

# Great Oaks Weekly

Friday 20th September 2024



## Student Council at Great Oaks

Great Oaks has an active student council with members elected from each class in the School and College. Student Council reps gather in their Pathway groups several times a year to discuss school and college issues and make recommendations for improving the school. For example over the past few years they have made changes to the school uniform, introduced new dishes to our school dinners, and chosen new playground equipment. Every year they also hold an annual Charity week to raise money for good causes.

This year we are also introducing a school senate where a couple of reps from each Pathway Council will meet with Mr Evans to represent their Pathway.

This week classes have been busy electing their Council representatives. Pictured below are some of the Pathway 3 reps



## Coming up

4<sup>th</sup> October – Parent / Carer Coffee morning on West (Vermont) site but all welcome

11<sup>th</sup> October – Parent / Carer Coffee morning on South (Green Lane) site but all welcome

16<sup>th</sup> October – Parents Evening

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>, Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October – INSET Days

28<sup>th</sup> October – 1<sup>st</sup> November Half-term

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November – INSET Day

12<sup>th</sup> November – Futures Fayre for pupils / students and Parents in Year 10 and above. More details to follow

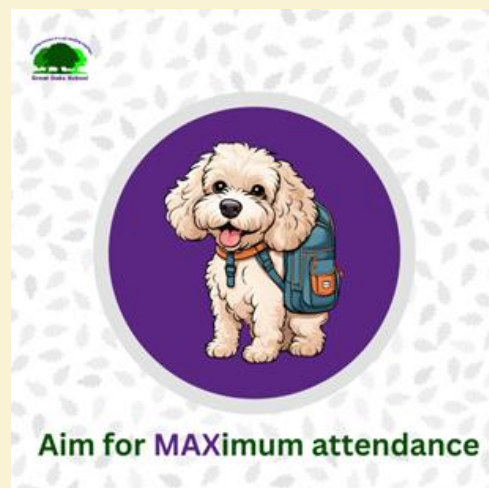
20<sup>th</sup> December – End of Autumn Term

## School Attendance

Well done to 3JJ, 3FC and T16 who all had 100% Attendance this week (Our week runs from Friday to Thursday). The following Classes achieved more than 94% attendance this week- 4PP, 4JS, M16, 3EC, 3IG, 4LB, 3GH, 4RC, 4SG, 4GS, 4ES, 3AK, 3CA, 4PL.

A quick reminder that if your child is absent from school for any reason you must inform us. There are two ways to do this:

- 1) Email: [studentabsences@greatoaks.school](mailto:studentabsences@greatoaks.school)
- 2) Call the school office- there will be someone in from 7:30 am



## Parent Carer Coffee Mornings

Every half-term we hold coffee mornings for parents. Sometimes there will be speakers, sometimes they will be planning events but they are always an opportunity to meet and share with other Great Oaks families. They are held on West and South sites but you can come to either or both! Dates for this term on Page 1.



## Governor Vacancy

Our Trustees and Governors play a very important part in the life of Great Oaks School providing support and challenge to the school, visiting the school and discussing policy and practice

We are looking for a new Parent Governor . If you are interested or would just like to find out a bit more about what this involves please contact the office to have an informal / no obligation chat with Andy Evans or Sue Williams our Chair of Governors.

## Travel Consultation

Southampton City Council are currently consulting on their School Travel Policy for next year (including Post 16 travel). If you would like to contribute to this please see survey link below:

[Consultations and surveys \(southampton.gov.uk\)](https://southampton.gov.uk/consultations-and-surveys)

### Picture of the week – Sensory session in 360



## PE in the Community

Given our expansion over the last few years we no longer have enough capacity in our sports hall for all pupils to have PE lessons. However we have turned this disadvantage in into a positive by using community sports facilities with some of our older students, giving them a wider range of opportunities.

This term Year 9s are at Woodmill activity centre learning Archery and climbing skills.



## Community News

We share our South site campus with many other users including Testlands. See below details of a special event they are holding this Saturday.

**TESTLANDS  
END OF  
SUMMER  
FESTIVAL**  
IN ASSOCIATION WITH BLAKE ENTERTAINMENT  
SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER  
11AM - 4PM  
TESTLANDS WELLBEING HUB, GREEN LANE  
SO16 9FQ  
£2 ENTRY (UNDER 1'S GO FREE)

**WHAT'S ON?**  
BOUNCY CASTLES  
SUPRISE MASCOTS  
FOOD TRUCK  
SENSORY CORNER  
SO SOUND CHOIR  
FACE PAINTING  
MARKET STALLS  
PONY RIDES

**DOG SHOW!**

TO BOOK PLEASE SCAN QR CODE OR VISIT:  
[TESTLANDS.COM/EOSEF](https://testlands.com/eosef)

MORE TO BE CONFIRMED