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Welcome to issue 31 of the Oakfield School newsletter. We've reached the end of what seems like the longest half term. The summer break is a distant memory, with the nights drawing in and Hull fair having been and gone.

We've welcomed several new starters into the main school and the Year 7 students are finding their feet over in the Rowan building.

Personalised Learning Curriculum- PLC

September brought a fantastic fresh start for the PLC Group, and what an adventure it's been already! Old friends have reunited, new faces have joined, and everyone's settled in with smiles and laughter all around. We've had some amazing days out — our trip to Skelf Island at Castle Howard was full of climbing, exploring, and plenty of giggles. The group showed brilliant teamwork and bravery as they tackled the challenges together! Our country walks have been just as exciting, especially the lovely stroll to North Ferriby, where we made some new four-legged friends — the horses! And, of course, swimming sessions have been a big hit, with lots of splashing, smiling, and growing confidence in the water. It's been a brilliant start to the year for the PLC Group, full of fun, friendship, and fresh adventures — we can't wait to see what's next!



Allotment

We have had some great food harvested from our allotment this autumn, including carrots, beetroots and tomatoes. A massive shout out to one of our Year 7 pupils for all of his hard work out in the allotment.



Creative ALP Year 8

The Year 8 students have made their transition over to the main school building. Each Wednesday they now go off the school site to take part in Creative ALP. This involves a wide range of activities from visiting farms, cycling, doing treasure hunts and fishing. Sometimes the three Year 8 classes go out separately, at other times the students have the opportunity to choose activities and go out in different groups. Lots of new skills are being developed.



ECO-Warriors

Our new eco-warriors committee have been recruiting this term, as well as setting up a recycling challenge and a survey that ran during recycling week. They are determined to make a difference and improve our school's eco-friendly culture.



Duke of Edinburgh Award

Most of the new Year 10's have thrown themselves into the Duke of Edinburgh Award this term and have been beach cleaning at Kilnsea Beach, completing navigation tasks, paddle boarding and bouldering already.





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Coffee Morning

The first coffee morning of the year was well attended by parents and carers. The School Nurse services also attended, providing information for parents and young people. Intranet safety and parental experiences were discussed at length, with parents sharing hints and tips around keeping their children safe. Parents also shared information around available activities for SEND children, such as SEND cinema sessions. All parents/carers that attended were entered into a free prize draw and the lucky winner received a hamper of cleaning products.

Our next parent/carers coffee morning will be held on December 4th, with lots of Christmas themed giveaways to be had.

Useful Links:

<https://hullsendlocaloffer.org.uk/>

Some dates for your diary:

- Pupils and staff flu vaccines: 06/11/25 (Catch ups 26/11/25)
- Parent/Carer Coffee Morning : 04/12/25
- Years 10 and 11 Careers event : 12/02/26

Hello Yellow:

Supporting Young People's Mental Health ♥

Staff wore yellow to show their support and raise awareness for young people's mental health. To mark the occasion, we shared sweet treats in the staff room, creating a moment of connection and positivity. Tutor groups also received special packs to encourage mindful colouring, helping to promote calm and reflection among students.

STEM

This term students have been given the opportunity to engage with National Fitness Day, Recycling week and World Octopus Day.

Artwork of the month(s)

Two Year 8 pupils have been awarded "artwork of the month" for September and October. Both artworks feature pencil work that have concentrates of vibrant colour combinations that have been blended really carefully to create extreme contrasting colours. Both of these excellent pieces have human figures as the centrepiece - a subject that is quite difficult to draw, so this shows the skills of our artists at Oakfield in Year 8. A really successful set of work!



For your information:

There are no consistently scheduled "SEND sessions" or Autism Friendly screenings advertised for Hull cinemas, but you should check specific venues like [Reel Cinemas](#), [Cineworld](#), and [Odeon](#) directly. The [Hull SEND Local Offer](#) Instagram page mentions screenings for SEND audiences between 10:30 and 14:30 Mondays to Wednesdays at [Hull Truck Theatre](#) and offers a contact number, but this is not for the major chain cinemas.



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Safeguarding Focus at Oakfield: Online Safety for Pupils with SEND

At Oakfield, keeping our pupils safe online is just as important as keeping them safe in the real world. Many of our young people enjoy using technology to learn, play, and stay connected — but we know that children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) can be more vulnerable to online risks such as scams, bullying, or inappropriate content. That's why we take extra care to teach digital safety in a way that meets each child's needs. Our pupils learn about online boundaries, recognising safe and unsafe situations, and knowing which trusted adults they can talk to if something doesn't feel right. It is important to help pupils understand how to stay safe and make positive choices online.

We also encourage families to continue these conversations at home. Some easy ways to help your child include:

- Using parental controls and privacy settings on apps, games, and devices.
- Talking regularly about what they enjoy doing online and who they talk to.
- Reminding them to never share personal information or passwords.
- Encouraging open communication — children should always feel they can come to you or a trusted adult if something worries them.

If you'd like support with managing online safety at home, please visit www.thinkuknow.co.uk for advice tailored to children with additional needs.

Helpful Online Safety Tools & Resources

Below are some trusted online safety resources that parents and children can use together at home. These websites offer advice, parental controls, and educational activities to help families stay safe online.

Advice, Guides & Educational Support

- [UK Safer Internet Centre — Parents & Carers](#)
- [Internet Matters — Parental Controls & Safety Guides](#)
- [CEOP Education — Parents & Carers](#)
- [NSPCC — Online Safety Hub](#)
- [Parentkind — Online Safety Toolkit](#)



HAVE A SPOOKTACULAR HALF TERM BREAK!