



# Oakfield School

**Welcome** to issue 20 of the Oakfield School newsletter. This last term has been one of the longest that staff can remember, but has afforded the chance for lots of activities and learning to take place. Currently in school, students and staff are preparing for Christmas and have lots of lessons centred around this theme

## Personalised Learning Curriculum (PLC)

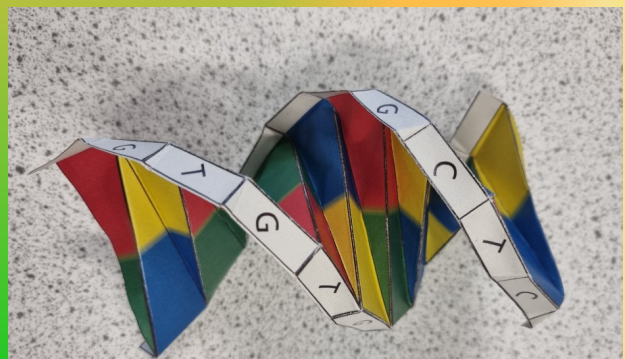
This half term school has introduced a new program for some students who are not ready to access the full curriculum on a daily basis. The Personalised Learning Curriculum (PLC) takes students out to engage in wider curriculum activities, in addition to undertaking small amounts of more traditional curriculum with focused support.

Recent days out have included fishing, the seaside, bowling and The Deep. Students are engaging with the activities and with the more formal work. This is the first step on them returning to a fuller timetable in school.



## Science

In Science, this half term, Key stage 4 have been studying a unit called 'You and Your Genes'. They have been using a lot of modelling activities to support their learning in this complex but fascinating topic that helps us understand more about what makes us unique.



## I'm a Scientist... Get me out of here...

Students had the opportunity to chat with five scientists who are currently working in the climate sector to learn more about what they do and why they do it. After chatting to the scientists, students were able to vote for their favourite.



## Enterprise

Two year 10 students attended the Blossom enterprise event at the Guildhall for Enterprise week. They managed to secure an investment loan of £150 to be used for enterprising projects in the school. They were fantastic ambassadors for Oakfield and received lots of compliments on their presenting skills. Well done!





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## Night Challenge

On Saturday 17th March, Oakfield will be entering two teams (10 pupils) to participate in a 12 mile walk in connection with Humberside Police. The event is voluntary and is only open to pupils aged 13 and over. For more information please contact Lee Thompson.



## Football

Year 7 were due to play opposition from Grimsby, at Soccer Kings. Unfortunately the opponents cancelled last minute. The Year 7's still travelled to Soccer Kings where they took part in matches in their tutor groups and against staff! They were excellent ambassadors for the school. They handled the disappointment of the other teams not coming really well and during the games they did play, they played football to high standard and most importantly as a team and not individuals.



## Outdoor Education:

### Year 8

For their Outdoor Education, Year 8 have taken part in swimming lessons. They have been using the superb facilities at Winifred Holtby. Pupils have been working on their swimming technique and have more recently looked at rescues, using the deep end of the pool which goes down 3 metres!



### Duke of Edinburgh

Year 10 have started their conservation work at Tophill Low, helping to improve the local nature reserve. Pupils have been involved in making brush fences and looking to improve habitats for the wildlife.



### Tree Planting

As part of our Environmental Theme Day, we were provided with 105 saplings from The Woodland Trust. These have been planted by the students, during theme day, at the back of the field with the hope to have a small woodland area that can be used by classes in future years.





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## Exams

On the first Monday and Tuesday following the Christmas break, selected Year 10 pupils will be taking the Functional Skills Maths and English exams. Parents/ carers of those pupils sitting the exams will be notified via text. Please ensure pupils are as prepared as possible for the exam.

## Vaccines

Vaccination UK will be visiting Oakfield School on 12/12/23 to carry out nasal flu immunisations. Looking at the number of completed consent forms received from parents / carers, it appears to be one of the highest intakes we have had. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has returned their completed forms and encouraged our young people to take part in this immunisation. Well done.

## Something new and exciting for your diary!

### Post 16 Pathway Event

Oakfield School is working in conjunction with several businesses and organisations, offering an opportunity to take up an apprenticeship and giving career advice.

We will be holding a post 16 careers event on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February. This is an opportunity for parents/careers and families to come along, have an informal chat and a coffee with all involved. If your young person is in years 10 or 11 you will receive an invite in the next few weeks.



## Christmas Jumper Day.

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> of December, we took part in 'Save the Children's' Christmas jumper day.

Staff and pupils were able to dress up and wear their Christmas Jumpers to support this event!



## White Ribbon day 2023

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November, Oakfield supported White Ribbon Day 2023 by wearing orange. Pupils were able to complete activities during tutor time on raising awareness around men's violence against women and to promise to never use, excuse or remain silent about men's violence towards women.



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO  
ALL!**