



OAKFIELD ACADEMY  
BELIEVE AND ACHIEVE

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## December 2021



Sitting down to write a goodbye is hard, (especially for someone who talks as much as I do!), but sharing the message about how privileged I have felt to be part of the Oakfield community for the last 13 years means a lot to me and my family. I arrived a very brash and confident geography teacher who thought that he knew it all and could do it all. In some ways I suppose I still do think that, at least now I believe there is a touch of humility behind that! I look back now at the experiences that spikey haired, fresh-faced teacher went through and understand it has led me to where I am today; about to become a Headteacher. Even saying that sounds surreal, sounds like it's happening to someone else, but what I do know is that everything I have learnt here at Oakfield, all of the mistakes and success are going to make me a better teacher, headteacher and person. All of the experiences I've been part of; Charterhouse, China, Bristol, Bath, buses breaking down on trips, roofs leaking, snow days, sports days, bags on roofs, shoes on roofs, power cuts and the panic when a wasp gets into a classroom! All of which we have gone through together. The people here at Oakfield are amazing; are proud, ambitious, positive and supportive, and I will miss them all, both past and present.

That's what is all about; learning how to succeed when it becomes challenging, knowing what it feels like to get it right and how you can then support others with their own trials and tribulations.

Along the way we all get it wrong, but the recovery is important. We are all products of our experiences and as I move on to something different, unique, (we are moving to a village with only 1 pub and a shop!!!) and exciting, I know the Oakfield community will continue to support each other to be brilliant. Because you all are brilliant. **Mr McGrath**



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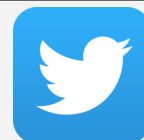
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# Diary Dates

16 Dec	Oakfield Academy Christmas Lunch Christmas Jumper Day
17 Dec	Last day of Term, <b>finish 2pm</b>
18 Dec – 3 Jan	Christmas Holidays
4 Jan	INSET day
5 Jan	Pupils return—Term 3
18 Mar	Yrs 5 6 7 School Photographs
w/c 6 Jun	Yr 8 Charterhouse Camps
6 7 8 Jun	Yr 6 day trips to Braeside
27 Jun—1 Jul	Yrs 7/8 France Trip

# VACANCY

## APPRENTICE TEACHING ASSISTANT LEVEL 3

**For full job description and  
application form, please use  
the following link:-**

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apprentice-teaching-assistant-  
level-3-1195042](https://www.eteach.com/job/apprentice-teaching-assistant-level-3-1195042)



**Welcome to Charlotte Clarke our  
new Peri Singing Teacher.  
If you are interested in singing up  
for lessons, please contact our  
Finance Office.**





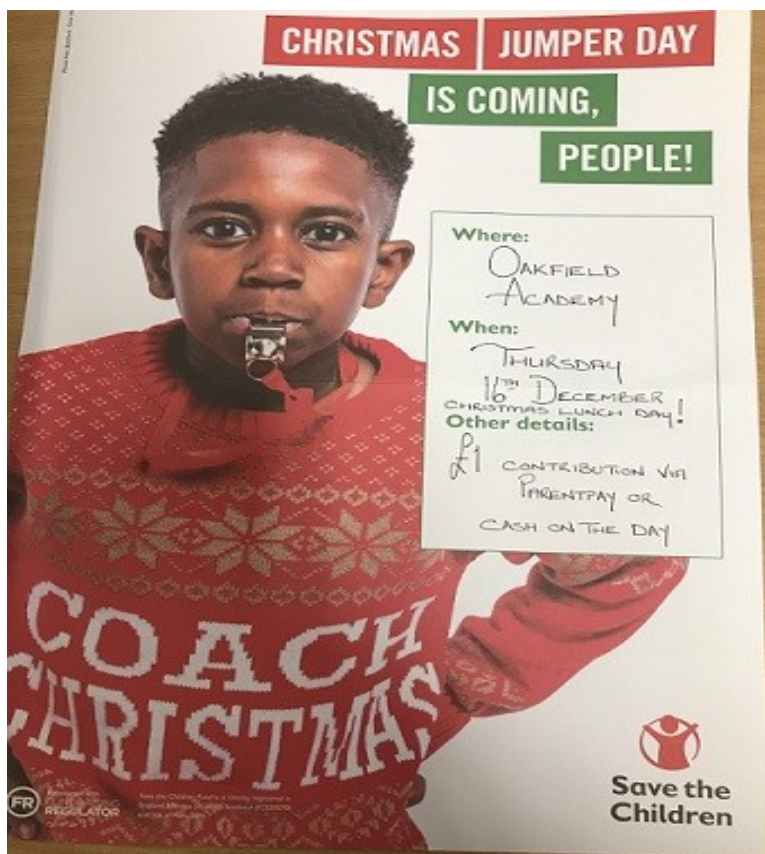


**Welcome to our new  
Pastoral Support  
Mentor,  
Mr Mark Barber, who  
starts working with us  
in January.**



**Despite the dreadful weather that Storm Barra threw at them, another group of our pupils completed Bikeability training this week. Special thanks to Steve and Mark from the Road Safety Team, and to parent helpers Mr Steel and Ms Turner—without their help the training couldn't take place.**





Don't forget, we close at 2pm next Friday, school bus times have been changed accordingly.

A special THANK YOU to Mr & Mrs Parfitt from Mrs Brooks and the Flexible Learning Group for the donation of these wonderful 'Christmas Swirls' - they were delicious.

## Year 6 visit to Braeside

Kindly note that the deadline for booking a place for your child and paying the deposit is the

**31st December 2021**



Despite appalling weather, Year 6 reached the Bristol Hippodrome to enjoy Snow White. Thank you to Mrs McGuinness and Mr Chappell for volunteering to help with the trip, it was a wonderful outing.