.

**To ensure the children are safe we ask that you do not bring in any cakes or treats for your child to give out to their peers on such occasions as birthdays, as we cannot guarantee that ingredients are safe for all children.**

Thank you in advance for your support in this matter, as always, it is very much appreciated.

## **Autumn Term Diary Events and term Dates 2024:**

Please find below the diary events for the Autumn Term. Please be aware that more information and timings will be provided closer to the event.

- **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September - Year 7 Petty Pool visit**  
Our year 7 students will spend a day at the Outdoor Education Centre at Petty Pool, Northwich. The children will take part in team building and confidence boosting activities to help them have a great start to the year.
- **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September – School photographs**  
Tempest photography will be in school to take individual school photographs.
- **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September - Year 7 Coffee Afternoon**  
This will be a chance for year 7 parents and carers to meet their child's form tutor and year group teaching assistants to hear about what the students have been learning and how they have transitioned during the start of year 7.
- **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September – Macmillan Coffee morning**  
Join us for our annual coffee morning and to have a leisurely catch up with other parents/carers. The Key Stage 4 Hospitality and Catering Group will be running the event for you.
- **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October – Parent/Carer Coffee Morning**  
Our termly coffee morning will focus on the curriculum, how we report progress to parents/carers and an update on safeguarding. Please put this date in your diary and I will send another letter out closer to the time.
- **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October – Year 8 Residential**  
Our year 8 students will be going on their two night outdoor education residential to the Conwy Centre on the Isle of Anglesey.
- **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November – Virtual Parents/Carers Evening**  
This will be the first parent/carer evening of the year. Parents/carers will be given an 8 minute virtual meeting slot with their child's form tutor to discuss how they are making progress in school.
- **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December– Pantomime visit**  
We are looking forward to going back to the Grange Theatre in Hartford to watch this year's performance of Peter Pan.

## 2024-2025 SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

### AUTUMN TERM 2024

School re-opens	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2024
Break up for half term	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2024
School re-opens	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2024
School Closes	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024

### Autumn term 75 days

### SPRING TERM 2025

School re-opens	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025
Break up for half term	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
School re-opens	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
School closes	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025

### Spring term 60 days

### SUMMER TERM 2025

School re-opens	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2025
School closes	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025
School re-opens	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025
School closes	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2025

### Summer Term 60 days

### INSET DAYS – School closed to students

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025

I appreciate the time you have taken to read this letter, and as always if you have any queries or require further information please do not hesitate to contact school.

Yours sincerely



Mr N Oxley  
Headteacher