

Friday Focus

Friday 25th September 2025



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...everyone in our Trust.



A massive thank you to everyone who came to our open evening on Wednesday. Our student tour guides were the stars of the show and we had many positive comments from parents of prospective Year 7 students about them. I am so proud of all of our students, it was great to hear from visitors to our school about the positive behaviours I see day in and day out. Well done to everyone involved.

We are holding our Post-16 Open Evening on Thursday 16th October 2025. It will be an opportunity to take a look around the Wardhayes building as well as our lower school site to see exactly what we are offering. We would like our sixth form to stay open for many years to come. However, in order to achieve this we need sufficient enrolled students for it to be viable. The Post-16 prospectus will be launched in early October so you will be able to gain an insight of what our offer will look like before your visit. Several former Post-16 students have also reached out to tell us about the amazing time they had during their time in Post-16 and what their studies have led to them doing now. We will be sharing some of these stories over the next few weeks. To further enhance their introduction to Post-16 we have arranged for current Year 11 students to spend some of their tutor sessions in the common room. This will allow them to experience, first hand, what it will be like to be a sixth former. There will also be an opportunity to sign up for taster lessons.

I would like to take this opportunity to apologise for the problems experienced with the catering payments. We appreciate the concern these issues will have caused and your patience is very much appreciated. You will be aware that Arbor is the system we use to store all your child's information and to also log positive and negative behaviours as well as homework. Each child should have at least three contacts listed in case we need to make contact in an emergency. Please take this opportunity to check all your child's medical information is up to date and correct on this app.

Principal's Breakfast: Congratulations to the students listed below for their nominations from the House teams.

Ash: Mikey Vernon. He's always polite and cheerful and a pleasure to have in the tutor group.

Beech: Henley Whitelaw for making an excellent start to his time at Okehampton College.

Oak: Matilda Watts – despite lots of challenges this

week has shown excellent resilience. Emma Yeo: Emma seems to be getting nominated for everything at the moment! She's had a really positive start to year 7, displaying the Oke values in all that she does.

Elm: Darcie Whitehouse – for resilience this year and completing the walk last Friday.

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 10s 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 Year 9 and 10s, and how proud we are of their approach!

Picture order left to right: Jack Bowden, Andreas Nygaard Nielsen, Mathias Faour Jaque, Hugo Van Houben, Poppy Pengelly, Emma WeyWadt, Smilla Nielsen, Megan Copley.



You are invited to:

Okehampton College Post-16 Open Evening

Thursday 16th October 2025
4:00pm - 6:00 pm

- An opportunity to see the subject courses on offer and to meet teachers
- There will be a choice of presentations in the Octagon at 4:30 and 5:30 pm
- Please arrive at Wardhayes, our dedicated Post-16 building



Plymouth University Are Running A “Girls Into Marine Science” Event In Half Term

Dive into the world of marine science with our first ever Girls into Ocean Science event!

Designed for young women, those who identify as female, and non-binary students in Years 10, 11 and 6th form, this **FREE** event offers a unique opportunity to explore the world of ocean exploration and marine science through hands-on activities and inspiring talks from leading female scientists in Britain’s Ocean City.

Activities include building and testing your own Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV), learning how we map and explore the deep ocean, and more. Lunch will be provided.

Places are limited and travel bursaries may also be available - early booking is advised.

If you are interested, complete the booking form found at

<https://www.plymouth.ac.uk/whats-on/girls-into-ocean-science>.

For more information please email

girlsintooceanscience@plymouth.ac.uk



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Enhance your CV with a Certificate of Participation, a valuable addition to your university applications. Hosted at our state-of-the-art Marine Station, a waterfront facility fully equipped with modern laboratories and fleet of research vessels.

Register your interest today and be first to find out how you can book, apply for our **travel bursaries**, and more!

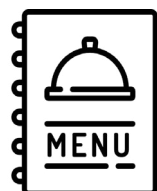


   
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KEY DATES

- **Thursday 16th October 2025** - Post-16 Open Evening & Year 11 Success Evening
- **Friday 24th October 2025** - Non Pupil Day
- **Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October 2025** - Autumn Half Term
- **Monday 3rd November 2025** - All Students return
- **Friday 19th December 2025** - Last day of term
- **Monday 5th January 2026** - Non Pupil Day
- **Tuesday 6th January 2026** - All students return

Please do get in touch if you have any questions.

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