

# Great Oaks Weekly

Friday 6th September 2024



## Welcome to a new school year

Welcome back to a new year at Great Oaks School and College and a special welcome to all of our new families.

Only a few days in but its been a really good start to the term and lovely to see how positively pupils have returned to school as well as how fantastically our new pupils (and students on new sites) have started to settle.

Great Oaks Weekly is emailed out every Friday to all families at school and college and is put on our website and on Class Dojo. The College also produce their own weekly newsletter. Our newsletters and Class Dojo are the main means by which we communicate what is happening at Great Oaks. We hope that this avoids sending out lots of letters and gives you a flavour of some of the things the school community have been up to. Lewis pictured below is our most avid reader so I promised his picture would appear on our first edition for the new year!

We also like to publicise community events and facilities that may be of interest in the newsletter so please do send us things for inclusion.

Look forward to working with you throughout the year

Andy Evans, Headteacher



## Results Day

Well done to our Pathway 3 Year 11s who collected their GCSE and Entry level results on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August. They all did really well and secured the College places of their choice.

And well done and thank you to all the staff who helped them to achieve these great results. We will be inviting them back in to collect their certificates when they arrive later in the term.



# Summer School

We ran a really successful summer school at the end of July / beginning of August. Over 40 children from across all of our Pathways participated in one of the weeks. They had a great time with sessions including sports, bouncy castles, discos, swimming and magic shows.

Many thanks to Dawn and all the staff who worked on the scheme over the summer



# Absence

Please see the letter sent out earlier in the week about the importance of good attendance. We are no longer able to authorise any holiday in term time. If you do decide to take your child out of school for a holiday it will be marked as unauthorised but do still please complete the request form so that we are aware that they will not be in. Thank you  
Max the dog will be helping us focus on attendance throughout the year setting class challenges.



# Contacting School

The easiest and quickest way to get in touch with your class teacher at Great Oaks is through Class Dojo. If you are not already signed up to Class Dojo please speak to the Office and we will get you set up.

For absences and general enquiries please phone the school office on 02380767660 (for all sites)

For welfare issues we have 2 Welfare Officers Dawn Condon and Jo Goodrich.

For general classroom issues please speak to your class teacher

If the issue cannot be resolved by the class teacher please contact your relevant Pathway Manager.

Pathway 1 Tracey

Pathway 2 -Natalie Woodhouse,

Pathway 3 (Years 7 and 8) – Sarah Morrish,

Pathway 3 (Years 9, 10 and 11) – Rory King,

South site – Sarah Hogg,

Pupils on Bugle House – Graham Carter.

# Work on South Site

We have had lots of work going on at our South site this summer including a fantastic new outdoor classroom, new fencing and some shelters so that students don't have to wait for transport in the rain.



More work including a new Reception building, screening the site and signage will be coming during the Autumn Term.

Please note the car park is now one way please come in the first entrance (parking side) and exit the second entrance (pick up side).