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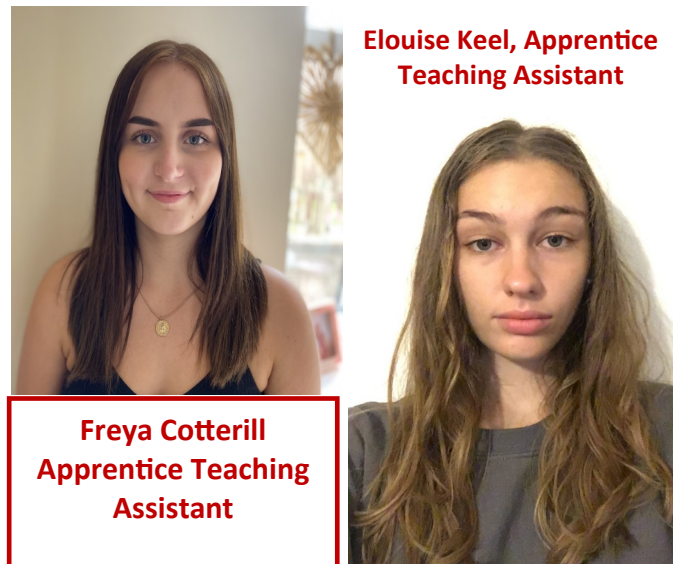
WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF

Melissa Pike
who joins us
as a
Year 5 Tutor



Stuart Crook-Wynn, Year 7 Tutor and Teacher of
English and History

Elouise Keel, Apprentice
Teaching Assistant



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If you would like further information on any of the items in the newsletter, please contact the school office.

Follow us on Facebook and Twitter via our website.

A large font version of the newsletter is available from Reception.



NHS

The NHS team will be visiting the academy this term to carry out any missed vaccinations. Parents will be contacted directly by Somerset SAINT if their child has any vaccinations outstanding.



FLU VACCINATIONS FOR PUPILS IN YEARS 5, 6 AND 7 WILL TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2020. Please ensure you complete the on-line NHS link to ensure your child receives this treatment.



Congratulations to Miss Penny and Mrs Moore who have both recently completed 25 years service at Oakfield Academy. Each were presented with a Bay Tree to commemorate this fantastic achievement.



Please can we politely remind parents, if they have not already done so, to register for Parentpay. This is our primary form of contacting parents, including letters, messages and newsletters. Thank you.

Emailing the Academy

Please remember that as your child returns for the start of the new academic year, if you wish to contact their Tutor or Year Head you will need to use the relevant email address for their new Year Group:-

Year5@oakfieldacademy.org

Year6@oakfieldacademy.org

Year7@oakfieldacademy.org

Year8@oakfieldacademy.org

We also have a designated attendance email:-

SchoolAttendance@educ.somerset.gov.uk

As well as our general email:-

Oakfieldacademy@educ.somerset.gov.uk.

Thank you for your support.



Oakfield's Got Talent 2020

Once again a huge congratulations to all our 'virtual' OGT 2020 superstars. If you haven't already had a chance to view the show you can find it on our own Oakfield Academy YouTube channel. We owe a huge apology to Ben Porter (8R)who's video entry was misplaced and as a result never featured in the final edit. We have now added his video onto Youtube for all to enjoy as it really is impressive.

Well done Ben!

Science Department News

Our Science Department will be using Developing Experts to support science learning for all year groups All pupils will soon receive log-in details.



Parents and pupils are welcome to take a look at it

<https://www.developingexperts.com/>

Mr Gough
Head of Science

Google Classroom

Last academic year we were able to successfully use Google Classroom to support our pupils across a number of subjects. Google Classroom is a free and secure learning network for teachers, students and schools. It provides a safe way to connect, share lessons, access homework, participate in discussions and receive class information. Using Google Classroom allows your child to have access to tasks relevant to them and their subject at any time and is accessible online and through any mobile devices with internet capabilities—including iPhone, iPad and Android devices. Additionally, the use of Classroom will help keep students and parents informed of due dates for work and crucially will provide timely and helpful feedback including next steps challenges.

To access Google Classroom pupils can use their Oakfield specific gmail accounts, information on how to do this is underneath.

We have also created a video guide for yourselves and pupils to watch that will help them in accessing Gmail and Google Classroom; this can accessed through the link beneath, (be kind as it's my first instruction video!!)

https://youtu.be/iVPqQaTdJ4Q_

How to get connected

Your child will need to access their own Oakfield Google account in this format:

Pupil Email Addresses: Go to Gmail to login: <http://www.google.com/gmail>

Years 5, 6, 7, 8 format: for example Cath Bloggs is cath.bloggs@oakfieldacademy.org

Password: oakfield

It is advisable that your child changes their password when they login and share this with you!

- The default password is oakfield, which you should change when you log in for the first time.

To activate your child's account, go to the normal Google search page on the internet and click on the icon at the top right of the screen. It looks like a person, if you haven't already got a Google account open, or will simply have a small blue box labelled "sign in". It will then ask you to log in to your account. Once in, you will find an invitation to join the classrooms that have been set up for you.

Accept the invitation and you are away to the delights of an Oakfield virtual classroom!

Mr McGrath, Deputy Headteacher



If your child is in Year 6/8 and therefore enters the academy via the silver gates, they are still able to ride their bikes to school but will need to bring a padlock with them and secure their bike to the inside of the silver fence next to the Drama Studio.

THANK YOU

Following on from Miss Wilkes' letter yesterday, we would like to say a huge thank you to all our parents for helping with our requests to minimise numbers at the front of the academy during the different arrival times for our pupils. The situation has greatly improved and congestion has reduced enabling easier social distancing. Our other messages in the letter regarding pupils' appearance have also been supported, and we are all very grateful for your support.