

Friday Focus

Friday 27th March 2026



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...everyone in our Trust.



Unfortunately I was unable to make Wednesday's Music Concert in the Octagon. I spoke to Dr Kelly who did attend and he relayed how amazing the students were with their performances. It

takes a lot of courage to perform in front of a large audience and I am very proud of all of the students who took part.

Well done to the mathematics department for running two successful events. There were lots of activities celebrating PI day (14th March is 3/14 in the American dating system) and also for organising the KS3 mathematics lessons for students to take part in. They competed internationally and Mrs Egford tells me that we have done exceptionally well.

The sunshine is certainly making more of an appearance and we are having students arrive at first aid asking for cups because they are thirsty. I have asked staff to not give out disposable cups to students. This is because we do not want to cause unnecessary waste or slip hazards with students walking down corridors with open cups. Please ensure that your child has a refillable water bottle that they can refill during social times.

Next week is a much shorter week. We have a training day on Thursday 2nd April and we will be closed to everyone on Good Friday. We are holding our Year 10 'How to Revise' Evening on Wednesday 1st April. I look forward to seeing you there. When we have held these events previously they have been well attended and the feedback has been excellent.

This week I was asked by our student leadership group about my plans for the school after the recent Ofsted inspection. I think that this is an excellent question and one that Mrs Skelton and I have been working on over the last few weeks. I will share some initial outlines with you in next week's end of term newsletter.



Art Alumni Visit

This week we welcomed alumni James Bowler into the art department. James completed GCSE's and A levels in Fine Art at Okehampton College and went on to complete a fine art degree at Falmouth University. James spent two days with classes across all years and shared his work with some of the students.

It's always great to see former students share their success with our current students and we wish James every success in his future ventures. I am sure you will agree that his work is incredible, you can see more of his work at www.jamesbowlerart.co.uk



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



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE STREAKS

Attend all week (Mon–Thu) to enter a prize draw on Friday!

YOU GOT TO BE IN TO WIN!



EVERY DAY COUNTS

EACH TUTOR GROUP HAS A WINNER



Students March On Their Stomachs!

We know that breakfast is the most important meal of the day and some of our students leave home without having broken their nighttime fast, a good breakfast goes a long way to support regulation and concentration until lunch time.

On Friday Mr Smith and Mrs Harris took receipt of £500 from Waitrose. This kind donation will enable the SEND department to offer a supported breakfast club each day. Breakfast clubs provide a safe and supported space for children to meet, eat and run through the day ahead. This will help to prompt inclusion and to develop language whilst reinforcing community and togetherness. Students will enjoy cereal, toast and a drink.

Many thanks go to Okehampton Community, shoppers of Okehampton Waitrose store, for choosing us when posting your green token, and to Waitrose for enabling such a wonderful fundraising opportunity.



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.



Students Wow in Dance Show

FOOTsteps School of Dance dazzled audiences last weekend with a spectacular showcase at the Corn Exchange in Exeter. After a full day of rehearsals on Saturday, excitement built as pupils took to the stage on Sunday to perform two vibrant shows for family and friends.

Many of our College students are proud members of the FOOTsteps family, and they truly shone under the lights. The performances were filled with energy, confidence, and flair—complete with sparkling costumes, dynamic choreography, and plenty of stage magic.

From the first step to the final bow, the shows were a wonderful celebration of dedication, teamwork, and talent. We are incredibly proud of all the pupils who took part—well done to everyone for such a glittering success!

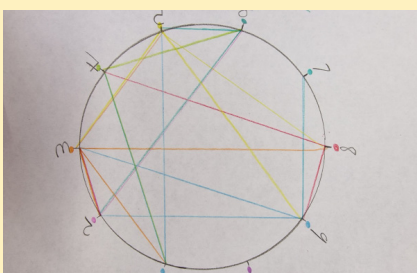
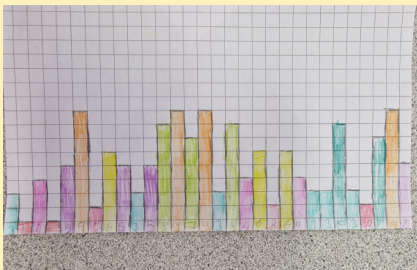
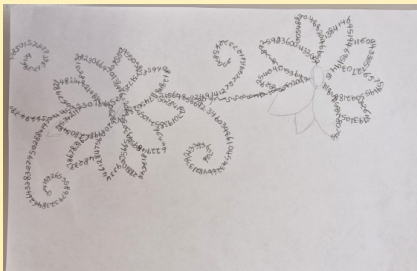


PI Day

It's been a busy couple of weeks in maths!

Last week, to celebrate Pi Day on the 14th March, students in Key Stage 3 completed pi related activities. Calligrams using some of the digits of pi, skyline art using the first digits as heights of their buildings and geometric diagrams. All this coupled with a quiz house challenge for all year groups which involved hunting down members of staff for their assigned numbers to answer maths questions. All students who participated received a prize and there was a draw from the correct entries, with the worthy winner being Lois Walter in Year 8. Most entries came from Beech house.

Well done to all the students who got involved and congratulations Beech!



World Maths Day



This week, Wednesday 25th March, was World Maths Day! The theme this year was "United by Numbers," which focuses on celebrating the ability of everyone to learn and excel in mathematics, something we, at the college, could not agree with more. Students from years 7-10 competed in a live online mathematics event, competing against students from over 80 countries across the world! Totals are being calculated to find the overall house winner but special mention must go to our highest ranked students, Logan Neville in Year 7, Lois Walter in Year 8 and Paige Raines in Year 9. Also, massive thanks to 11y/Ma2 for all their help and support of our younger students – you were a credit to the college!

Students in years 7-9 who were not in a computer room didn't miss out as they worked in groups to complete an escape room task, helping Skippy and Anna escape from the castle, cracking tough puzzles to find the codes to get out of 5 locked rooms. The atmosphere in the classes was buzzing and it was fantastic to see students working so brilliantly together to problem solve. We were so impressed with you all and really hope you enjoyed your day, whichever activity you completed!



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POP-UP FOOD HUB Okehampton

CHANGE OF DAY

Pop-up WEDNESDAY 8th APRIL 2026 10:00 - 12
Last Orders WEDNESDAY 1st April 2026
 You will receive an email a week before the event with your time slot for collection. If you don't hear from us, please call 07500113430 or check your junk mail.

Venue: Okehampton Rugby Club, 2 Glendale Road, EX20 1JB

Pre-Order only - Payment on the day by card or cash

For £30, which keeps the Charity running, you will receive a trolley load containing:

To book your trolley load:	Tea or coffee	All welcome.
online:	Pasta or rice	No referral needed.
Okehampton Rotary Club/events	a selection of tins & cereal	Remember to bring plenty of strong bags AND your own trolley if you have one
https://rotaryokehampton.fillout.com/260311	Crisps	
	pasties or pies	
	frozen items	
	fresh fruit & veg	
	household toiletries	
	bread/rolls/cake	
	pet food	
	other extra items available	
	all subj. to availability	

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KEY DATES

- 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

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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

OKE123 [+ your message]

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/>







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