



**Date: 5th September 2025**

**RE: Year 11 and Raising Standards**

**Dear Oakbank School Community**

We are delighted to welcome our new Year 11 students to Oakbank School as they begin their exciting journey up their own personal mountains toward the very best universities and careers of their choosing. This marks the beginning of an important chapter, and we are thrilled to be part of their educational and personal development.

**Routines & Expectations**

Students will receive a full induction into our new systems and policies on Monday and our expectations will be clear to all students. Our headline messages for Year 11s are:

- Students are expected to be in school every day, and on time. Every second counts, particularly in Year 11, and attendance is one of the most significant factors in determining GCSE outcomes.
- For Year 11s, the school day will begin with morning greetings and end after Period 6 at 4pm. The gates will open from 8.00 am at Hyde End Lane and will be locked at 8.30 am. Period 6 is compulsory and will take place every day for all Year 11 students.
- Homework will begin for Year 11 from the week beginning 15th September and students will be expected to complete it on time, and to the best of their ability.
- Lessons - all equipment will be provided for you. Please note that PE lessons will begin on Monday, please ensure you bring the correct kit or you will be unable to participate.
- A highly recommended optional Champion's Hour will run in S6 and the Library with refreshments from 4-5pm to support students in their revision and provide a dedicated space for Year 11 to work, revise and complete home learning. Members of SLT will be on hand to support.

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- All students must follow the behaviour code at all times; exceptions will not be made for Year 11.
- Our safeguarding and pastoral team, as well as the Head of Key Stage 4, Mr Lant - will listen to any concerns and are available to speak to at break, lunchtime or after school. Students should not be out of lessons missing valuable learning time, and students who are late to lessons will be sanctioned.

## Parent Pay Reminder - MyChildAtSchool App

We use the parent app, MyChildAtSchool, which is accessible via the website ([www.mychildatschool.com](http://www.mychildatschool.com)) or through the mobile app (search MyChildAtSchool - Parent App by Bromcom Computers Plc). This will continue to be our main communication platform.

### What will you see on MCAS?

MyChildAtSchool offers a view into all key aspects of your child's school life. The main features of the app are:

- Notifications or messages from the school
- Announcements and key parent documents published on there
- Student and parent details can be checked and updated.
- Attendance
- Behaviour
- Homework
- Reports
- Parents' evening bookings
- Parental consents
- And more to come.

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## How to get an account

If you are not yet registered with MCAS, parents/carers with an active email address will have an account set up and ready to go. To get started:

1. <https://www.mychildatschool.com/MCAS/MCSParentSignUp>
2. Enter the school ID: 14840
3. Enter your email address (must match the one we have on record)
4. Use the one-time passcode, sent to your email, to verify your account
5. Set up your password

Download the app to receive notifications when new information is available on MyChildAtSchool. You must accept the request to allow notifications from the app for this functionality to work.

Please note that if you have multiple children, at Oakbank School or even across other schools using MCAS, you will see their profiles under this one account.

We look forward to seeing you all on Monday 8th September 2025.

Yours faithfully

Ms E Marshall

Deputy Headteacher

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