



Oakfield School



Welcome to issue 17 of the Oakfield School newsletter. The examination season is already well underway, the evenings are light and the days are warmer. During the upcoming half-term we'll be transitioning to our timetable for the next academic year.

Residential

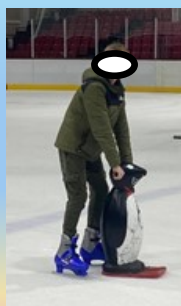
Now we have entered the Spring term the residential staff have planned a number of activities for every evening. Fishing remains a popular choice throughout the week as most of the residential pupils enjoy accessing the local ponds. Trips to the beach which include crabbing, beach games and barbecues are another popular choice with our pupils as the weather gets nicer.

As the academic year draws in, the Year 11s are undertaking their exams. To relax them in advance of what can be a stressful couple of weeks, the boys raised their own money for a one night stay in the Lake District with staff. They managed to travel all the way to Cumbria independently, climbed a mountain and even went for a swim in one of the lakes!

Students and staff have also been organising and raising money for the yearly residential camp. Pupils have come up with a number of ideas to raise money, including a sponsored walk, car washing, sponsored bike rides and throwing sponges at the staff whilst they're in the stocks! I'm not sure the staff who have volunteered know exactly what they have let themselves in for!

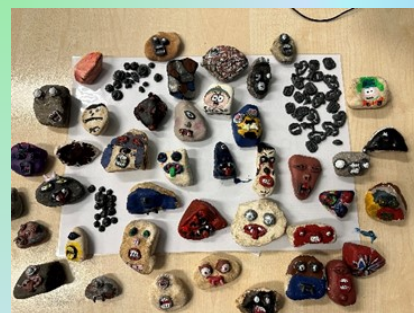
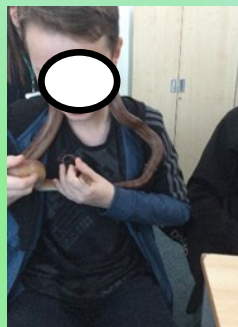
Emotional Wellbeing (EWB) Students recently took part in ice skating sessions thanks to Hull City Council's donation of tickets. Ten families were given tickets which also included lunch.

Some families continue to receive meat donations from Cranswick Foods.



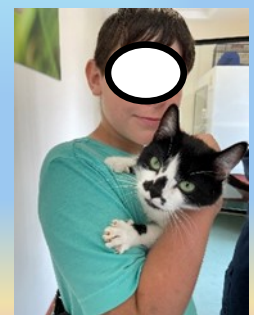
Theme Day

In May we held our latest school Theme Day. The topic this time was "Hobbies". Students took part in a range of activities including mountain biking, model making, kinball (a 3 team game involving a huge ball), retro gaming and escape room. The biggest hit of the day was Lion Learners, an outside provider who brought a range of animals into school. Students loved seeing and holding the rabbit, snake, bearded dragon and centipede.



Animal Visits

Some Key Stage 3 students have recently been to visit two animal charities: RSPCA and PDSA. They learned about how animals are rescued from mistreatment and are re-homed. At the PDSA they listened to heartbeats, used MRI equipment, saw injections and even witnessed an operation.





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Examinations

At the time of writing, are officially half way through the 2023 exam season. The year 11 pupils should be very proud of their engagement levels so far. After half term, there are two more weeks of exams with the last exam being on Wednesday 14th June.

The exam results day is Thursday 24th August. The school will be open on this day between 09.00-10.00am for pupils to collect their results. For those pupils who are unable to collect on this day the results will be posted out on the Friday 25th August.



Outdoor Education

Year 9 students have started the term by taking part in paddle sports. They will be working towards various British Canoeing qualifications in various water craft. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed practising rescues. Alongside paddling they will be continuing their navigation awards and completing assessments over the remainder of the term.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Pupils have begun their Expedition training in order to be self-sufficient during the two day camp. They are learning to decide on what food to take, learning first aid, camp skills and navigation. These skills will then set them in good stead for their expedition later in the term (29th - 30th June).



Pool Tournament

During the Spring term we held another pool tournament. Similar to the previous tournament, each team consisted of a member of staff and a student, with teams drawn out of a hat. The popular tournament ran into this half term with the winning team being Neil and a Year 8 student.



Construction Club

Several students take part in the weekly construction club. They learn "multi-trade" skills including plumbing, tiling, carpentry and joinery. Recent activities have included learning how to fit a toilet. After the installation, students felt flushed with success.



Alternative Learning Provision (ALP)

During this term the ALP group have been working on their creativeness; using ordinary items in unordinary ways to create fun filled activities. This has been really successful and the group have had great fun. Activities have included making a super-sized tent den (made out of crash mat, bags and a boxing ring canvas), creating indoor parkour course (made from tractor tyres, steps, bags, mats, balls, benches and ropes), making a volley ball court from old nets and a battle rope. A trophy was awarded to the winning student in the volleyball tournament.

