

Bulletin: Updates and information from your Heads of Year



Mrs Hachipuka
Head of Year 7



Mr Lindley
Assistant Head of
Year 7



Mrs Hodgson
Head of Year 8



Mrs Proudfoot Smith
Assistant Head of
Year 8



Mrs Teixeira
Head of Year 9



Mr Wilson
Head of Year 10



Mrs Clarke
Head of Year 11

Well Year 7, what a year we have had, you have coped and have made it through. I am sorry your first year with us at Okehampton College has not been what it should have been for you all, however let's look at the positives.

- You have made many new friends.
- You have experienced many new subjects.
- You have developed your independent study skills through lockdown.
- You have had the opportunity to attend Extra Curricular clubs.
- You have grown and matured.
- Most importantly I have had the pleasure to get to know you all.



You are an amazing bunch of students who show character, resilience and much potential. I know you have so much more to learn, to give and to offer.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs Hoggins as our Assistant Head of Year 7, who I am sure you will have seen this week, supporting you during the school day.

Let's enjoy the rest of Year 7 and I hope you will help me start to welcome the new Year 7's when they visit us for their taster days.

Mrs Hachipuka

Year 8, well done on getting through the last half term so successfully. It has not been easy adjusting back into school life and I am so proud of all of you. It has been so lovely to get to know so many of you over the last half term and I look forward to getting to know more of you over the last few weeks of this year.

Thank you for making Ms Wicken feel so welcome this week, I know she is excited to support you as Assistant Head of Year 8.

Enjoy the last half term of Year 8. Keep up the great effort and engagement in lessons, you are a cracking year group, and I am delighted to be your Head of Year. We are nearly at the summer holidays!



Mrs Hodgson

HELLO YEAR 9,



It has been a pleasure to welcome you all back into school after your half term break. I am glad that you received your 'Options' before we broke up and I am sure that you would like to join me in thanking the team, led by Mrs Carter, for their hard work in what is a very complicated process.

As you move towards your final weeks in Key Stage 3, begin to prepare yourself for the next two important years. Use the lesson times to concentrate on your own study skills, working memory and resilience; this is especially important in those subjects that you might not have opted for. Of course, there will be time for some fun too. Mrs Teixeira and Mr Strawbridge will be organising some team-building and friendly Year 9 Inter-Tutor competitions, these will include a virtual 'Euros' Match focusing on attendance, amongst other things. Mrs Teixeira will also be asking Faculties to be 'spotting' excellent learners and exceptional efforts across all subjects. I hope that you enjoy the last few weeks of this academic year, work hard, be polite and enjoy the brighter days.

MRS TEIXEIRA

Dear Year 10,

I do hope you all enjoyed the May half term break, especially now the weather has improved. We cannot underestimate how valuable it is to our well-being to get out and enjoy our surroundings.

You may recall in the last newsletter that I mentioned we were unable to offer Year 10 students the opportunity to complete Work Experience in its traditional sense this July. However, we are keen for students to get involved with 'Virtual Work Experience' which has been launched in tutor time recently. Resources for this have been sourced mainly from The Careers and Enterprise Company and most of the virtual work experience programmes will provide students with a certificate upon completion. It will also demonstrate that students have achieved a range of employability skills as well as help raise a greater awareness around careers and pathways. You can view what opportunities are available on the College homepage under the tab - Students/Careers and Guidance/Virtual Work Experience.

All Year 10 Students will have an opportunity to meet with Becky Harvey - Careers Adviser, over the coming months to consider options beyond Year 11. There will also be opportunities to meet Employers and Organisations during our Extended Learning Days during Year 11 and it is hoped we will be able to offer our usual Careers Fair during this time as well - something we have missed over the last couple of years.

Furthermore, we hope some of our current Year 10's will get involved with the National Citizenship Scheme next academic year. More information will follow in the autumn term.

Finally, Year 10 exams are scheduled to take place from Monday 21st June for two weeks. Preparations are ongoing and students will be carefully supported by teaching staff leading up to this. Information for Parents Evening (a virtual meeting with the Tutor) will follow very shortly.

For all our students, please remain focused on our CORE values of Community, Opportunity, Respect and Equity and ensure you remain punctual to all sessions, are ready to learn and arrive appropriately dressed. 'For every minute spent organising, an hour is earned' - Benjamin Franklin.

Year 11 have now moved on - it's now your time to shine and invest in your future.

Mr Wilson



Community • Opportunity • Respect • Equity

Rewards Programme

Throughout the year, we have seen an incredible attitude towards learning from students and a passionate commitment to our 'CORE Values' (Community, Opportunity, Respect and Equity). Despite the obvious challenges of the last year, students have maintained high standards with a determination to achieve the very best that they are capable of - we are incredibly proud of the students. Even though we are now approaching the end of the school year, the rewards continue to recognise this!

As usual, each Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 Tutor was asked towards the end of the last half term to nominate one student from their tutor group that has shown the above 'CORE Values'. As it was the final round of the Rewards Programme, each of the 50 students in every year group should now have received a canteen pass for a half term, 10 Achievement Points, a praise postcard sent to their home address, and an entry into the final prize draw that was conducted just before the most recent holiday. If you would like to see if your child was nominated at any point this year, you can go to our Rewards Page on our Okehampton College website - simply select 'Rewards Page' from the 'Student' drop-down menu at the top of the page if you wish to view the nominations. Well done to all of the new additions to the list - your commitment to our 'CORE Values' deserves celebration!

As detailed above, all of the nominations were collected from each half term, and one lucky student from each Year Group was selected at random to decide the winner of a very special prize. Those lucky students are listed below:



The above students were able to choose from a range of very special prizes: we wanted our students to be given opportunities for very special experiences. Between the five students, their choices included vouchers for horse riding, paintball experiences with friends, bikes and even the chance to fly a plane! Photos will hopefully be published in the coming weeks of the students enjoying their lovely prizes...

We will also be revealing the winners of the Tutor Group League Table in the next few weeks for each year group, based on the average amount of Achievement Points earned per student in the group. Each winning Tutor Group will receive a free breakfast as a big thank you!

We have also seen our students proudly wearing their special Okehampton College Pin Badges for the Achievement Points that they have worked so hard for - over 800 students have been awarded the Bronze Pin Badge already, with over 90 students gaining the Silver Pin Badge and even 3 students recently winning the Gold Silver Badge!

- If a student earns **250** Achievement Points, they will receive a Bronze Pin Badge
- If a student earns **500** Achievement Points, they will receive a Silver Pin Badge
- If a student earns **750** Achievement Points, they will receive a Gold Pin Badge

In addition to a whole host of other rewards that are taking place in this final half term, we believe that we are rewarding students that strive to be the very best that they can be.

Thank you and stay safe :)

Mr Lindley



Who & Where Is Your Head of Year Team?



Year 7-Room 6L1



Year 8-Room 478

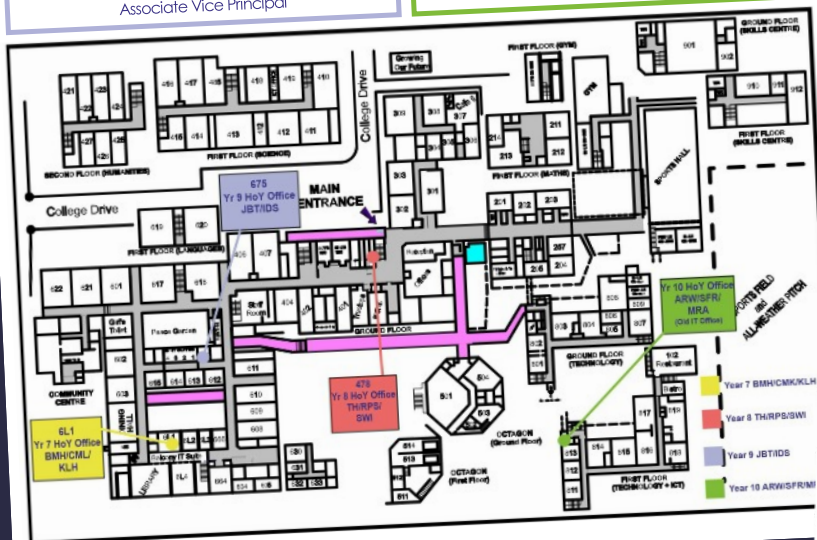


Year 9-Room 675



Year 10

Old IT office-(1st floor Tech Block By Bridge)



"10 - a - Day" Choices towards Balancing Our Mental Health

1. Talk about your feelings
2. Do something you enjoy and are good at
3. Keep yourself hydrated
4. Eat Well
5. Keep active in mind and body
6. Take a break
7. Stay connected to those you care about
8. Ask for help
9. Be proud of your very being
10. Actively care for others

Mental Health

Child Protection

Our Safeguarding Team: If you have any concerns regarding the safeguarding of children please speak to any of the safeguarding team members listed below



Charlie Edwards
Asst. Principal
& Designated Senior Lead



Ian Strawbridge
Deputy
Designated Senior Lead



Sarah Wicken
Deputy
Designated Senior Lead



Sean Freeman



Kelly Hoggins



Neil Sproats



Jo Teixeira



Dawn Weir



Dan Rossiter

Contact:

01837 650910 ext. 222 or 269 or
External direct line 01837 650914 or
Mobile 07791 683523

- If you have ANY concerns about ANY ADULT working with children you must report this immediately to Derrick Brett (Executive Principal) unless an allegation against the Principal in which case contact Chair of Governors - Marilyn Livingstone.
- For more information please see the Safeguarding page of our website, which also has a copy of our Safeguarding policy. www.okehamptoncollege.devon.sch.uk
- If you have any immediate, significant concerns about the safety of a child and it is out of hours, please phone the Police on 101 or 999.

Other Senior Contacts:

Dartmoor M.A.T CEO - Dan Morrow
Dartmoor M.A.T Vice CEO - Hazel Fox
MAT Director of Safeguarding - Jane Lake
Chair of Trustees - Tania Skeaping
Chair of Governors - Marilyn Livingstone
Safeguarding Governor - Gavin Jordan

Additionally the Senior Leadership Team and Heads of Year are also level 3 safeguarding trained to support both staff and students.



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