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OKEHAMPTON COLLEGE



Newsletter
Issue 6

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At  We are

Kind

Tolerant

Respectful

Independent

Committed

Resilient

Hardworking

Responsible

Vice Principal's Message; Marc Cooper



Spring is finally upon us, the return of longer days, more hours of sunshine and a time of regeneration for us all and the incredible nature that surrounds us in beautiful Dartmoor. As the spring equinox approaches, it brings with it a desire to welcome change, as we see growth and revitalisation all around us. After a long and cold winter we look forward to an opportunity to continue to develop and enhance the College community and celebrate the fantastic work of our pupils, staff and community.

Our pupils voice is a central theme to our development at the College and this half term, we have responded by focusing on improving the rewards and recognition system. The pupils have responded brilliantly to the changes we have put in place and clearly value the extrinsic rewards that are now on offer. We know that is vital for our pupils to feel valued and motivated. These extrinsic rewards are only part of our pupils' journey as we guide them towards building their own intrinsic motivation as learners, which will in turn support them to become curious, well-rounded and committed members of the school and local community. We have seen lots of wonderful examples of independent and self-motivated pupils across the school this term with the introduction of our Youth Culture Champions, Protected Characteristics Group and Year 9 Heroes, all involved in projects that broaden their knowledge, deepen their understanding, enhance their skills. It has also given them time to focus on building their leadership skills and challenge their thinking.

The introduction of the Literary Canon, is well underway, and it has been a genuine privilege to visit so many classrooms and see pupils and staff reading together, learning about new cultures and the endeavours of some inspirational characters, whilst developing a love of reading.

We look forward to welcoming you all to the wide range of activities that form the DMAT Festival Hope over the coming weeks and to sharing the next chapter of the College's journey with you.

Marc Cooper
Vice Principal

Important Dates

- Wednesday 22nd March - Spring Concert
- Thursday 23rd March - Post 16 Quiz evening
- Monday 17th April - Year 10 Internal Exams commence
- Wednesday 19th April - Year 9 Curriculum Choices Evening

...Student Recognition...

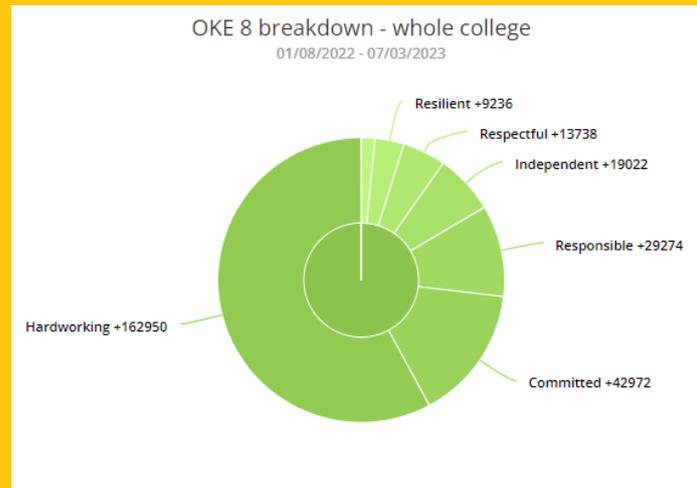
New Student Rewards System

In response to the voice work undertaken with pupils, the feedback has been clear that although the college badges are great for recognising milestones in achievement points earned, pupils wanted real tangible rewards linked to the OKE 8 Character Habits.

From the start of this half term, every time a pupil earns an achievement point, they will receive a spendable point in the virtual rewards shop via Class Charts. The rewards shop runs through the Curriculum Support office whereby stationery and vouchers for the canteens can be redeemed.

To date the scheme has proved successful as pupils continue to receive positive points each lesson for demonstrating an OKE 8 character habit either within their work or through their own actions. The rewards exchange shop enables pupils to spend their achievement points on either canteen items or raffle tickets. The raffle tickets will provide the opportunity to win a bigger prize at the end of each term.

Since its introduction pupils have already received 25973 points collectively since half term and spent 10220 points.



Champions

We are introducing the Principal's Oke 8 Champion Award that will be presented by Mr Sweeney every Friday.

Students will be recommended for this award:

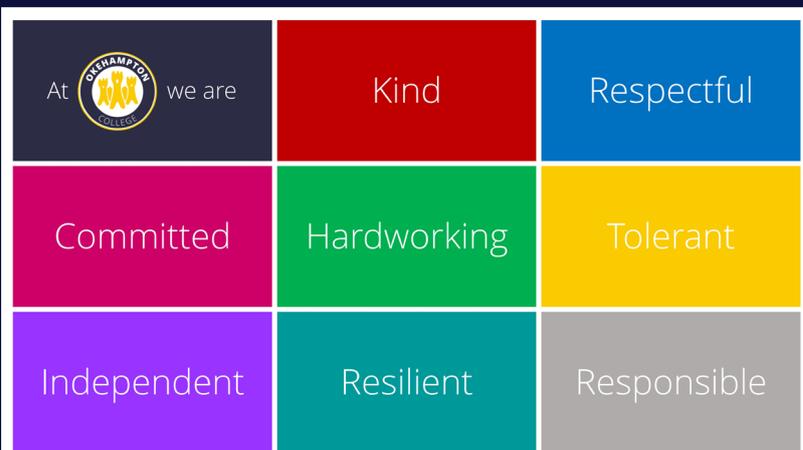
- By displaying one or more of the Oke 8 Habits in a one off gesture/event/action
- By displaying one or more of the Oke 8 Habits on a daily basis
- By doing something above and beyond either in or outside of school

Examples:

- Being KIND by helping a member of the public after they have fallen down in the street/supermarket
- Being KIND by supporting a younger student when they were upset or got injured
- HARDWORKING by producing an excellent piece of work that the member of staff knows took a long time
- Being COMMITTED by raising much money for a charity
- Always being RESPECTFUL by holding doors open to staff, picking up litter, giving tours to visitors, saying hello to staff, helping everyone always

Mr Sweeney will choose an Oke 8 Champion from those nominated each week and present them with a certificate, a badge and achievement points. A photo will also be taken to be included in the weekly Parent Carer and Community Briefing that is sent out to parents and carers.

The Oke 8 Habits



...Workshops...

Youth Culture Champions

On Wednesday 22nd February we held our first Youth Culture Champion training day with 16 of our students of different ethnicity and heritage. This workshop is the first of four with the aim of celebrating our identities, strengthening the college's approach to diversity and tackling racism and discrimination. Students and staff shared stories about their heritage and celebrated our diverse cultures. The next workshop on Friday 10th March will see students delivering a presentation about themselves.

The programme is being delivered by Devon Development Education and it is hoped that this is the start to celebrating 'us' as a college and our diverse heritages.



Protected Characteristic Group



Youth Culture Champions



Protected Characteristic Group

As part of the DMAT's work on Protected Characteristic Groups, we have held 2 of our 5 planned workshops. The first one was on 3rd February at Tavistock College where students from Okehampton, Holsworthy and Tavistock college's discussed the issues in our schools around LGBT+. Students worked in groups to create presentations and tutor time resources. Our second workshop was held on 28th February at Okehampton College where students from both Tavistock and Okehampton colleges discussed and created resources around Sexist and Misogynistic language.

Our young people have done such valuable and collaborative work together which will help drive our schools improvement in educating everyone around these important groups. Our students have been amazing in their mature approach to this work and Mr Hoskins and Mrs Hachipuka are really looking forward to the next workshops with the focus being on Race and Culture, Disability and Religion and Beliefs.



Year 9 Heroes

Our Year 9 Heroes attended their second workshop this term where they created a presentation to deliver to all of our Year 7 students through a curriculum lesson. The lesson content focuses on developing students' self esteem and their understanding of positive relationships and communication.

The Year 9 Heroes have also been mentoring a Year 7 student on a one to one basis and working through an 'All about me' booklet that will help them develop their confidence and self awareness. We are in the process of identifying a new group of Year 7 students for them to mentor. Their one to one work as a Year 9 Hero helps develop their own leadership skills which in turn will help our future Year 9 heroes next year.



Pupils enjoyed chatting about and swapping books at the Book Swap today in aid of World Book Day with some carrying off 3 new books to get stuck into!

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Year 7 Transition Leaders

Twenty two Year 7 students have been chosen to go to the Year 6 Normandy trip in May, in order to start their role as our Year 7 Transition Leaders. This will be a great opportunity for them to get to know our Year 6 students who will be joining us in September and to develop their leadership skills whilst on the trip.

During The Festival of Hope, they will be visiting Okehampton Primary School, South Tawton, North Tawton and Chagford Primary schools to introduce Book Club. In preparation for them to do this, they are being trained in College so they are confident to lead small groups on their visits. As they develop in their roles as Transition Leaders, through being part of our transition programme of events, they will be fully equipped to support our new Year 7's in September as mentors, making them feel supported in their transition to us at the College.



...Big Band...



The Okehampton College Big Band were proud to support The Town Mayor's Civic Dinner and Dance on Friday the 3rd of March.

The students provided incidental music whilst the guests were dining, they gradually built in size until the full band were on stage to perform a short set of dance and swing numbers which the guests received with rapturous applause. The success of the evening was shown in the wonderful total of money raised for the Town Mayor's Charity.

It is a real pleasure to take our young people out into the community and offer them the opportunity to gain some new performance experiences. If you would like the band to perform in support of your own fundraising efforts, please contact jteixeira@okehamptoncollege.devon.sch.uk



SPRING
CONCERT, QUIZ & ART EXHIBITION

Join us at The Octagon Theatre in your best 70's and 80's attire to enjoy an evening of music and entertainment hosted by our talented 6th form students.

Tickets £5 adults. £3 students

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MARCH
6:30PM

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- Some ideas to get you started:**
- The connections in nature's family tree
 - Connections across the world wide web
 - How smell is connected to taste
 - The link between fossil fuels and climate change

Poster competition!

Create a poster on the theme **"Connections"** as part of British Science week

Open to anyone in years 7-9

One A4 or A3 page

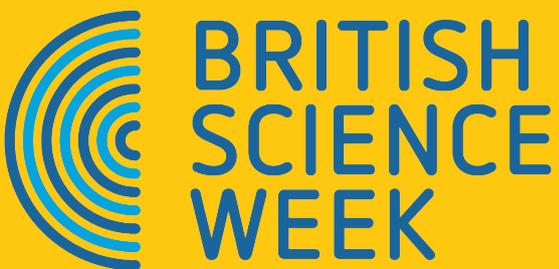
1st 2nd and 3rd Prizes available

Prize winners and 2 runners-up will be entered into the national poster competition

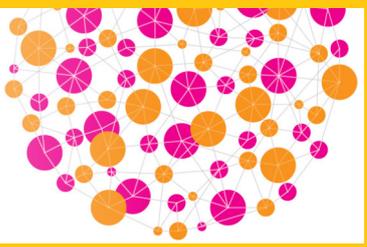
Judges are looking for a poster that is both Creative and informative Here is last year's winner:



You can come and get started on your entry on Friday 10th March, Break 2 in 411. Submit your entry to Mrs Morrison in 411 Friday 19th March 2023



10-19 March
British Science Week 2023



All activities take place in room 411 during break 2

What's going on during British Science Week 2023?

- Friday 10th March: Poster Competition.** Come and get started on your science connections themed poster
- Monday 13th March: Build your own battery**
Connect some old pennies and some vinegar to an LED and create Light. You can contribute your own data to this world-wide experiment.
- Tuesday 14th March: Crest awards taster session**
Come and try some examples of investigations that could count towards a Bronze crest award and find out about this exciting opportunity for anybody in year 7-9.
- Wednesday 14th March: Eco-club Launch**
Do you care about the environment? Would you like to help the school to reduce its carbon footprint? Come and have your say at lunch time in 411.
- Thursday 15th March: Battery power part 2**
The second global experiment in the hunt to make the perfect battery
- Friday 16th March: Science is Magic!**
A magic show with a scientific twist! Last entry is 1:40pm
Last chance to complete and submit your posters before final judging.

OKE PADS  **INVITE YOU TO ATTEND**



FREE CPR & DEFIBRILLATOR COMMUNITY AWARENESS WORKSHOP

Church Hall, Market St
28 April 2023 6pm – 8pm
Booking essential due to limited spaces
Charity donation buckets available on the night
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Post 16 Quiz Evening - 2023



Thursday 23rd March - 19:00

Octagon Theatre

Teams of up to 6- £2 per person.

All welcome

Please bring money for a raffle and refreshments.

Students -please sign up in Wardhayes common room.

Staff, parents, families, and friends please express interest via email:

vlittle@okehamptoncollege.devon.sch.uk – (this will enable us to gain an idea of numbers)

Raffle prizes welcomed – please hand to Mrs Little in Wardhayes





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Enrichment Programme Spring 2023



When	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
BREAK 1	KS3 Computer Club Ms Duffy & Mr Turnbull in Rooms 814 & 815	Book Club Years 7 and 8 Mrs Edwards in the Library	KS3 Computer Club Ms Duffy & Mr Turnbull in Rooms 814 & 815	Book Club Years 7 and 8 Mrs Edwards in the Library	
	Orchestra All Years & Instruments Mrs Teixeira Room 503/Octagon	KS3 Computer Club Ms Duffy & Mr Turnbull in Rooms 814 & 815		KS3 Computer Club Ms Duffy & Mr Turnbull in Rooms 814 & 815	
	Board Games Club Year 7 Mrs Wheeleker Room 424	Board Games Club Year 7 Mrs Wheeleker Room 424	Board Games Club Year 7 Mrs Wheeleker Room 424	Board Games Club Year 7 Mrs Wheeleker Room 424	Board Games Club Year 7 Mrs Wheeleker Room 424
	Keyboard Club Year 7 & 8 Mrs Teixeira Room 504/Octagon				
	Film Club in Room 633	Film Club in Room 633	Film Club in Room 633	Film Club in Room 633	Film Club in Room 633
BREAK 2	Quiet Room in 630	Quiet Room in 630	Quiet Room in 630	Quiet Room in 630	Quiet Room in 630
	Trampolining Year 7 Miss Redstone. PE Area	Girls Dodgeball Years 7,8,9 Miss Wilcock in the Gym.	Table Tennis Years 8, 9 & 10 Mr Bailey in the Gym.	Adventure Film Club All Years Mr Barnett in Room 417.	ART GCSE Catch Up Years 10 & 11 Ms Murray Room 303
	KS3 Computer Club Ms Duffy & Mr Turnbull in Rooms 814 & 815	KS3 Computer Club Ms Duffy & Mr Turnbull in Rooms 814 & 815	Badminton Years 7,8,9 Miss Wilcock in the Sports Hall	Dodgeball Years 7,8,9 Mr Bailey in the Gym.	Little Big Band All Years and abilities Mrs Teixeira Room 503
	Orchestra All Years & Instruments Mrs Teixeira Room 503/Octagon	ART GCSE Catch Up Year 11 Miss Daniels Room 302	Fitness Suite Year 7 & 8 Mr Bailey PE Area	KS3 Computer Club Ms Duffy & Mr Turnbull in Rooms 814 & 815	
	Girls Indoor Cricket All Years Mr Harris PE Area	Street Band With Wren Trust All Years Room 503/Octagon	KS3 Computer Club Ms Duffy & Mr Turnbull in Rooms 814 & 815	Choir See Mrs Teixeira for info Room 504	Chess Club All Years & Abilities Mrs Bertram & Miss Littlewood-Horner Room 413
	Board Games Club Year 7 Mrs Wheeleker Room 424	Board Games Club Year 7 Mrs Wheeleker Room 424	Board Games Club Year 7 Mrs Wheeleker Room 424	Board Games Club Year 7 Mrs Wheeleker Room 424	Board Games Club Year 7 Mrs Wheeleker Room 424
					Fitness Suite Years 9,10,11 Mr Bailey PE Area
					Table Tennis All Years Mr Bailey PE Area
					Yr9 Language Leaders in room 407.
AFTER SCHOOL	Home Learning Club Mrs Speak & Mrs Duffy in 6L4.	Home Learning Club Mrs Speak & Mrs Duffy in 6L4.		Music Centre Speak to JBT for details	Drama GCSE Catch up Years 10 & 11 Mrs Neilson Room 617
	Fitness Club All Years Miss Redstone in the Gym	Netball All Years Miss Redstone at Parklands		Fitness Suite & Circuits All Years Mr Bailey PE Area	
	Music GCSE Catch Up Years 10 & 11 Mrs Teixeira Room 503/ Octagon	Boys Football ??? Mr Bailey and Mr Collins		Boys Indoor Cricket Years 9 & 10 Mr Harris at Parklands	
		Girls Rugby All Years Miss Wilcock & Miss Sculion Top Fields		Girls Football All Years Mr Collins at the Astro Pitch	
		Boys Indoor Cricket Year 7&8 Mr Harris in the Gym		Basket Ball Years 9,10,11 Miss Scullion PE Area	
		Maths practice papers Year 11 Mrs Carter in room 214		Drama GCSE Catch Up Years 10 & 11 Mrs Neilson Room 617	
		Big Band Years 9,10,11 Mrs Teixeira Room 503			
NOTES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BOOK CLUB: We will discuss books, read books and set up a Book Club in our cosy library. All reading abilities welcome, you just need an enthusiasm for reading! • ADVENTURE FILM CLUB - Thursday lunchtimes in 417. Short films will be shown about the following: Skiing/Snowboarding, Mountain biking, Mountain/Fell running, Mountaineering, Rock climbing, Surfing, Caving, Bikepacking, Travel, Base Jumping. • You will need to change into your PE kit if attending a club at break 2 please just bring your lunch and trainers. • For those interested in being sports leaders this year for primary school festivals- these will now be picked from our sports leader's field after school on a Thursday. 				
BUSES	School buses will run on a Tuesday and Thursday after school.				

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