

## Key dates for your diary for 2019

(New dates in bold)

Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Jeans for Genes week
Tue 17 <sup>th</sup> Sep	FoOS Coffee Morning
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Jeans for Genes Day: Wear Jeans for the day
Thu 26 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Sixth Form: 'love where you live' project
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Sep	MacMillan Coffee morning
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Sailing Trip 6L
Tue 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	FoOS Coffee Morning
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Morning- INSET: Afternoon- Parent Consultations
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Black History Week
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Half Term
Tue 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	FoOS Coffee Morning
Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	FoOS Coffee Morning
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Concert
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last day of term
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Start of Spring Term
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Morning- INSET: Afternoon- Parent Consultations
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Half Term
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	Last day of Spring Term
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Start of Summer Term

More term dates can be found on the school Website.

### Friends of Oaktree School

Hope you all had a fantastic summer break. Please take note of the Parent/Carer Coffee morning dates, we looking forward to meeting parents both old and new for a coffee and a chat.

On the 8th October we have the Enfield moving on team coming along to discuss transition and information on the events they are holding this year. This will be of particular importance to those with young adults who are 14+ but all welcome.

Also, if anyone would like more information or support on a particular topic, we can arrange outside groups to come along as guest speakers so please let us know. Could you please look out for a letter from FoOS this week and complete the return slip.

Res and Alex



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## Welcome back to school for the new school year 2019 - 2020



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### **A warm welcome back to school**

Welcome back to the new school year, I hope all our families had a lovely summer. I have been very impressed with how calm our students have been coming back and this is a very good sign for a great year ahead.

Over the summer there has been the usual programme of cleaning, decorating and repairing and we thank our site manager Richard Beckford for all his hard work here.

We have also had builders in renovating the damp and dirty mobile classroom out in the playground.

As you will know there is a desperate shortage of places for Enfield students in special schools and we offered the borough an additional class this year to be helpful. This class is based in the mobile classroom which now has its own toilet, own set of laptops, new furniture and lots of new resources. The students seem to really like learning in this new space.

During the school year, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns, we are always happy to help.

### **Welcome to new staff**

To replace the staff we lost last summer, we welcome Kyri Nicholas (new head of sixth form, Vasilki Katsarela (new head of art), class teacher Charlotte Grant and Mollie Hagan and Kelly Flatt as LSAs. We look forward to working with them and welcome them to the team.

### **New curriculum for 2019-2020**

Ofsted challenged all schools to look at what they taught to make it was the right fit for the students in their school. Last year we spent a lot of time thinking about what skills, knowledge and understanding students at Oaktree most needed to allow them to be as independent, safe, happy and ready for the world when they leave the school at the end of sixth form.

To this end we have re-written our curriculum to get a better balance between learning through subjects (English, maths, science, PE etc) and learning through independence activities.

So with this new curriculum in place our challenge this year is to think about what is the best way to teach it and what is the best way to show progress.

We shall shortly put the new curriculum on the website for you to see.

### **Start of term reminders**

- If your child is absent from school please ring the school directly to let us know – please do not ask the bus escort to pass on a message as this does not provide us with enough information for our records.
- Where possible, please try to book appointments for after school or during the holidays
- If your child has medication given at school please be sure to update us if it changes. Please let us also know if there have been any changes in their medical plan over the summer
- Please let us know if you have changed your phone or contact details over the summer
- A new stock of school uniform is available at school. Please check website for up to date details.
- Please be sure that your child's uniform has their name clearly marked somewhere on a label

### **Key Term dates**

I include on the back of the newsletter key dates for the term which may be of interest to you. Many more dates will follow as the term gets going. May I ask you to make a particular note of:

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October: Parent Consultations 12.30pm – 5.00pm

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Concert

### **Class letters on website**

Yesterday you will have received a paper copy of your child's autumn term class letter. An electronic copy is available on the website if you need to remember key information. Don't forget that each term your class adds articles about what they have been doing, which again you can find on the website under 'class news'.

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