# Half Term Update



Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020

### Dear Parents,

We are really proud of how students have adjusted to the new way of life at Oakfield Academy and the recent tweaks to the school day and approach to learning. Your fabulous encouragement, resilience and support can be seen with 97% of pupils in attendance today!

## After half term the following changes will be in place:

## Uniform:

Pupils are expected to wear school uniform as outlined in our uniform policy unless they have PE scheduled. On days where pupils have PE they are expected to wear their Oakfield PE kits. Should you need to order any items of our uniform please follow the link:

https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=1074

Oakfield Fundraisers will be holding a second hand uniform and winter coats sale at the academy in the outside classroom on the yard on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, from 12-3pm. Please enter the academy via the red gates. Donations for items in cash only please.

## PE:

As we move towards winter the weather inevitably declines. The majority of our PE will take place outside, however, we are looking to find solutions to work within government guidelines to offer more inside PE when the weather is very poor. We ask that you provide your child with suitable clothing for outside PE experiences, including a waterproof coat and if possible a spare pair of trainers/shoes to swap into in the event they get wet.

#### After School Clubs:

We are now in a position to consider running after school clubs for each year group, after half term. We will communicate which clubs will be available in due course.

#### **Arrival Times:**

Thanks to the prompt arrival of our pupils, we can make our staggered starts less staggered!

Years 5 & 6 – 8:25am

Year 7 & 8 – 8:35am

Gates will now be closed at 8:45am, bringing us closer to the traditional closing time of 8:40am.

#### Assessment and Curriculum:

Following our period of adjustment and teacher assessments of pupils, we will be running more formal assessments in the first couple of weeks after half term to support us in further identifying gaps in learning for individual pupils. Whilst following the government guidance carefully we are exploring creative solutions to enable us to set our pupils where appropriate. We will communicate our plans by email after half term.

Wishing you all a wonderful half term break, starting on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October and looking forward to seeing you all again on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss Emma Wilkes Headteacher



