



# Oakfield School



**Welcome** to issue 25 of the Oakfield School newsletter. Already, the long break over summer seems like a distant memory, with Hull Fair having been and gone and the nights getting longer.

Our new Year 7 students are settling in nicely to the Rowan building and we've welcomed several other new starters into classes in the main building.

### Personalised Learning Curriculum - PLC

This half term has seen a continuation of many activities on the PLC and a few new ones. Our growing cohort of students has led to the team running two separate groups on most days. Recent highlights have included the Bridlington Old Town Treasure Trail. Students chose to go into a museum en route and were invited into the Priory Church for a cuppa and chat with members of the public.

Fishing continues to be popular activity along with a weekly walk in the countryside. Our relationship with Berkeley House nursing home is stronger than ever following our recent visit. We intend to attend one of their choir sessions in the near future.

### Creative ALP Year 8

This term we had our first pupil ever to have success with the fire roll, The Fire Roll was invented in early 19th century, which is credited to the German survivalist Rudiger Nehberg, but apparently this was first used by World War II prisoners to light cigarettes. Flammable plant fibres (e.g. cotton wool) are rolled up with ash between two planks of wood, the friction of the fibres with the carbon (ash) causes the fibres to ignite and smoulder.



### Creative ALP Year 9

Year 9's have been looking at how to create an effective shelter to protect them from the poor weather we have experienced this half term. The shelter of choice was the tarp tent that a few were keen to sleep overnight in.



### A Well-Deserved Award

Congratulations to Julie in the Kitchen, who has been awarded a regional certificate in recognition of her excellent work for Robertsons Catering, the Company who run the Canteen at Oakfield

Julie has led her team to receive a Food Hygiene 5\* rating by the Foods Standards Agency 'Team Oakfield' is very proud!



### Duke of Edinburgh Award

Year 10 have begun their Bronze Award, completing a variety of physical tasks. This has ranged from Paddlesports to a remote walk in the local area. We have started our conservation section and discussed how we can make a difference to the environment in our local area.





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## EV Cars

We have invested in some new Electric Vehicles in our push to reduce the school's carbon emissions. The Department for Education wants all schools to reduce their carbon emissions by 50% by 2030 and this is our first main step in achieving this. We have also secured 2 additional Electric Vehicles to add to our fleet, and they are due to arrive in November.

Hopefully, we will have some permanent charging points in place for January 2025, where staff may be able to charge their own vehicles too. Again, adding to our push in reducing the school's carbon emissions.

To support the DfE's Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy, the school is also looking to increase the amount of recycling we undertake..... look out for some new shiny bins arriving in the coming weeks/ months.

If any of the students would like to get involved in the schools target in reducing our carbon emissions, please speak to your tutor staff.



## Artwork of the month

Our first project back for one of our year groups was 'Iconic Illustrations'. Pupils were shown how to recreate a portrait of a well-known character and add appropriate colour, shading and tone. This incredible visual of Deadpool was drawn freehand and shaded to give realistic effect. This definitely deserved artwork of the month!



## Hull KR Open Training

Earlier this month, Hull KR had an open training session and we were fortunate enough to be able to take some of our students to watch and meet some of the players!



## Staff CPD

On the 7<sup>th</sup> September representatives from our school attended the researchED 2024 conference in London. Steph and Lee boarded the 6:00am train and enjoyed highly Informative CPD sessions on curriculum, assessment, general pedagogy, CPDL provision, and pastoral care.



**HAVE A SPOOKTACULAR HALF TERM!**