



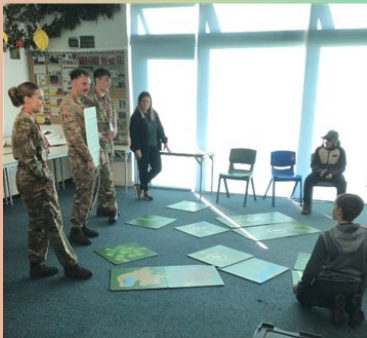
# Oakfield School



**Welcome** to issue 15 of the Oakfield School newsletter. The weeks are cascading away and the days are already getting longer and lighter. Much has happened at Oakfield since Christmas.

## Theme Day

At the end of January, the main school held a Theme Day on the topic of careers. The idea was to inspire our students into thinking about which direction they may take in life after Oakfield. We had a range of visitors on the day including from Cranswick Foods, the army, Reds10 modular builders, Hull FC and ex-students. We even had a fire engine attend for an hour. Student and staff found the day to be very engaging and informative.



## Outdoor Education

Year 9 have now begun their climbing module. The pupils have had two successful trips to Mad Volume in Hull. All pupils are working towards their NIBAS Level 1 and Level 2, pupils have worked well together and enjoyed the challenge of the routes set.

For their Duke of Edinburgh award, Year 10 pupils have continued their conservation work at Tophill Low Nature Reserve. The staff there have seen a vast improvement on the site from our visits. Pupils were involved in clearing a wildlife route. The week after our work was completed an otter was seen visiting the pond.

In Year 7 Creative Outdoor Education students have been off site every Thursday completing a variety of tasks such as fossil hunting, geocaching and map skills. Whilst fossil hunting, a staff member saved a crab that had been caught in a lobster net and fishing line. The pupils then helped to send the crab back out to sea.



## Night Challenge

On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March, 9 Key stage 4 pupils will be taking part in the Night Challenge in conjunction with Humberside Police. The Night Challenge is a 12 mile orienteering exercise. The pupils will have to overcome various challenges along the walk which have been set by various agencies such as the Humberside Fire and rescue service, Safer Roads Humber and the Army. We wish all of the pupils who have volunteered to take part the best of luck.





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## Science

Years 9 and 10 have been collecting data for the ELC Biology required practical and have been burning crisps and biscuits to try and measure how much energy they give off. Year 11's have also been busy working on the required practical learning about the extension of springs.



## Tutor Times

In school we try to provide a range of activities during tutor times. The activities are designed to engage and settle our students before the lessons begin. The photo below shows teacher Ross with a Year 11 student. Despite Ross claiming he achieved an overwhelming victory, he was unable to provide and credible proof. We'll call it a draw.



During tutor a 3G student created a model of a boat.

## Allotment Club

Our new allotment club has started with students building a shelving unit to help get our seedlings started indoors.



## Functional Skills

Following Functional Skills exams for many of our Key Stage 4 students, the results were impressive. Many of our students were delighted to have been successful. The next round of exam sessions takes place at the end of February and in early March.

## 3E Core Subjects

Class 3E made toasties as part of maths and English. After working out all of the possible combinations of flavours they designed a menu and made the snacks.



## Industrial Action

Following the recent day of industrial action by educational unions, more are planned. At Oakfield, we will do our utmost to keep school accessible to as many students as possible on these days, while maintaining safe staffing levels for all. Information will be sent to parents/carers and will be displayed on the school website.

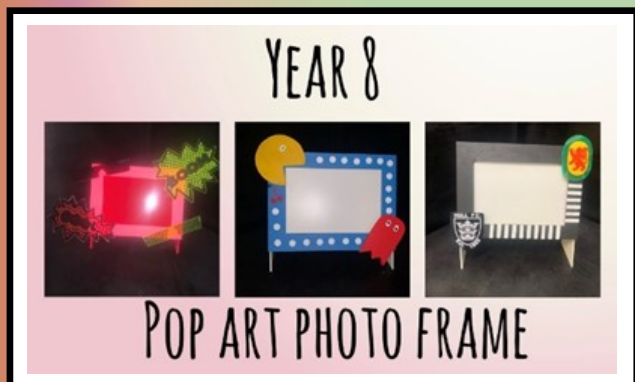


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## D&T

Some great products have been made in Product design.

Year 8 have been taking influence from the Pop Art movement to create photo frames using wood, acrylic, vinyl stickers and paint!



## Careers Hub

We are one of 50 Hull & East Yorkshire schools/ colleges that make up the Hull & East Yorkshire Careers Hub. The Careers Hub was launched in September 2018 by the Humber Local Enterprise Partnership (Humber LEP) and the Careers & Enterprise Company, a central government funded organisation that works with schools nationally to promote a network between education and employers as well as support for careers education in schools. We are delighted to have joined the Hub in January 2023 and look forward to extending opportunities for our students through the Hub network.



## Residential

As a part of growing their already strong base of core independent skills, the boys in residential have recently become increasingly interested in both darts and pool. Tradewell snooker hall is a short bus ride away from Oakfield and offers a full range of pool, snooker and darts equipment, with brand new and fully felted tables and tournament-standard darts podium and boards.

This activity has been a simple yet effective one, with pupils independently taking the bus to the snooker hall and meeting staff at the other end. Pupils are then given an hour either to use a pool/ snooker table and then to finish with various games of darts.

Pupils have really taken to the sessions, with the activity taking place away from the usual sights and sounds of school. It offers them the experience of a somewhat adult environment. Staff members have always promoted independence and want the pupils to feel as relaxed as possible. During these sessions staff are able to sit away from pupils and allow them time to interact and enjoy each other's company without feeling as though a member of staff is watching over them.

The sessions have yielded positive results with next to no issues. While out, pupils have engaged with one another respectfully under the watchful supervision of staff. Pupils have also requested this activity on multiple occasions with staff also looking at organising membership at a reduced price.

During the recent teaching strikes the residential remained open. This day was used as an opportunity for a student team building day at Scarborough Alpamare swimming centre. The pupils behaved exceptionally whilst out in the public and were a credit to the school.

