



# Oakfield School



**Welcome** to the Oakfield School newsletter.

Although it's been a strange and challenging time for the world in general, it has continued to be "business as usual" at Oakfield, albeit with a range of new hygiene and safety measures. We've also grown as a school in terms of having added a building, increased our number of students, and added new staff members. Despite the world becoming a more restricted place, Oakfield continues to look towards the future and provide an ever-widening curriculum.

## OUR STAFF

This term we are pleased to welcome the following new staff to our school: New learning behaviour support mentors Liane, Lauren, Jamie, Samantha, Iona, Sam. Curriculum assistants Tom and Elizabeth. Residential staff Dianne, Daniel, Adam, Emma. Teachers Diana, Kat, Lisa, Maria, Toby. We hope that all the new staff will have a long and happy relationship with the school.

## New building



Due to our growing student body, the school has expanded physically, taking possession of an adjacent building: the CLC.



The space provides an interesting, light and airy addition to our environment.

## Attendance

It's good to see so many of our students attending regularly and on time. However, if you experience any problems in getting your children to school, then please don't hesitate to contact us.

## Covid

In order to reduce potential disruption to learning for large groups of students you must keep your children off school if they have any COVID-19 symptoms. Increasingly we are finding that those testing positive have not had the main symptoms of a persistent cough, high temperature or loss of taste/smell. Students with cold like symptoms or a sore throat, headaches and aching muscles are also testing positive so please be cautious and if in doubt keep your child at home and get a test! This also applies to anyone in your household, if you suspect Coronavirus you **MUST** keep your children at home pending the test result. In school, we have installed new handwashing facilities at entrances to enable staff and students to wash their hands as they enter and leave the buildings. Handwashing is an integral part of our system with which to keep everyone safe.

See the latest advice at <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

## Theme Day

On Tuesday 20th October the school will hold its latest Theme Day. These days involve the students working away from their usual timetable, and undertaking a series of tasks around a given theme. This time the theme is "Diversity". Among the tasks, students will take part in Gaelic Football and learn how to beat box with Mikey Beats and Noise Academy.



## College

We currently have 5 KS4 students attending weekly college placements in a range of subjects.

Last year's Y11 students are now taking courses in 8 different settings between them.