



OAKFIELD ACADEMY
BELIEVE AND ACHIEVE

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BRILLIANT BINGO!



RAPTUROUS RUGBY!

Our Year 7 boys rugby team did Oakfield Academy proud on Thursday 17th October, their attitude, effort and team work were amazing! At the final whistle, Oakfield players shook hands, congratulated Selwood for their efforts, and created a "clap tunnel" as Selwood left the pitch and gave them three cheers. Both sets of players were respectful towards myself as their referee for the duration and it was a pleasure to host such a competitive but fair match. The game finished with Oakfield scoring 12 tries to Selwood's 6. Congratulations! **Mr Fowler, Boy's PE.**



To everybody who supported our sell out Fundraising Bingo Evening.

The atmosphere was fantastic, with marvellous hampers and incredible raffle prizes. Our resident caller, Mrs Mallon, was on top form! An amazing £900 profit was raised for projects at the Academy!

OAKFIELD ACADEMY FUNDRAISERS

Next meeting (to discuss Christmas Fair)

Tuesday 12th November 2019

6pm, The Artisan Public House

EVERYBODY WELCOME !

ATTENTION YEAR EIGHT PARENTS

Please note that Tuesday 31st October 2019 is the deadline for applying for places for current Year 8 pupils to join Year 9 at Frome College in September 2020. Please complete your application as soon as possible if you are planning to transfer your child to Frome College. Thank you.



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SAD ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE YMCA, FROME

It is with sadness that we announce that from 1st November we have taken the decision to close Routes young people's drop-in centre in Frome. This is not a decision that has been taken lightly, but with funding decreasing and the changing needs of young people accessing the project, it has become unsustainable to continue.

However, existing YMCA housing projects and our YMCA Frome Youth and Community Centre are well placed to pick up some of this current work with young people.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank not just our dedicated staff team but funders and individuals who have helped make this project possible. Everybody at Oakfield Academy wishes them well and thanks them for the support they have offered us in the past.



CHRISTMAS CLOSURE
Please note that on Friday 20th December we close at 2.00pm. Thank you.

CHESS CHAMPION

Huge congratulations to Gabriel Keech from 6C who has been selected to represent England at the European Rapid & Blitz Chess Tournament (U10s) being held in Estonia in December. Gabriel has been playing chess with his mum since the age of 5. What a fantastic opportunity to visit another country and play chess at such a high level. Good Luck Gabriel !

IMPORTANT ROAD SAFETY UPDATE

Within the last week two of our pupils have been involved in seriously near misses whilst walking to or from the academy. One of the pupils was not concentrating, the other was deliberately endangering themselves and others with their inappropriate behaviour. As a result, we have been dealing with the extreme shock felt by pupils, drivers, parents and other witnesses.

Please could you reiterate to your child how they can keep themselves as safe as possible, and in particular:-

No mobile phone use while walking—wait until stopped and safe from distraction.

Balls must be carried in a bag.

If you're walking in a group that are not being safe or causing distraction, think carefully if you really want to walk together!

Use pavements and be considerate about letting other pedestrians have space to pass.

Look and listen both ways and repeat before deciding if it's clear to cross the road.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. 18 December 2019—Avon & Somerset Road Safety will speak with Years 5, 6 and 7 during assemblies following their successful talks with Year 8 in September.
2. Mendip County Roads are inspecting the yellow zigzag lines at the front of the academy to confirm if they need re-painting—DO NOT PULL UP OR DROP OFF HERE!.
3. We still have a vacancy for a Lollipop Person, please contact Mrs Wells our Business Manager if you are interested in the post.
4. Parent helper volunteers are always welcome to assist us monitoring the front of the academy at the start and finish of the day to ensure that the parking and dropping off restrictions and being adhered to.

Y8 Pupil Learning Discussions

This term members of the Senior Leadership Team will meet with every Year 8 pupil to discuss their upcoming Key Stage 4 option choices, as well as their own aspirations and goals as they move on through their education. Each pupil will have a time slot allocated to them on an appointment card and will be able to see how aspirational targets based on their attainment and efforts are created. They will not need to bring anything with them, they will just need to think about these two questions before they meet with their senior leader;

- (1) What will success look like for you in the future?
- (2) What are you doing already that will help you achieve your goals in Key Stage 4?

We hope to then meet again after Easter to reflect on their individual next steps and how best to achieve their success. The chance to meet and ask questions will help pupils not only with their decision making but their overall outlook on transition, a great opportunity to share and understand the process a bit more. Throughout this process, all pupils are also encouraged to discuss and ask questions to their tutors, teachers and parents too!

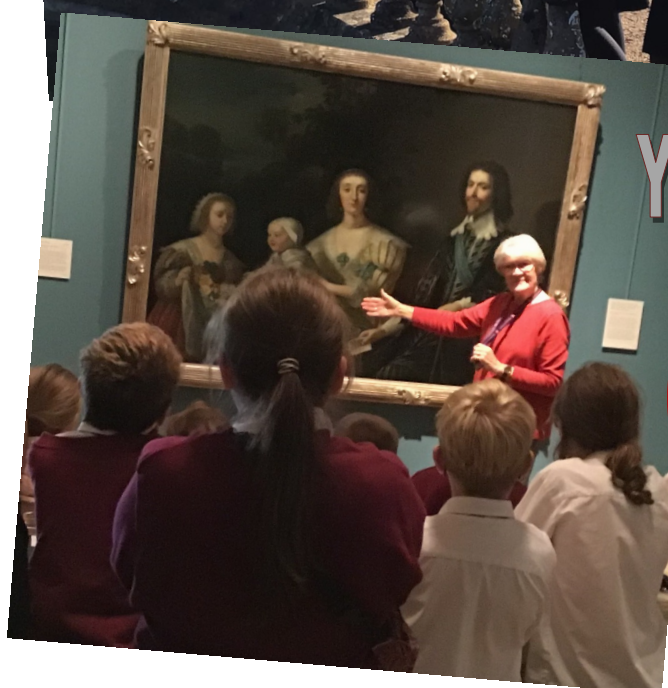
More information about the option process will follow once final arrangements have been made across the three schools involved.

David McGrath (BA Hons)
Deputy Headteacher



Year 7 visit Montacute House

On Tuesday 22nd October a number of our Year 7 pupils enjoyed a wonderful art trip to look at the famous portrait collection at Montacute House. The autumn sunshine was kind to the visitors and Year 7 pupils made the following comments.... **LUCY 7N**— “It was an incredible glimpse of the past, the portraits were absolutely fascinating, **CLOE 7N**— “I loved drawing the paintings and finding out about the people who were in the paintings, **SAM 7N** - “Montacute House was used in a Wallace & Gromit movie”.



DIARY DATES

6 November	7A CPR Training
6 November	Yr 8 visit Hauser Wirth Art Gallery
11 November	Primary Maths Challenge Week
11 November	Yr 6 Lantern Workshop
12 November	Oakfield Fundraisers Meeting—6pm The Artisan
12 & 13 Nov	Bikeability Training
14—19 Nov	Book Fair in E Centre
20 November	7C CPR Training
15 November	Primary Maths Challenge Yrs 5 & 6
15 November	BBC Children in Need & MUFTI Day in aid of Christmas Fair
27 November	7O CPR Training
29 November	Evening Lantern Parade
2 December	Yr 5 'Telling a Tale' Workshop
4 December	7R CPR Training
7 December	Christmas Fair
10 & 12 Dec	Yr 8 Options Workshop with Frome College
11 December	Yr 6 Pantomime Trip
11 December	7N CPR Training
18 December	Yrs 5/6 Flu Vaccinations
18 December	Yrs 5/6/7 Road Safety Talk
18 December	7S CPR Training
19 December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
20 December	Replacement swim for 5R
20 December	Last day of Term 2 FINISH 2pm
21 Dec—5 Jan	Christmas Holidays
6 January	INSET Day
7 January	Term 3
16 January	Yr 6 Subject Parents Eve
20 & 23 Jan	Yr 8 Subject Parents Eve
29 January	Vocal Workshop with Mark De-Lisser at Frome College
30 January	Yr 5 Subject Parents Eve
3 & 6 Feb	Yr 7 Subject Parents Eve
6 February	Yr 7 Subject Parents Eve
14 February	5R & 5A visit Stonehenge
w/c 17 February	Half Term Holidays
24 February	Term 4
20 March	Schools Photos, Yrs 6 7 8
22 May	5C & 5N visit Stonehenge



Spotted outside the Finance Office window...an inquisitive squirrel spent quite a while looking in and watching our busy admin staff working.

SAVE THE DATE!



**Oakfield Academy's
Christmas Fair
12 noon—2pm**

why... we hear you
Cancer Counselling

JOIN WHY AND RACHEL CLARK FOR A
SPOOKY
365 FOR WHY - MILE 304
THURSDAY 31ST OCTOBER
VICTORIA PARK, FROOODOOME
4.30PM

WEAR SPOOKY CLOTHES AND BRING A LANTERN!

wehearyou.org.uk/fundraising/halloween-365-for-why

Multicultural Frome

Sunday 10th November
12-3pm at the Cheese and Grain



Local people from around the globe sharing and celebrating their cultures

LOST PROPERTY

We have a number of drink bottles, lunch boxes, odd shoes (?!) and un-named clothing items in Lost Property. Please pop into Reprographics to claim any missing items.