



# Oakfield School



**Welcome** to issue 21 of the Oakfield School newsletter, the first of 2024! The days are getting longer and the nights are getting lighter as we head towards Spring. Even though it's been a short half term, there has been plenty going on both in and out of school.

## Personalised Learning Curriculum (PLC)

So far this term the students under taking the Personalised Learning Curriculum (PLC) have experienced a very wide range of activities from vintage gaming to country estates to golf. Students on PLC complete Maths and English with PLC staff before spending the rest of their school day on wider curriculum tasks and activities.

Engagement and attendance continue to be good with students enjoying their input as to which activities are arranged

## Year 7 Creative ALP

2024 has started with Year 7 going swimming at Winifred Holtby every other week. They have taken part in Geocaching and had a Boulderling taster session so far this year for their creative ALP sessions.

All pupils that have attended the activities have been enthusiastic and keen to challenge themselves.



## Celebrating Success

One of our current Year 10 pupils, who accesses our ALP pathway has recently secured a scholarship with Hull KR! Whilst on placement, he has thrived and we are so proud of how far he has come.

During this half term, he came into school and gave a speech to the other pupils about his journey. The pupils were so engaged you could hear a pin drop as he spoke. He then ran through some training drills with the pupils and they all enjoyed a game of touch rugby

It is amazing to see how far this pupil has come on his journey and wonderful how engaged the other pupils were.







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## Duke of Edinburgh

Year 10's have continued with their Bronze Award, they have enjoyed the Volunteering section at Tophill Low helping to manage the site coppicing and pollarding trees. Pupils have completed some independent skills alongside this, we have used public transport to travel around the East Riding.



## Residential

This half term the residential has welcomed some new "residents" to Willow house. We now have 8 tropical fish! Pupils raised money themselves with bake sales, and a fish tank was kindly donated by a member of staff. Pupils have enjoyed visiting various aquatic shops to look at all the fish and asking advice on how to look after them. So far the pupils are working together to care for the fish and have been keeping the tank clean. So far this term, a favourite activity among the pupils is having a ride out to various seaside locations to watch the waves crashing over the sea wall. They have even started to check the tide times themselves to see if the tide is in. They really enjoy testing their reaction times and running away last minute, although they do seem to want to get wet every once in a while.



## Outdoor Education:

### Year 9

3G have started their NIBAS Award this term, pupils will be working towards their Level 1 and 2 Awards. The pupils have worked together to plan and complete their climbs demonstrating excellent teamwork skills.

R-Evolution have begun a bike maintenance course with 3J this term. The students have mastered puncture repairs and most recently worked together to disassemble and reassemble bikes. These are new skills for most of the group and they have engaged brilliantly in these sessions.



## Reading

To encourage reading for pleasure, we have introduced a new tutor time reading activity. Each week Tutors are emailed an extract to read and discuss with the pupils. The extracts are a mix of fiction and non-fiction texts with Key Stage 3 and 4 having different texts. So far we have read fiction texts, poetry and non-fiction extracts on how to draw and how to survive online and in the wild.





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## Vaccinations

Vaccination UK will be visiting Oakfield on 11/03/23 to offer Year 8 & 9 pupils important vaccinations. All parents will need to consent to their child having the vaccinations and should receive a link with all the information needed. The last vaccinations that took place within school were very successful, with one of the highest uptakes. Let's smash it again and protect our young people.



## Coffee Mornings

The Christmas breakfast themed coffee morning, was very successful with around 30 parents/carers attending along with the School Nurse, Dental Nurse and Aim higher. Mince pies and sausage sandwiches went down a treat and all parents who attended received a Christmas Hamper.

### Date for Diary:

The next coffee morning is planned for Thursday 21 March @ 09.30 everyone welcome.



## Night Challenge 2023

Night Challenge is a 12 mile walk and is designed to bring young people face-to-face with the potentially devastating consequences of their actions during a series of challenges. Team work, communication, leadership and relationship building are also primary objectives. This year's event will be held on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March. Oakfield has two teams entered (both consisting of 5 pupils). Wish them luck!!



### The great debate!

A question posed by one of our Year 11 students:

Pineapple on pizza? Yes or No?

**ENJOY A WELL EARNED REST OVER HALF TERM!**