



Oaklands School

"The best for all, the best from all"

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Dear Parents/Carers

July 2024 Newsletter

I hope you are all well.

As we approach the end of this academic year I am writing to provide you with some key information in preparation for next year.

September start date:

Monday 2nd of September will be an INSET day and school will re-open to students on Tuesday 3rd September.

INSET days 2024/2025:

The 5 allocated INSET days for 2024/25 when the school will not be open to students are:

INSET 1	Monday 2 nd September 2024
INSET 2	Friday 20 th September 2024
INSET 3	Friday 6 th December 2024
INSET 4	Friday 2 nd May 2025
INSET 5	Wednesday 23 rd July 2025

Dates for the diary

I will write to you at the start of the Autumn Term to provide you with the key dates for the year. However to help you plan, below are the dates for the Autumn Coffee Mornings.

- **Friday 27th 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 10th October - Parent/Carer Coffee Morning**
Our termly coffee morning will include a presentation and update on our curriculum offer for the next academic year. We will be discussing how we report progress to parents/carers as



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we will be making some changes to the student report process, so your feedback will be much appreciated. We will also be providing you with some preparing for Adulthood/Post-16 information.

Uniform Policy:

In September we will be ensuring that all students will be wearing the full expected school uniform as explained in the School Uniform and Appearance Policy which can be found on the school website at Parents/Carers, School Uniform policy. To provide clarity, 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 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.



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.

Sample menus can be found on our school website to give you ideas of what choices could be available. Please note the menus cover a sample three week period and are subject to change as and when required. Allowances are made for seasonal alterations – e.g. Christmas lunch, themed days, new foods becoming available and special days.

Change of contact details:

A reminder to inform the school office of any changes to your contact details i.e. phone number, email address, change of address as soon as possible. Please ensure you also have more than one contact listed for your child, in case of an emergency. If you are unsure about this, please contact the school office.

Pupil Absence:

Parents/Carers are required to phone school by 09:25am, or as soon as practically possible, on the first day of absence on 01606 551048 and select option 1 – to report a pupil absence. Parents can also email the absence details to office@oaklandsschool.org.uk. We also require you to ring in on subsequent days of absence to inform of your child's progress. Appointment cards/letters will also be required for any medical appointment your child attends during the school day.

Staff leavers

I would like to share with you which staff will be leaving us at the end of the term.

Mrs Debby Palmer

We will be wishing our School Business Manager Mrs Palmer, a happy retirement at the end of the year. I will personally miss Mrs Palmer dearly and would like to thank her for her excellent leadership and whole school development during our time working together. Mrs Palmer has driven improvements throughout all areas of the school, which our students have benefited from hugely during her time at Oaklands.

Mrs Julie Staniforth

A special mention and thank you to Mrs Staniforth for her hard work, care and love she has shown to the students during her 25 years at Oaklands. We also wish Mrs Staniforth a happy retirement and the very best for the future.

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to wish you and your child a happy summer holiday when it arrives. It has been a very busy year at Oaklands with many exciting and rewarding activities having taken place.

The school will close at 12:30pm on Tuesday 22nd July for the summer holidays, and children will access their usual transport arrangements home, after an earlier lunch in school. Please note, from Wednesday 23rd July the school office will be closed, and the office and staff email accounts will not be monitored.

I would like to express my thanks to all the parents and carers who have positively supported the school this year in everything that we do.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N Oxley', with a long, sweeping tail stroke extending downwards and to the right.

Mr. N Oxley
Headteacher