

End of Term, July 2025

18th July 2025



Dear Parents,

A fond farewell to our wonderful Year 8s and a warm welcome to our new Year 5s. As we come to the end of this academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and partnership. It has been a year of significant change at Oakfield – for pupils, staff and leadership – and with change often comes challenge. However, I am incredibly proud of the resilience shown by our entire school community in navigating these changes together.

Progress and Improvements

Over the past year, we have focused heavily on raising standards in behaviour, academic performance, and school culture. We are pleased to report improvements in behaviour, supported by the introduction of our Reflection Room and Conduct Cards, which have helped maintain purposeful learning environments and safe, calm corridors. We will be making a few adjustments to our Behaviour Policy in September to ensure consistency in how expectations are applied across the school.

If a pupil is sent to the Reflection Room following a warning, they will be expected to complete an afterschool detention. We will continue to make reasonable adjustments for pupils with SEND, and we value working closely with families to support each pupil's development. The best outcomes – academically, socially, and behaviourally – always come from strong collaboration between school and home.

Our work on expectations continues into the next academic year with a focus on consistency and clarity. Staff development will be supported through Tom Sherrington's WalkThrus, enabling us to embed routines and expectations through direct, guided practice with pupils. This will help ensure that our classrooms and communal spaces are calm, respectful, and positive.

Student Voice and Pupil Leadership

Our Academy Council has had a strong voice this year, helping us shape our policies, routines and learning environment. Thanks to their honest feedback and commitment to improvement, we will be making changes to the girls' toilets over the summer and have already made changes to our marking and feedback policy based on their recommendations. We are incredibly proud of their work, including their contribution to community projects alongside the Town Council.

A Quieter, Calmer Lunchtime

We have made changes to the lunchtime environment to create a calmer and more comfortable space for pupils to eat and relax. Feedback from both staff and students has been very positive, and we will continue to review and refine this in the new academic year.

Communication and Parent Partnership

We are committed to improving communication with parents next year. To support this, we are launching a Parent Working Group. If you are interested in joining, please email the school office. The first meeting will be held on Thursday 11th September at 5pm. Your views are valued and we'd love to hear from you.

New House System

We're excited to launch a new Oakfield House System in September. Pupils will belong to one of four houses – Earth, Fire, Water and Air – reflecting the natural substances of our world. This will further strengthen our sense of community, belonging and teamwork across the school.

Acknowledging Rapid Improvement

Our recent Ofsted report recognised the rapid progress and effective improvement being made across the school. While we acknowledge there is still work to do, particularly in academic achievement and behaviour, the feedback confirms that we are on the right path and making meaningful, sustainable changes.



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Uniform and Equipment Expectations

Please can we ask for your help in ensuring your child arrives to school appropriately dressed and equipped for learning.

Essential Equipment:

- School Bag - should be large enough to accommodate an A4 folder - no handbags or fashion bags
- Pencil Case - containing pens, pencils, ruler eraser, colouring pencils, sharpener, glue stick
- Mathematics - calculator, geometry set
- Books - journal, reading book
- Design Technology - equipment as necessary to lessons including cookery ingredients

Compulsory Uniform:

- Burgundy sweatshirt: with a V neck and Oakfield logo
- Burgundy and grey striped school tie
- White school shirt: button to neck with the top button fastened, ties to be worn to cover all buttons, either short or long sleeves. Vests or t-shirts worn under the shirt for warmth, must be plain white
- Plain black tailored school skirt: skirts are to be worn at a respectable length (no stretchy or tube styles)
- Plain black tailored shorts: a respectable length
- Plain black, tailored, full length trousers (no jeggings, jeans or other fashion styles)
- Footwear: plain black shoes or boots (flat, not platform, wedge heeled, no buckles or studs) or plain black trainers (no coloured flashes/logos or white soles)
- Plain socks: plain black or white, knee length or ankle socks (no logos)
- Tights: black opaque tights (no leggings or white socks worn with black tights)
- Coat: Plain weatherproof coat - denim is not acceptable. No hoodies

Thank You to Friends of Oakfield

A huge thank you to the Friends of Oakfield for their dedication and hard work in fundraising this year. The total raised was in excess of £1,500.00 – a fantastic achievement that directly benefits our pupils. If you would like to support events next year, please contact Tessa at Oakfield@oakfield.mnsp.org.uk.

Safeguarding During the Summer

Safeguarding remains our top priority, even during the holidays. I will be checking my email every Tuesday throughout the summer. If you have urgent concerns about a child's welfare, please contact Somerset Children's Social Care or the police in an emergency. For non-urgent matters or if you need support, you can contact me at: ethomas@oakfield.mnsp.org.uk.

Arbor Pay – A New Payment System

As you will have read recently in our Newsletter, Oakfield has introduced a new information system for parents called Arbor. This has a Parent Portal which can be accessed by laptop/computer as well as an app for mobile devices. The portal and the app are now live for parents to access, and we would encourage all parents to register with Arbor as soon as possible. As well as allowing you to see registration and medical information which Oakfield holds, you will also be able to see your child's timetable and attendance and behaviour data as well as school communications. From September 2025 you will be able to make payments for items such as trips and the School Uniform Shop. Arbor will become the single point of access for information. Please click this link - <https://oakfieldacademy.co.uk/parents/arbor-parent-portal> for instructions on how to access the Arbor Pay and use the payment part of the system. If you have any questions or issues with logging on, please email: oakfield@oakfield.mnsp.org.uk

This year has been one of reflection, resilience and progress. I am proud of what we have achieved together and look forward to building on these foundations in the new academic year. I wish all our families a restful, safe and enjoyable summer break.

Warmest regards,



Emma Thomas
Head of School