

THE OAKFIELD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our School Newsletter

*We're delighted to
share the latest
news and updates
from Oakfield
School!*

Issue 33

Welcome to Issue 33 of the Oakfield School Newsletter – our first edition of 2026!

The days are getting longer and the nights lighter as we move towards Spring.

Around the school, classrooms and corridors have been refreshed, and all the displays are looking fantastic!

The school has been a hive of activity, with lots of exciting events happening both on and off site.

Everyone is now looking forward to a well-deserved week off – the perfect opportunity to relax, recharge, and refresh!

EMPOWERING PUPILS, CREATING OPPORTUNITIES



THE CONSORTIUM ACADEMY TRUST

Shaping Positive Futures



Year 8's taking in the views

YEAR 8 CREATIVE ALP SPRING TERM

Engagement in Year 8 Creative ALP continues to grow, with pupils embracing a wide range of enriching experiences. Recently, they have enjoyed a visit to Hull Community Farm, a countryside walk at Bishop Wilton, campfires on Barmston Beach, and mountain biking sessions.

Despite some days of inclement weather, pupils have shown great enthusiasm and resilience, continuing to enjoy and benefit from these wider curriculum opportunities.

ONLINE SAFETY HUMBERSIDE POLICE

Year 11 pupils recently participated in an Online Safety Escape Room delivered by Humberside Police. All pupils engaged positively and thoroughly enjoyed the interactive and thought-provoking learning experience.

OAKFIELD BECOMES AN ACADEMY - A NEW ERA!

Oakfield School joins The Consortium Academy Trust (TCAT)

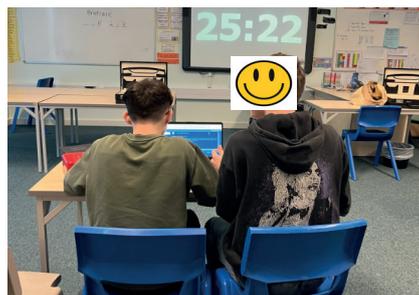
Oakfield School is delighted to announce that, on 1st February, we formally joined The Consortium Academy Trust, marking a significant and positive milestone for both organisations.

By converting to academy status, the school has become part of a strong, local Academy Trust and will play a key role within its growing network of schools across the city and the wider region. This partnership will provide valuable opportunities for collaboration, shared expertise, and continued development, all in support of delivering the very best outcomes for our pupils.

Ian Furlong, Chair of The Consortium Academy Trust, and Lizann Lowson, CEO of The Consortium Academy Trust, welcomed the school, saying:

"It gives us great pleasure, on behalf of the Trust, to formally welcome Oakfield School as it joins The Consortium Academy Trust. This is an important and positive milestone, as we are joined by a school whose expertise, values and commitment to supporting children with social, emotional and mental health needs enriches and strengthens our entire community."

We believe that every child deserves access to high-quality education, tailored support, and opportunities that reflect their potential. The addition of Oakfield enhances our ability to deliver on that promise. We look forward to learning from Oakfield's expertise, sharing best practice across our schools, and collaborating in ways that ensure the very best outcomes for all the young people we serve."



Pupils working hard to solve the escape room

National Apprenticeship Week 2026

9–15 February 2026

Theme: Skills for Life – It All Starts with Skills

Oakfield will be supporting National Apprenticeship Week (NAW) with a comprehensive programme of employer encounters, assemblies, CPD sessions, and parental engagement activities. To maximise impact across all year groups, these events will extend beyond the designated week, ensuring meaningful and lasting engagement for our school community.

Pre-NAW Activity

Thursday 6 February

- Springfield Health 'work experience' talk. Audience: Years 9 & 10

National Apprenticeship Week Activities

Tuesday 10 February

- Sewell – Digital Construction Experience (all day) Audience: 8 selected pupils
- Year 11 Big Apprenticeship Assembly (online)
- Careers CPD Training Audience: All staff

Wednesday 11 February

- Careers Theme Day-Whole-school focus on meaningful encounters with employers

Thursday 12 February

- KS4 Parents & Carers Coffee Morning-Focus on Post-16 Pathways

Post-NAW Follow-Up Activities

Thursday 26 February

- East Riding College Apprenticeship Talk Audience: all KS4 pupils

Monday 2 March

- Hobson & Porter Site Tour (Anlaby) Audience: 8 pupils

Monday 9 March

- HETA Engineering Apprenticeship Talk Opt-in, Year 9 and above

Thursday 12 March

- Cranswick Mock Interviews – Year 11
- Equans STEM Activity – Audience: opt in KS4 pupils

Wednesday 25 March

- Year 8 Work Experience Morning (on site) Delivered by Different Resonance





Bouldering

ALP being put through their paces.

Year 7

STEM Fun

The Year 7 pupils have been using their English curriculum to inspire STEM investigations, including writing instructions for their perfect cup of tea and experimenting with the strength of structures to build their own versions of the house from their current text, **The Spiderwick Chronicles: The Field Guide**.



Year 11

Fundraising

Fundraising for the annual Year 11 Blackpool trip is underway! 33 sweet treat boxes were made, **raising £198!**

Delicious sweet treat boxes!

Vocational Pathway

The Vocational Pathway pupils have continued their Outdoor Education curriculum this half term with great enthusiasm. They have progressed with their **NIBAS Bouldering Level 1 Award**, focusing on developing effective body positioning and precise foot placement.

Making the most of the wet weather, pupils have also taken part in shelter-building activities, exploring different ways to use a tarpuline effectively. In addition, they have learned how to light their own fires safely and have continued to enjoy preparing and cooking their own food, further developing their independence and practical life skills.

Duke of Edinburgh

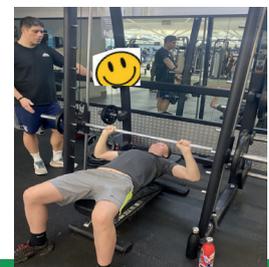
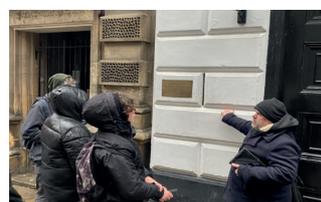
Silver & Bronze Awards

Silver:

The KS4 Vocational Pathway pupils have been working hard in English and Maths lessons before heading out on their DofE sessions. This half term, the DofE Silver group requested to complete some sessions at Total Fitness as part of the Physical section of their award. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed a PT session with Lee Thompson. Following a mock exam, the group headed to the beach for burgers in the rain—an enjoyable way to round off the day!

Bronze:

Our DofE Bronze group has continued their Volunteering section on Friday mornings at Tophill Low Nature Reserve, where the pupils helped protect ground-nesting birds by cutting back predator perches. Just last week, they enjoyed a walking tour of Hull's Old Town with Amazing Hull Tours, learning about its history and hearing a few ghost stories along the way.



Safeguarding Update!

Safeguarding at Oakfield School

Safeguarding is central to everything we do. As part of this, we follow the Prevent duty, a safeguarding responsibility shared by all schools across the UK. Prevent is about protecting children and young people from being drawn into radicalisation or extremist ideologies, and ensuring they feel safe, supported, and able to talk about any worries.

What is radicalisation?

Radicalisation is a gradual process where someone may adopt extreme views that could cause harm to themselves or others. For children and young people with Special Educational Needs (SEN), this can sometimes happen unintentionally, particularly if they:

- Are socially isolated or feel misunderstood
- Take information very literally
- Have difficulty recognising manipulation or hidden agendas
- Spend unsupervised time online

This does not mean children with SEN are more likely to be radicalised, but they may need extra support and guidance to stay safe.

How parents and carers can help at home

You play a vital role in keeping children safe. Simple actions can make a big difference:

Take an interest in your child's online activity

- Encourage open conversations about ideas and information
- Watch for changes in behaviour or language
- Set clear boundaries online
- Reassure your child that curiosity is normal and questions are welcome

What to do if you are worried

If something doesn't feel right, trust your instincts. You can:

- Ask for advice – contact the Designated Safeguarding Leads at the school
- Visit www.counterterrorism.police.uk/what-we-do/prevent or guidance

Working together

Prevent is not about blame or punishment – it is about early help, understanding, and protection. By working together, we can ensure our pupils feel safe, valued, and supported to develop healthy views of the world around them.

Leanne Middleton & Jayne Oakley

Designated Safeguarding Leads

International LEGO Day

This month, we joined the world in celebrating all things LEGO and the creativity and joy it inspires.

To mark the occasion, we ran extra break and lunch clubs, and some teachers even incorporated Lego activities into their lessons for the day.



Enjoying international lego day.

Tea Club

We have launched a new Tea Club for KS4 pupils, giving them a space of their own to relax and socialise during breaks and lunchtimes.



The set up for tea club.

Something for the holidays:

healthy holidays half term

with free food included

free activities for school aged children and young people living in Hull



Starting Monday 16 February throughout the school holidays

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