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Wednesday 30th June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

The summer term is coming to an end and I will write to you in a few weeks with arrangements for the start of the new school year in September. In the meantime we still have two and a half weeks remaining and there is a lot taking place.

This week we have started with a series of graduation and reward events. These events are an important part of life at Oakwood and we are delighted that, despite the challenges of the last 15 months and the ongoing restrictions placed on us by COVID guidance, we are able to run them. Celebrating success is an important part of our ethos over the final few weeks pupils in Year 7 and 8 will take part in Oakfest, Year 9 and 10s will enjoy time playing on inflatables, PE will run events for Years 8 and 9 and we will recognise the commitment shown by pupils on our 'Making Men' and 'Enrich and Inspire' programmes. In addition, pupils with the highest number of reward points will be invited to afternoon tea with the Head of School.

I would like to remind you that Friday 2nd July is an Inset Day and pupils will not be required to attend school. This is an important day for staff as we prepare for transition and rolling over the school timetable.

When pupils return on Monday 5th July, they will have moved into their new year group and will start to follow the timetable with the teachers they will have in September. They can view their timetables in Go 4 Schools as usual on that Monday morning. Pupils can also view their new timetable in Google calendar; it will show in the week the timetable is due to begin. Please be aware however, that up until the new timetable begins this may be subject to change as we make our last minute adjustments to ensure classes are correct.

We are also excited to be welcoming our new Year 7 pupils, as you can imagine they are coming to us with a mixture of excitement and trepidation. I know our older pupils will give them a warm welcome into the Oakwood family, but I also ask that they act as positive role models, by conducting themselves appropriately, wearing their uniform correctly and adhering to the current COVID control measures, particularly with wearing masks on corridors.

The arrival of the new Year 7s also has an impact on the arrangements for the school day. All pupils will not only have to come to grips with their new timetable, but also with the new routines around the start and end of the day and break times. Below are the new arrangements.

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Start of the School Day

We are still maintaining safety measures to keep pupils in bubbles. We will continue with these at the start of September to reduce the disruption to routines if we are required to return to bubbles at any point in the year.

Year	Entrance	Meeting Point
New 7s	Lawton Lane Pupil Entrance	Dining Room
8 (current 7s)	Moorgate Rd Pupil Entrance	Sports Hall
9 (current 8s)	Perform Entrance	Sports Hall
10 (current 9s)	Moorgate Rd Pupil Entrance	Canopy Area
11 (current 10s)	Perform Entrance	Main Hall

Breaktime

Year	Break 1	Break 2
New 7s	11.40 - Dining Room	12.00 - Green Space and Canopy
8 (current 7s)	12.20 - Dining Room	12.40 - Green Space and Canopy
9 (current 8s)	11.40 - Main Hall and Green Space	13.10 - Dining room and Canopy
10 (current 9s)	11.40 - Green Space	12.00 - Dining Room
11 (current 10s)	12.20 - Green Space	12.40 - Dining Room

End of School

To allow for a safe and orderly exit from the building, we will continue to have a staggered departure by year groups

Year	Departure time
New 7s	14.35
8 (current 7s)	14.40
9 (current 8s)	14.40
10 (current 9s)	14.45
11 (current 10s)	14.45

Uniform Standards - Badges, hooped earrings

As a school we pride ourselves on maintaining high standards of uniform. Our uniform is simple and, on the whole, worn well and with pride by our pupils. From time to time we need to revisit some of

the expectations as young people, by their very nature, will push boundaries. Our uniform policy states:

'No jewellery except for watches and plain studs. Only school sanctioned badges are to be worn with the school uniform e.g. School Council, Prefect etc. If you have piercings, only one set of earrings and one nose stud are allowed'.

As a rule, only school sanctioned badges can be worn on ties. These include, school leadership badges (i.e. Prefect, Head Pupils, House Captains etc) school clubs (i.e. Music/ Drama) and badges linked to school projects (e.g. Period Poverty). From Monday 5th July, pupils will be asked to **remove any badge that is not sanctioned by school**. We know many of our pupils are passionate about and want to show their support for a range of different causes, however, we also need to ensure the badges worn by pupils are relevant to school. and embrace both inclusivity and diversity.

Since the return from the lockdown in March, some pupils have been wearing hooped earrings. When asked to remove them by staff they are very compliant. Can I ask, however, for parental support in ensuring pupils do not leave home wearing them. We have this in place to reduce the risk of them getting caught and causing an unnecessary injury.

A change to routines can be unsettling for pupils, but it can also signal a fresh start and the opportunity to reflect on what they need to do to improve and make better progress. If your child requires any support with this transition, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Finally, school closes to pupils on Friday 16th July. Pupils will be dismissed by a year group at a time from 12pm to 12.20pm. There will be an opportunity for all pupils to buy food before they leave the school site.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support and I wish your child a successful transition next week.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Eccles - Head of School

Letter translation is available.

Ak potrebujete pomoc s prekladom, kludne mi napíšte email a ja vám zavolám pri prvej vhodnej príležitosti. Moja emailová adresa je h.vereczy@oakwood.ac

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