



Oaklands School

"The best for all, the best from all"

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Head Teacher: Neil Oxley

12th September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Headteacher's 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 2022

New Appointments:

I would like to welcome Miss Amy Craven who joins us as a Teaching Assistant and will be supporting in year 7.

School Website - 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.

School meals:

Please note the cost of a school dinner is £2.56 per day/£12.80 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. Please note that 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.

An OFSTED Outstanding School 2010/2011, 2013/2014, 2014/2015 and 2019/2020

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Pupil Absence:

Parents are required to phone school on the first day of absence on 01606 551048 and select option 2 – to report a pupil absence.

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.

Charity support:

For this term, the charities that the school will be supporting are:

- Macmillan
- 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.

Parking:

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.

Autumn Term Diary Events & Term Dates 2022

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.

- **Thursday 22nd September - Parent/Carer Coffee Morning**
Our termly coffee morning will include a presentation and information shared from Paul Arista who is the Post 16 SEN Manager for Cheshire West and Chester. Paul and his team will provide important information that will support your child when they progress on their post-16 pathway. The information will be extremely useful for parents/carers in all year groups. General school information will also be shared and there will be a chance to ask any questions you have about your child's education.
- **Wednesday 28th September – Year 8 Trip to Bangor Racecourse**
Year 8 visit to Bangor racecourse as part of the Maths curriculum to look at Maths in the real world.
- **Friday 30th 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 6th October - Year 7 Coffee Morning**
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.
- **12th – 14th 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 22nd November - Virtual Parents'/Carers' Evening**
This will be the first parent/carer evening of the year. Parents/carers will be given a 10 min virtual meeting slot with their child's form tutor to discuss how they are making progress in school.
- **Tuesday 13th December - Christmas Church Service**
We look forward to taking the whole school to St Johns Church in Winsford for a morning Christmas service and carols from our school choir. Parents/Carers are welcome to join us.
- **Thursday 15th December - Pantomime Visit**
We are looking forward to going back to the Grange Theatre in Hartford to watch this year's performance of Sleeping Beauty.

2022-2023 SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

I would like to remind you of the school term dates and INSET days as below:

	<u>Date of Closing</u>	<u>Date of Opening</u>
Autumn Term		1st September 2022
Autumn Half Term	21st October 2022	31 st October 2022
Christmas	16 th December 2022*	3rd January 2022
Spring Half Term	17 th February 2023	27 th February 2022
Spring Break	31 st March 2023*	17 th April 2022
May Day Bank Holiday	28 th April 2023	2 nd May 2023
Summer Half Term	26 th May 2023	5 th June 2023
Summer	21 st July 2023	

*Please note that at the end of each term school will close at 12.30pm and taxis will be informed.

INSET DAYS:

Thursday 1st September 2022

Friday 2nd September 2022

Friday 25th November 2022

Friday 19th May 2023

Friday 21st July 2023

As always, if you have any queries or require further information please do not hesitate to contact school.

Yours sincerely



Mr N Oxley
Headteacher