

# Newsletter

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A bumper newsletter this week due to the INSET day last Friday. A huge well done to all students, staff, parents and governors who were involved in our two day OFSTED inspection last week. I cannot express just how grateful I am to all those who gave up their time to speak to inspectors and complete our questionnaires. Your support really was second to none. It made me very proud to be able to share our schools progress with inspectors; our students were an absolute credit. I look forward to sharing the report with you all in due course.

We were fortunate last week to have sessions delivered by the job centre for our year 8 and 11 students on the topic of careers and aspirations. As a school we are working to ensure that the 8 Gatsby benchmarks are achieved well ahead of the 2020 deadline. You can monitor our progress by keeping an eye on the careers page on the website.

It was an absolute pleasure this week to be able to start reintegration to mainstream school for two more students at Oakfield Lodge. It's so lovely to see hard work, good attendance and perseverance delivering such great outcomes for our students. It is our aim to return young people to the most appropriate setting as swiftly as we can. We wish those students starting their reintegration the very best of luck.

The new school building is due to start on the 8<sup>th</sup> of October. Whilst we are delighted that the build is getting underway we do know that there will be some disruption to parents dropping off and picking up students as our outside space reduces. Please can I ask for extra care and attention from drivers entering and exit the school site as the building progresses to make sure that we can keep it safe for students.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time if you have any questions or suggestions.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Bailey

## **What's Coming Up!**

### **Key Dates and events:**

9 <sup>th</sup> October – school nurse drop in
10 <sup>th</sup> October – walk to school day
16 <sup>th</sup> October – World food day
18 <sup>th</sup> October – Anti Slavery day
26 <sup>th</sup> October – school closes for half term.

### **Lunch menu:**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Beef Stew</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	Chilli and rice
<b>Wednesday</b>	Jacket Potato and fillings
<b>Thursday</b>	Chicken wraps
<b>Friday</b>	Roast dinner

### **Attendance:**

Form	
8RD	86.7%
9KC	40%
9DK	65%
10PI	62%
10NC	60%
11NR	70%
Tuition	83.3%

National average for pupil referral units is 67%

### **House points:**

<b>Branson House</b>	<b>150</b>
<b>Einstein House</b>	<b>132</b>

## **House news**

Oakfield Lodge School now operates a house system, with students organised into two houses. The Branson House (Burgundy colour) – Based on Richard Branson and The Einstein House (Blue colour) – Based on Albert Einstein. Every student is encouraged to wear a polo shirt in the colour of his or her house with the school logo on. This helps to generate a sense of house identity within the school community.

Miss Proudman is Head of House for the Branson House and Mrs Amery is Head of House for the Einstein House. Throughout the year, the houses will compete in a series of events to win points for their house. These include weekly quiz, Sports Day, Attendance, Correct uniform, Behaviour and Fundraising. Students can also add to their house totals through earning house points for excellent work and effort and a range of other smaller activities organised throughout the year.

Based on a whole school vote, our school charity this year is Papyrus. Throughout the year, both houses work hard to raise funds not only for the school but for the school charity also.

## **Fortnite – Cheshire Police concerns**

Cheshire police are backing a warning aimed at parents of young gamers who play Fortnite.

Scammers have been offering free Vbucks – the virtual currency used to pay for add-ons within the game – as a way of accessing people's personal accounts. Parents should be aware of fraudsters offering free Vbucks. They will seek access to your child's account and create charges or may ask for your phone number and sign you up to premium rate subscriptions.

Action Fraud has seen reports, made mainly by parents on behalf of their children, of fraudsters taking advantage of Fortnite gamers. In most reports, the gamer has seen an advert on a social media channel that claims that by following a web link and entering some information, they will receive free Vbucks (currency for the game). Fraudsters then ask the victim for information about their account, which will then allow them to log in and create fraudulent charges.

Fraudsters are targeting victims in many other ways. These include asking for people's phone numbers in return for Vbucks to then sign the victim up to a premium rate subscription service, selling access to other people's Fortnite accounts, and offering VBucks for free then actually charging for it.

Please make sure that you know what your children are doing when using on line gaming platforms, whilst we may think that our young people 'know' what is safe and not safe to share we must all work together to ensure this is the case.

## **County Lines**

There isn't a week that goes by where we don't learn more about County Lines and the impact of gang culture on our young people. Criminal exploitation of young people is a very real danger that our youngsters face in today's society. At Oakfield Lodge we place the safety of our students above all else and are determined to make sure that we provide them with all of the information they need to make safe choices and how to access support if they need it. This week we were privileged to have Dean Coady CBE in school for the day. Dean worked with all of our students to educate them on the realities of gang culture, knife crime and how to keep themselves safe in today's teenage world. Students were fully engaged in the sessions and the thought provoking information really did capture the schools discussions throughout the day. Please take some time to talk to your child about the sessions this week and engage them in dialogue about the pressures and risks that they may face. If you feel you need any support or are worried about your son or daughter, please don't hesitate to get in touch with a member of the safeguarding team.