



# Oakbank School

**Date: 17th October 2025**

**Dear Oakbank School Community**

May I first say a big thank you to everyone for the support you have provided for your children to be in school, on time, fully equipped and looking so smart and proud of their uniform. I know the raising of expectations is often challenging, and creating a fully inclusive school with all students learning in a disruption free environment is something that will not have been the norm previously. The vast majority of students, fully supported by yourselves, have been incredible and are now learning so much more. The platform is now being set to create the very best school in the region and beyond. Thanks to the dedication and hard work of both our staff and students, lessons throughout the term have been calm, purposeful, and free from disruption. This positive learning environment allows students to focus fully on their work, make strong academic progress, and strive towards fulfilling their potential each day.

## **End of Term**

For clarity the end of term is as normal next Friday, with year 11s also attending Period 6. Apologies for any confusion that may have been caused with inaccurate information on the website.

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## **Open Evening – 22nd October, 5–7 PM**

We are really looking forward to welcoming both current and prospective students and their families to our Open Evening on Wednesday, 22nd October from 5-7 PM. A special thank you to all the students who have volunteered to take part and showcase how proud they are of our school. Please also go to the school website if you wish to book your own personal tours of the school.

## **Uniform Reminder**

We're pleased to see students continuing to uphold high standards in their uniform – they've looked fantastic. As we approach the half-term break, we kindly ask that all students return in full and correct uniform. Please also remember that only one small gold or silver stud per ear is permitted, and that no other jewellery or makeup should be worn in school.

## **Attendance Matters**

As always, we encourage all parents to support us in aiming for 100% attendance – every second really does count. We are pleased to report an upward trend in attendance across the school. Congratulations to Year 10 for achieving the best attendance and the most improvement. We will continue to celebrate and reward students who maintain excellent attendance.

## **Rewards and Celebrations**

Next week, we are looking forward to giving out some well-deserved rewards. Over 80% of our students will be recognised, from Bronze to Gold levels. Please ensure that consent forms are returned so students can take part. All

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information regarding rewards will be shared via the My Child at School App, so make sure you're signed up and receiving updates.

## Recent Rewards Highlights

So far, we've given out over 1,000 sweets and chocolates, hosted two hot chocolate and cookie lunch breaks, provided 35 free lunches, and handed 35 out Aldi vouchers for students with 100% attendance. We are proud to continue recognising and rewarding students who work hard and show kindness every day.

## Safeguarding

This term, we were pleased to welcome Ms N Smith and Ms S Thomas to the team as Attendance Leads and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSLs). They have made a great start, building strong relationships with students and families and supporting our drive to improve attendance across the school. We will also be saying farewell to Ms R Aston, our Oakbank-based social worker, and would like to thank her sincerely for the time, care, and invaluable support she has provided to our students and wider school community. Please don't hesitate to contact the safeguarding team at [safe@oakbankschool.co.uk](mailto:safe@oakbankschool.co.uk).

## Staffing Update

Mr Bufton has now left Oakbank school to be able to be nearer his family in the South West, I would like to thank him for his work and support. We have two new teachers starting with us after half term, as part of the Teach First programme, one in the Geography department and also one in Music. This week we also held interviews for the permanent Headteacher role, we have appointed successfully and will make a further announcement in due course. They will be taking up the role, full time, in January, as well as spending time in school during the next half term.

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## **Pastoral Links**

Please note that the following will now oversee the support of the following Year groups. They will be your first point of contact wherever possible. As always we will aim to respond within 48 hours.

<b>Ms Korporowicz</b>	<b>Year 7</b>
<b>Mr Lant</b>	<b>Years 8, 9 and 10</b>
<b>Ms Reggler</b>	<b>Year 11</b>

May I wish everyone a great weekend and we are all looking forward to seeing the students attend their rewards events next week.

Yours faithfully

Mr J Heap

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