



# Oakbank School

**Date: 20th March 2026**

**RE: End of Term and Rewards week**

Dear Oakbank School Community,

In anticipation of next week's exciting and well-deserved Rewards Week, I would like to extend a huge thank you to the entire Oakbank School community. Our staff and students have been fantastic this term, and these rewards are a true reflection of their hard work. Oakbank continues to progress at a rapid pace. Next week marks another vital step in enabling our students to climb their own personal mountains. This is particularly true for our Year 11s, who have their Academic Review Evening as they approach the end of KS4, and our Year 9s, who are beginning their options process—an exciting first step on their own KS4 journey and we are looking forward to both evenings and another chance to connect with the community.

## **ARE and Y9 Choices (Dates and Times confirmation)**

Choices Evening is on 26th March where we will go through in detail how the options process works, which subjects are compulsory, more detail about each subject we offer and what the different types of qualifications are. You will have the opportunity to ask questions to Heads of Department about the subjects they are offering.

Event Details:

- **Time:** 5:00 PM (Duration: approximately 45 minutes)
- **Registration:** Please confirm your attendance by completing [here](#).

## **SEN TVP Consultation**

We encourage our families to attend an SEND Consultation Event on Friday, 17 April (1:30 PM – 2:30 PM). Our goal is to ensure strong representation from the Oakbank as well as members in the community and from other schools to discuss the key issues. More information will be sent out from the school and the constituency support team that works with Yuan Yang the Member of Parliament (MP) for Earley and Woodley.

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### Attendance Swap Swap

The attendance Swap Shop has launched with great success. Students can “swap” weekly 100% attendance for items from the shop. For example, one week of 100% attendance can be swapped for an Oakbank branded pencil, fifteen weeks can be swapped for a metal water bottle. Firm favourites so far have been the pens and the highlighter flowers.

On the horizon we are expected to be adding keychains, the Oakbank teddy and the Oakbank rubber duck.

Next Friday at the end of term, students with 100% attendance for term 1 and term 2 will be in with a chance of winning a goody bag of Oakbank items, you’ve got to be in it to win it!



### Rewards Week

Next week sees our students receive their Gold, Silver and Bronze Reward trips as well as students with 100% attendance being rewarded. Letters will be sent out for students who have qualified for each of the different reward levels.

The Gold reward on Thursday 26th March will see our students travel to Clip n Climb to scale new heights, whilst our Silver reward on Wednesday 25th March will see students bounce around and enjoy the inflatables. Bronze reward will see student sit back and enjoy a film and treat on Friday 26th March.

Students with 100% attendance will be enjoying a pizza party and quiz, whilst also getting a brownie treat at one of the social times.

All of our students have worked incredibly hard this term and we cannot wait to see them continue to work hard and be kind as they aspire to aim high and climb their own personal mountains.

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## Tutor Rewards

We are delighted to announce the successful completion of our Spring Term Tutor Budget Challenge. At the start of the term, each Tutor Group was given a £50 starting budget. Throughout the term, we have monitored equipment readiness, with the cost of any borrowed items being deducted from their pot on a weekly basis. This challenge has been a fantastic practical exercise in financial literacy and personal responsibility; students have had to navigate the real-world consequences of being unprepared, learning how small, recurring costs can significantly impact a long-term goal.

It has been inspiring to see the students collaborate to protect their funds, and the final results show a great deal of resilience and improved organisation across all year groups. On Monday, each form will decide how to spend their remaining balance. Whether they have a "luxury" pot or a more modest "savings" total, the students will choose a treat that reflects their collective efforts this term. By the final weeks, we recorded a 20% increase in organisational efficiency across the school. We are incredibly proud of how they have managed their "Oakbank Pots" and hope they enjoy the rewards of their hard work.

## Easter School

We are writing to inform you that during the upcoming holiday, the Year 11 Easter School will be returning on Monday 30th March, Tuesday 31st March and Wednesday 1st April. Last Half Term we were delighted to see many of your hard working and ambitious children coming to these additional lessons. This term we will be running Maths, English Language and Literature, Science, History and Geography lessons. All students will receive a free lunch. Please sign up using the form [here](#) and also below, which has also been emailed to you. While we will try to include students who turn up on the day without signing up, we cannot guarantee availability for either lunch or the lessons.

Yours faithfully,

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