

# Oakbank School



10<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Family Member,

## ***Oakbank School – A Place To Thrive***

What a fabulous start to the new school year it has been! Fantastically smart students, teachers in their own classrooms, newly decorated corridors and a focus on higher standards has provided us with a dynamic, exciting start to the term.

I am particularly impressed by the enthusiasm all of our students have shown as they embrace our 6 Learning Habits. Their positivity shows just how keen Oakbank students are to reach the highest standards and that they have fully bought into our mission statement:

*We ensure that our students thrive, that they succeed at university, or in higher education, have great jobs and lead happy, fulfilling lives.*

We do all in our power to make this a reality, to ensure Oakbank is a school where all our students thrive.

I would like to thank all of you for helping your children with achieving these high standards. I know how hard it is to achieve and maintain a raising of standards like this, thank you so much for making it possible – I know it will be hugely worthwhile and pay great dividends in the long term.

## **Learning to Learn and Meet the Tutor Evenings**

During the Autumn Term we will be holding a series of meetings to provide you with information about the year ahead and to give you guidance on how you can best support your child in their learning.

It is our intention to hold these evenings at school and in person, clearly if Covid becomes a critical issue again we will revert to holding these sessions remotely. All of these sessions will begin at 6pm and the dates are as follows:

Year 7	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> September
Year 11	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> September
Year 10	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> October
Year 9	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> November
Year 8	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> November

It would be lovely to see as many of you as possible at these events as we work in collaboration to provide a successful education for your child. Each year group will receive specific notification of their events nearer the time.

## **Open Evening**

Open Evening is on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September, there are two points to remember about this event

- We will be closing early on the day to give us time to prepare for the evening:
  - Years 10 & 11 will finish at 12.50pm – they will not have lunch in school however if your child is entitled to a Free School Meal, a packed lunch will be available.
  - Years 7 to 9 will finish at 1.20pm – they will have lunch in school.
  - School transport will leave school at 1.25pm – students who finish at 12.50pm will need to wait in Reception.
- We would like as many students to come in to help show everyone what a great school Oakbank is – more information to follow soon.

## Parking – IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE

The beginning and end of the day become very busy on Hyde End Lane and I am extremely concerned about the risk to students as they arrive and leave school.

If it is possible can you please encourage your children to walk or cycle to school, this is both good for the students and the environment and helps to ease the congestion at the front of the school.

If you have to drive your children to school please consider the following alternatives:

- The Park & Stride scheme – drop your children off at the carpark towards the end of Hyde End Lane and they walk the rest of the way
- Remote Drop Off – Choose a spot a short walk away from school to drop your children off
- Lift Share – try to find other families to share the load of the school run and ease congestion

If this is still not possible **please do not park on the road outside the school** – use the carpark alongside the school instead.

It is also worth noting that Church Road will be closed for some of next week and road access to the school will be more challenging than usual.

## Classcharts

Classcharts is the main way you are able to track how your child is doing at school. Please make sure that you have your log in for Classcharts so that you can to help support your child.

By logging onto Classcharts you can see:

- Commendations,
- Home Learning (which is then accessed via Teams)
- Corrections

**Please be mindful that if your child does receive a Correction that they are expected to do a half an hour same day sanction after school.** This is because correcting their behaviour on the same day that they have not met one of the 6 Learning Habits is most effective and means that next day they can.

Classcharts does not allow us to add Corrections together. This means that in the unlikely event that your child receives more than one Correction you will get more than one email to notify you of a half hour after school. In this instance if they get two Corrections then they will serve an hour after school. If they receive three, they will be expected to stay for an hour and a half.

**If you are unsure how to log into Classcharts please contact your child's Head of Year who will be able to help you.**

Thank you once again for all you are doing to support your child in achieving the standards we expect of them. If you are concerned about any aspect of school life please do not hesitate to contact me at [rbertrand@oakbank.anthemtrust.uk](mailto:rbertrand@oakbank.anthemtrust.uk)

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Bertrand', with a small flourish at the end.

Robin Bertrand (Oakbank)