



# Oakfield School

**Welcome** to issue 29 of the Oakfield School newsletter. This half term seems to have flown by! The warmer weather is finally here, with the Summer Term in full swing. Exam season has started and it has been another busy half term. Soon we will be saying goodbye to all our year 11's and we wish them all the best with their exams.

## Personalised Learning Curriculum - PLC

The Personalised Learning Curriculum cohort of students have been enjoying the improved weather. We have a different group of students attending Nunny's Farm in Grimsby each week, working towards their AQA short award. Some students have also recently completed an award in fishing, learning new skills such as tying hooks and handling fish.

Other recent activities have included cooking, beach visits, visiting a birds of prey centre and taking a therapy dog for a walk.



## Allotment

As Spring has firmly taken hold the allotment is starting to come back to life, with the potatoes, tomatoes and strawberries all doing very well. A massive thanks to pupils in 3A for all their help planting and watering; if any other students or staff want to get involved just let Maria know.



## History Trip

Year 11 History pupils have completed their OCR Entry Level course. These pupils worked hard to complete a project about Clifford's Tower in York, and they also visited the historical site.



## Intra-school football

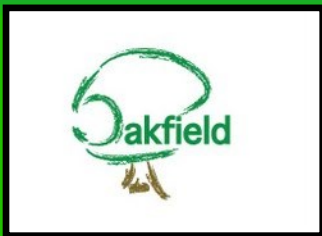
The main school and the PLC took two teams to Soccer Kings for three games of football. It was an evenly matched, competitive event with both sides showing good teamwork, skill and commitment. PLC came out as the winners, 2 games to 1.



## Organ Systems

Our year 8 pupils have been studying organs and organ systems this term. They had the opportunity to dissect some lambs' eyes to see a physical example of what they had learned. Not for the faint hearted, they did well and all joined in. They were able to distinguish the optic nerve, iris, lens and pupil.





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## ALP

The ALP cohort completed a bike ride to Hornsea to raise funds for the Year 11 Leavers' Trip. The pupils cycled from Ellerby to Hornsea, 20km in 1hr 15minutes. WELL DONE!!!!



## Year 7 Outdoor Education

Year 7 continued their Outdoor Education programme this half term with a variety of activities such as fossil hunting, orienteering, and navigation. This week they have visited the Yorkshire Wildlife Park to complement their English lessons based on "The One and Only Ivan" by Katherine Applegate.



## STEM Challenge

Some of the year 9's have been busy designing and building a materials handling project, to lift and position blocks to rebuild a pyramid in a new location. This project will finish with a challenge at the Lincolnshire Showground on the 10<sup>th</sup> July, where the students will get the chance to demonstrate their crane and compete against other schools.



## Artwork of the Month

During this half of the Summer term, year 9 pupils have been painting landscapes using acrylic paint, learning how to layer and blend colour and texture. This is an excellent example of landscape painting from one of our pupils, who has focused on landscapes from space. The perspective is seen as though they are on another planet!



## Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh

The team that started this year have all completed three sections of their D of E Award: volunteering, skills and physical. The Year 10's have been working hard to plan their upcoming expedition; the pupils have planned their route and worked out the time it will take them to venture across the North Yorkshire Moors. They have also been looking at expedition food and what they can eat that will be light to carry but enough to give them plenty of energy. More to follow in the next newsletter.



## THEME DAY

This half-term's Theme Day was focussed around celebrating pride in our community. Pupils undertook a range of activities from celebrating sports in the city to litter picking in the local park. Students engaged well with all the activities that were on offer!







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## Important message/information from our safeguarding team:

### Understanding Contextual Safeguarding in Hull: Keeping Our Children Safe Beyond the School Gates

As part of our continued commitment to the safety and wellbeing of our students, we want to raise awareness of contextual safeguarding — a critical approach that recognises young people are often at risk of harm in the environments outside of their homes, such as in schools, peer groups, online spaces, and the wider community.

### Why is Contextual Safeguarding Important in Hull?

In Hull, like many other areas, young people may face complex risks linked to:

- Peer pressure and exploitation
- Gang involvement or county lines activity
- Online grooming and harmful content
- Exposure to drugs, alcohol, or antisocial behaviour in the community

### What Can You Do as a Parent or Carer?

You can support your child's safety by:

- Talking openly with your child about their friendships and where they spend time
- Being aware of sudden changes in behaviour or routines
- Monitoring online activity and setting appropriate boundaries
- Reporting concerns early — no worry is too small

### Key Contacts for Safeguarding in Hull:

- Hull Children's Social Care – 01482 448 879 (Option 2 for safeguarding concerns)
- Out of Hours Emergency Duty Team – 01482 300 304
- Humberside Police (non-emergency) – 101
- Childline – 0800 1111 (Free and confidential for young people)
- NSPCC Helpline – 0808 800 5000

If you have any safeguarding concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at school. Together, we can help keep all our children safe, supported, and thriving.

Thank you for being a vital part of our safeguarding community.

Leanne Middleton & Jayne Oakley  
Designated Safeguarding Leads

**ENJOY YOUR HALF TERM BREAK!**