



Oakbank School

Date: 21st November 2025

Dear Oakbank School Community

A big thank you to everyone for the support you have provided for your children to be in school, on time, fully equipped this term, it has been a fantastic start, building on the hard work started in the previous term. The vast majority of students, fully supported by yourselves, have been incredible and are continuing to learn so much more. The platform is now being set to create the very best school in the region and beyond. This positive learning environment is allowing our students to take important steps on their journey up their own personal mountains to the best careers and universities.

Y11 Exams and mock results

The Year 11s were fantastic in their mocks. Completing up to three exams in a day is no mean feat, and on the whole they were excellent—on time, fully equipped, and engaged in the warm-ups, with full effort shown in the exams themselves. Our staff are now busy marking and moderating these papers so we can provide the best possible picture to share with you and the students at the mock results assembly on 1st December.

Y11 Information evening

Students are working consistently hard in all Period 6 lessons, and homework completion has been largely very good. A growing number of students are also staying after 4pm to attend Champions' Hour, and many are making use of the computer room available to them at lunchtime. The Y11 information evening on the 4th December will include details of the mock exam, guidance on how students should revise, and ways

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parents can offer support, as well as presentations from the Heads of English, Maths and Science. There will also be an opportunity to speak to Heads of Department after the main presentation.

In the evening, we will provide an assessment manifest containing a brief summary of the exams, revision strategies for each subject, and a revision timetable template, along with a range of revision resources, including free CGP revision guides for core subjects and revision materials.

Enrichment offer

We are very pleased with our enrichment offer and the strong engagement from students. It is fantastic to see them enjoying themselves in school and to see the numbers attending our extracurricular activities continuing to grow. We are also delighted to let students know that the Astro at the sports hub will now be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays for anyone who wishes to play football at lunchtime. Students will need to wear appropriate footwear—astros or football boots—to take part. Fun Fridays are also up and running, with a range of rewards linked to behaviour and attendance, as well as opportunities for deliberate fun through activities such as a paper aeroplane contest, Red Light Green Light and the 1% Club.

Rewards plans and christmas lunch

We have some very exciting rewards planned for the end of term. On 16th December, Gold students will enjoy a fully funded bowling, laser tag and arcade experience with food included. Silver students will take part in a new inflatable session, while Bronze students will have a cinema experience. We will also be awarding attendance rewards to all students who have achieved 100% attendance this term. So far this term, we have given out thirty £5 vouchers for attendance, thirty free lunches, and hundreds of treats to

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students who are working hard and showing kindness. We will also be hosting a Christmas lunch for all students, free of charge on the 17th and 18th December for KS3 and KS4.

Inset days and Calendar

Please be aware that the 19th of December is a full day for students including a P6 for Y11. Ensuring we take every opportunity to help our students succeed and make every second count is the focus every day even at the end of term

Staffing. We have also confirmed that we have 2 inset days on the 5th and 6th of January 2026 where the school will not be open to students.

Yours Faithfully,

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