



Oakbank School

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Dear Oakbank School Community

We are delighted to be able to say thank you to everyone for the incredible support this first half term. With your incredible support students have stepped up to the high expectations for all. Students look the smartest in the area, and that is also reflected in their effort and attitude in school and in lessons.

Open Evening

Thank you for all your support during our Open Evening. It was wonderful to see so many of our student leaders proudly guiding prospective parents and students around the school. The atmosphere was vibrant and positive, reflecting the enthusiasm within our community. We are excited to continue building on this momentum as we move forward together with the school and wider community.

Staffing Update including SEN

I would like to inform you of the following staff changes. Ms Marshall and Mr Ireland have now left Oakbank School, we would like to thank them for their work whilst at the school, and wish them the best for their futures. This means that we will receive on site support from Ms Vardy and Mr Ackland, from GLT, for 4 days per week, whilst Miss Reggler transitions into the role of SENDCO. Please email SEN@oakbankschool.co.uk with any communication from this point, this will be the permanent email from this point.

We are delighted to also announce that we have had a very successful round of recruitment, and have made the following permanent appointments.

Starting with us after half term: will be Ms Brown, teacher of Music, and Mr Louis Gale, teacher of Geography. Also starting with us after Christmas are Dr Gareth Mills as Assistant Headteacher. Gareth has 10 years experience working in schools and his

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doctorate is in English Literature. Finally, for now, we have Emma Doyle, a very experienced English teacher with a strong track record of outcomes, joining us as Head Of English.

Rewards Week

What a fantastic week it has been, with over 260 students receiving Gold, Silver, and Bronze rewards! The Oxygen Gold Reward trip was a particular highlight, staff there commented that our students were among the politest and most respectful they had ever hosted. Students had an amazing time, and their enjoyment was thoroughly well deserved. We're already looking forward to more rewards and achievements to celebrate next term!

Half Term School

Year11 students will have been sent their own invites to the half term school, in preparation for the upcoming mocks after half term. They have worked incredibly hard this half term

Attendance

We have had an incredible 3% increase in attendance between now and the start of term. Thank-you so much for your support, we appreciate it is not always easy. We also know that a 5% drop in attendance equates to a full grade lower at GCSE.

May I say many thanks for your continued messages of support, both privately and publicly. We may not always agree, but we always take actions based on our experience and research of what works. Disagreeing is healthy, but must always be done politely and calmly, modelling to our children. Finally, may I wish you a very happy and safe half term break. We look forward to seeing everyone in November.

Yours faithfully

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