

Friday Focus

Friday 20th March 2026



Okehampton is an amazingly beautiful space when the sun is shining. It is wonderful that we can now open the field for students to use during break times allowing them to blow off some steam. What is noticeable since the change in weather is that students are, naturally, becoming more thirsty. I would like to remind you that students should bring a refillable water bottle to school so they can stay hydrated. We have plenty of spaces for students to fill up their bottles at break or lunch times. Some students have been asking for cups in place of a water bottle. In order to reduce waste and to prevent accidental spillage in the corridors we do not issue cups.

It was wonderful to hear the squeals of delight as our Year 11 students opened their mock examination results this morning. I am so proud of how hard they are working in order to succeed in their studies. What I also loved was how supportive each student was to their friends. They are truly a special group of students. Before they opened their results Miss Trainor-Roulstone spoke to them about the importance of the next few weeks. There are twenty two school days between now and their first exam. Not a lot, but plenty of time to make a difference. I know that students will grab the challenge by the horns and be amazing.

Thank you to everyone who came to our Year 8 parents' evening last night. I know from speaking to colleagues that it was a very successful evening. Our students are practising hard for the Spring Concert which is taking place on Wednesday. This is off the back of performing in Chagford Church on Monday with Dublin Brass. I have received some lovely comments from members of the public about how incredible our student performances were. We have our Year 10 revision evening coming up on 1st April 2026. I look forward to seeing you there.

Principal's Breakfast

Congratulations to the students listed below. To celebrate they are invited to have breakfast with the Principal next Friday.

Ash: Oliver Horn - for embracing being in Year 10 and showing a real sense of maturity and engagement in all things school.

Beech: Jacob Butt - who held a bake sale on his driveway in aid of Papyrus, a suicide prevention Charity, raising £360

Oak: Ashton and Kaiden Campbell for making an exceptional start to their journey at Okehampton College

Elm: Henry Stallion - For consistently meeting expectations!



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Danish school visit!

Hej! (Hello!)

Pictured here are some of our students with their Danish partners from Stenløse Privatskole. The Danish students are visiting us as part of our international partnership work. Our Year 9 and Year 10 students hosted the Danish students in lessons, and demonstrated the Oke Way in their relationship with their partners- they have shown thoughtfulness and respect towards other cultures (We care), pushed themselves to communicate and step outside their comfort zone (We challenge), and have been committed to getting the most out of the opportunity (We thrive). We would like to say well done to our own Year 9 and 10s, and how proud we are of their approach!



Pictured: Oscar Waters Charles Perry, Alfie Weston, Hubert van overrem felter, Nor friis Hald, Felix Hebel, Nico Petersen Leah Hill Maisy woodhouse, Jacob Ashdown, Mathias Schmidt, Leo Phillips Markham.

Whisper Report
Anonymous Reporting Form

PROBLEM?

Whisper it!

If you have a problem or concern in school or at home, you can report it to a member of staff anonymously.

To: 07860 021 323
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When To Report...

- You or a friend are being bullied
- You are concerned for a student's welfare
- A student, member of staff, or parent has behaved inappropriately
- You need to talk to someone about a problem
- Suggestion for changes or improvements in school

Report via SMS or visit:
<https://swgfl.org.uk/whisper/oke123/>





Students Celebrate Donation

The Neurodiverse Group have been very lucky recently after receiving a huge donation from Okehampton United Charities for extracurricular activities. This is to support our students to make positive memories and to create meaningful connections with their peers.

On Monday afternoon we were very lucky to have Rob Pudner from Entertainingly Different come to deliver the first of three drama workshops for some students of Okehampton College's Neurodiverse Group. The session involved some team building activities and confidence building games.

Karen Percival from Okehampton United charities came to experience the session and to meet some of the students who will be benefitting from their donation.

Many of the students commented how much they are looking forward to the next session. We, as a group, are hugely grateful to United Charities it will make so much of a difference for our young people moving forward.



SEND Clinics:

If you would like a conversation with a member of the Okehampton College SEND Team please book an appointment at one of our SEND Clinics. They take place every other Thursday. You can book an appointment, using the same procedure we use for parents' evenings. Please follow [this link to book an appointment](#). [SchoolCloud - Okehampton College](#) or use the QR code.

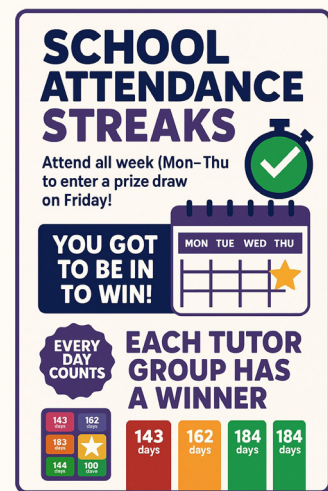


Attendance Streaks

You've got to be in it to win it!

We're excited to launch our new Attendance Streaks initiative to celebrate and reward students who show great commitment to being in school. Every student who attends Monday to Thursday each week will automatically be entered into a Friday prize draw. Each tutor group will have one weekly winner, giving everyone a fair chance—because you've got to be in to win!

Good attendance makes a huge difference, and this is a fun way to recognise those brilliant, consistent efforts. Let's see how many streaks we can build this term!



Attendance Matters

It is a Parent's/Carer's responsibility to ensure their child comes to school every day.

Regular school attendance is key in enabling students to maximise the educational opportunities available and to become emotionally resilient, confident and competent adults who can make a positive contribution to their community. To find out more visit our Attendance page on our website by clicking [here](#) or on the chart below.

0 Days off School	100%	Perfection
2 Days off School	99%	Excellent
5 Days off School	97%	Good
10 Days off School	95%	Slight Concern
20 Days off School	90%	Concerned
30 Days off School	85%	Very Concerned



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KEY DATES

- 19th March 2026 - Year 8 Parents' Evening
- 23rd March 2026 - Year 12 external Exams start
- 1st April 2026 - Last day of Spring Term
- 2nd April 2026 - Staff inset day
- 3rd April 2026 - Friday 17th April 2026 - Easter Holidays
- 20th April 2026 - All students return for Summer Term
- 4th May 2026 - May Day Bank Holiday
- 25th May 2026 - 29th May - Whitsun Half Term
- 1st June 2026 - All students return
- 16th July 2026 - Last day of Summer Term
- 17th July 2026 - Staff inset day

Please do get in touch if you have any questions.

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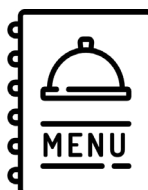


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