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**Welcome** to issue 22 of the Oakfield School newsletter. Even though it has been another short half term, there has been plenty going on both in and out of school.

You will find attached to this newsletter guidance from the NHS about when to keep your child off school. Scan the QR code for more information.



## Work Experience

A number of pupils in Key stage 4 have taken part in work experience over the spring term. Pupils have attended Swift Caravans, Creature Cabin, Brown Sugar, Village Retreat, Savoy Tyres, Auto Technia and Northcott school. Many of the pupils found the placements a highly enjoyable and interesting experience.

At Oakfield, we value the importance of work experience. It can help a young person to develop essential employability skills and personal qualities such as: communication, confidence, maturity, team work, time management and problem solving. Additionally, it looks great on a CV for the future!

## STEM

This term 8 students were selected to take part in an escape room trip for their hard work in one or more STEM subjects and they had a fantastic morning. They showed some amazing teamwork and problem-solving skills. Behaviour was overall extremely positive, and they were a credit to Oakfield. Thanks to all the teachers who nominated and encouraged students to take part in this initiative and the staff that supported on the day.

## Personalised Learning Curriculum (PLC)

During this last half term the Personalised Learning Curriculum (PLC) students have undertaken a huge range of activities. Each day, after completing English and Maths, they head out for wider curriculum sessions. These last few weeks have seen them litter picking, fishing, bowling, playing crazy golf and visiting an abandoned village, to name but a few. The best day was a trip to York Birds of Prey Centre. Our students and staff were lucky enough to handle various birds including owls and a golden eagle. More activities are already being planned for next term, but we'll definitely be revisiting the birds of prey in the near future.



## Careers Theme Day

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March, the school held a Careers theme day. Various companies from around the city were invited into the school to run workshop sessions for the pupils.

In attendance were Cranswick Foods, Humberside Fire Service, Danny Clarke and First Aid Friends.

In addition to the external companies, we offered a plumbing workshop and a rugby skill session, which was delivered by a current pupil who has a scholarship with Hull KR. The day was a great success, with many pupils taking part in activities directly linked to the world of work.



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## Duke of Edinburgh Award

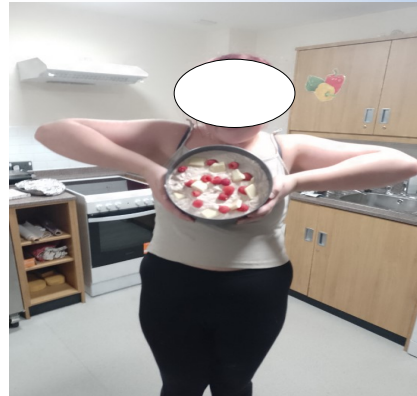
The pupils have now finished three out of four sections of the award: Volunteering, Skill and Physical. Pupils received their sectional certificates and they will now be working on Expedition Preparation moving into the summer term. WELL DONE YEAR 10!!!!



## Residential

With fishing season nearly upon us and hopefully some drier weather, the residential pupils have been researching new fishing ponds to try out in the summer term.

Our nightly activities have been mostly visiting local ponds to see if they are suitable. Both of the residential pupils have enjoyed putting forward their suggestions and we have hopefully found some locations where we will be spending the warmer nights. Both peers have also enjoyed baking this term, with cheesecake being a firm favourite. They have shown their independence skills by shopping for ingredients and following various recipes and have created some really nice desserts, which have been enjoyed by all.



## Outdoor Education: Year 9

3G have completed their NIBAS Level 1 'Introduction to Bouldering'. All of the pupils have worked extremely hard; they have explored body movement and improved their own ability. WELL DONE 3G!!!!



## SMSC

Each term school undertakes lessons in a different SMSC (Social, Moral, Spiritual, Cultural) topic. Since Christmas our topic has been "waste" with students studying what happens with their own household waste, the importance of recycling etc. Next term the theme is "food". We also have a termly whole school SMSC target,



## Staff CPD

Congratulations to both Chris and Ste, who have completed a British Cycling MTB Coach course this term. This course will be extremely beneficial for pupils moving forwards when it comes to biking on Outdoor Education! Well done.





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## Vaccinations

On Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> March, Vaccination UK visited Oakfield school to vaccinate the pupils who had consent from parents/carers. We had a very good uptake and some of our young people had 3 vaccines at once. All pupils showed maturity, engagement and respect to the nurses and staff, who have asked us to thank all of the pupils that took part for their co-operation and engagement. They also stated that they had been made to feel very welcomed. Jackie and the rest of the staff were very proud of all the pupils who took part, as they were amazing ambassadors for the school.



Any parents/carers who missed the deadline to complete the consent forms, or whose child was absent on the day, can contact Vaccination UK on 01482 453690 and they will be able to provide details of catch up vaccination clinics in their area.



## Dates for Diary:

The next coffee mornings are on the following dates:

- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March - 09.30
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May - 09.30

To reserve a place please text Jackie (Parent Liaison) 07716085868

## Safeguarding

Some useful links have been added to the school website to support parents in keeping children safe online. We have also added a link, which provides an easy step-by-step guide to support parents in implementing parental controls on children's devices. If you have any questions or would like some advice or support, please get in touch and one of the safeguarding leads will be happy to help.

## Night Challenge 2024

On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 6 pupils took part in the 'Night Challenge'. The 'Night Challenge' consists of a 12 mile walk, in the dark, whilst following the story based around knife crime and child criminal exploitation.

The pupils had to work as a team, communicate effectively and demonstrate leadership skills throughout the course of the walk. A big well done to all pupils who managed to complete the walk, which took 7 hours and finished at 01:30! Thank you to the staff, who volunteered their time, to ensure that the walk could happen.

The Night Challenge is organised each year by the Community Safety Unit at Humberside Police, who work with local organisations like Humberside Fire and Rescue Service, Yorkshire Ambulance Service and Yorkshire 4X4 Response. The event is made possible due to principal sponsors, the Tribune Trust.



**HAVE A WONDERFUL BREAK AND ENJOY THE EASTER HOLIDAY!**