



Oakfield School



Welcome to issue 7 of the Oakfield School newsletter. The first half term of the academic year has flown by with lots of activities taking place outside of the regular curriculum.

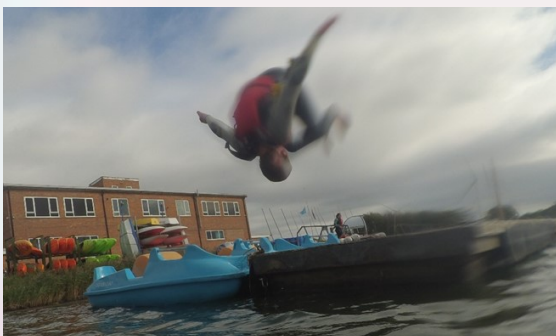
Covid

On Monday, 1st November, pupils aged 12-15 will be offered the **first dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine** on the school site. The information packs including consents will be sent out in the post. If you wish your child to have the vaccination the consent forms need to be returned as soon as possible. If your child has had Covid in the past 28 days they are ineligible for the vaccination at this time. The vaccinations are being delivered by nurses from the Covid team at City Health Care Partnership. Their contact number for any queries is 01482 344075. Student who have recently tested positive are not allowed the vaccination at this time.

Hull has a city-wide initiative led by the NHS. Schools are providing a base for this to be administered.

Duke Of Edinburgh

In September, a group of Year 10 students went to Welton Waters to experience open water swimming. Despite the less-than-warm conditions, the students (and staff) had a great time and learned about cold water safety.



Exam Success

A big well done to all the 2020/21 year 11 leavers who achieved a range of accreditations including GCSE's in English, Maths, Science, Art, Photography, History and 3D design. Other qualifications including certificates in a variety of courses such as Mechanics, Music, Employability and Food. It was a particularly difficult exam season for the pupils with them having to participate in mock exams, pre-prepared exam questions designed by the exam boards and completing portfolios for evidence.

The 2021/22 exams have been altered to make in fair for the current year 11 cohort. These changes consist of

- A choice of topics or content on which students will be assessed in GCSE history and geography.
- Providing advance information on the focus of exams to support students' revision in subjects where there is not a choice of topics.
- formulae sheets in GCSE maths

Art and Design (including photography, fine art, 3d design) pupils will be assessed on their portfolio only.

#HelloYellow

Oakfield supported young people's mental health by taking part in #hellowyellow on the 8th October. School raised awareness by wearing yellow and with the help of a Power-Point, discussed issues around mental health within tutor groups and residential. We are also supporting young minds by donating money, which will help fund ways to support young people and their families





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Returning to residential

The last year or so has been a difficult and trying time for many of the students, with limitations placed on activities. Regular cinema trips, bowling nights and full residential trips were taken away from many of the pupils, in line with the numerous covid guidelines. However, since the easing of restrictions, staff have been able to expand their pool of activities, with pupils now able to take part in swimming, beach trips, mini golf and many more activities than a year ago.

Offsite activities are not the only thing on offer, as residential has a variety of activities on site. Many of the activities during the height of the pandemic relied on pupils remaining in bubbles with less activities on offer and smaller numbers. Easing of restrictions has given staff the ability to organise activities with larger numbers, including but not limited to, football, rugby, carpentry, video game competitions, Hama beads and crafts.



Visualisation Boards!

In PSHE, years 8,9,10 and 11 have been looking at **Being Me in My World** and exploring self-identity. Students have enjoyed creating their own **Vision Board** and considered how they want their life to look and feel as they grow. If you can envision it- you can achieve it!

Science

KS3 Science have been learning about forces this term and enjoying getting stuck into practical tasks and mini experiments.



Attendance

As an incentive for good attendance at school, we are offering the following:

Points can be spent on a wide range of items.

1,000 E praise points awarded for 100% attendance over the term.

5,000 E praise points awarded for 100% attendance over the full academic year.

500 E praise points awarded per term for the Most effort to Attend.

500 E praise points awarded per term for Pupils with 95% plus Attendance.

Outdoor Education

Outdoor Education has had a great start to the year with pupils taking part in Bushcraft and Mountain Biking. All pupils have enjoyed various activities such as fire lighting, shelter building and using natural cordage. Year 9 pupils will be working towards their GoMTB Level 1 Certificate this term.

