

GREAT OAKS WEEKLY

FRIDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2016



DATES AND COMING UP

*Friday 16th September
Parents Coffee Morning.
10.15am*

*Saturday 1st October
First Saturday Film Club
of the year
Families welcome
10.00 – 12.00*

*Wednesday 12th October
Parents Evening*

*17th – 20th October
Enterprise Week*

*20th October
Enterprise Fayre
(more details to follow)*

*Friday 21st October
INSET Day*

*26th – 30th October
Half-term*

*INSET Days
Friday 21st October
Tuesday 3rd January
Friday 7th April
Monday 5th June*



It's been good to welcome our new pupils to Great Oaks this week and also welcome back everyone else, after the summer break, for an exciting new year

We have 29 new pupils joining us this September. Although the school has grown again this year we remain a small school where we can get to know all of our pupils and ensure that they receive individual support as well as a curriculum that meets their needs and prepares them for the world after school.

We also welcome 7 new staff to the school – Ffion Phillips (teacher in 9F), Janusz Jarecki (teacher in 7J) Sharon Cavill (HLTA in 7J), Lorna Harris (SSA in 11K), Sandy Fitzgerald (SSA in 10D, Lewis Bundy SSA in Art, Hannah Doswell SSA in 8P) – all pictured below.

As always we want to work with parents and carers in supporting our young people so please do feel free to contact us at any time via diaries, email or phone.

It's going to be another busy year at Great Oaks with lots of events and activities coming up which will be highlighted in our weekly newsletter and on Class Dojo (If you are not already signed up for Class Dojo please contact Roger Hardy at school and he will explain what its all about and sign you up) . We would love your support at as many of these as you are able to attend.



PARENTS COFFEE MORNING

FROM 10.15 AT
SCHOOL NEXT
FRIDAY
NEW PARENTS
ALWAYS WELCOME



CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

After-school clubs will start back the week beginning 19th September. Please see attached letter.

Meanwhile there are vacancies at our breakfast club. Which runs every morning from 8.00am. Please contact Dawn Condon for more information.

WALK LIKE AN EGYPTIAN

Below are Sanjay and Joe trying on Egyptian costumes as part of their visit to the Winchester Discovery Centre's Egyptian exhibition earlier this week. They had a good time exploring artifacts, gaining evidence for one of their Transition Challenge modules.



NOTICES

Parking and dropping off

With more pupils and more vehicles coming in every day we need to ensure that our drop off and pick up is safe and efficient for all pupils. There are school staff outside at both ends of the day please follow any instructions they give. To aid the flow of traffic if parents dropping off could double park down the drive of the last exit into school that would leave space for buses outside of school. Also please take extreme care when moving away as there are likely to be pupils around. Thank you.

PE Kit

Please don't forget to send in PE kit for PE lessons this term – shorts, trainers and t-shirt, pupils can keep them in school until half-term. We will be starting Friday afternoon clubs next week and will let you know via Diaries if there is anything that pupils need.

We need your cans

Our lunch time technology club are going to make a garden building out of cans so please could you start collecting and send in any empty and clean drinks cans.

CONGRATULATIONS TO YEAR 11S



Many congratulations to last year's Year 11s on their Entry level, ASDAN and Arts Award results which came in over the summer holidays.

Many of the students came in for a special breakfast and to collect their results on 23rd August. They are now getting ready for, or have started, to attend their new Post 16 provision across Southampton (including Great Oaks College) We wish them all the best.

GREAT OAKS WEEKLY...

is our weekly newsletter where we try and publicise all the important information about things happening in school, as well as giving a flavour of what has been going on at Great Oaks during the week. We try to challenge as much communication through the newsletter as possible so that you're not bombarded with lots of letters. So please read it!

We also publish community information and things that we think might be of interest to families so do send us any articles for inclusion.

The Newsletter appears on the website every week if you don't receive a copy it can be emailed out. If you would like this option please let the Office know.

Yes I Can!

"Yes I can" is our theme for the year – we're encouraging pupils to try new things and persevere even if they don't immediately succeed. We'll be looking at an approach based on Growth Mindset which we'll give more information about as the year goes on.

Meanwhile pupils have been busy this week designing a school mascot with the logo 'Yes I can' on him/her.

The mascots will be voted on and the winner made into a real school mascot pictures next week.