

Great Oaks Weekly

Friday 15th September 2023



Welcome

Welcome back to a new year at Great Oaks School and College and a special welcome to all of our new families.

It's been a really positive start to the term and great to see how enthusiastically pupils have returned to school as well as how fantastically our new pupils (and students on new sites) have settled.

Great Oaks Weekly is emailed out every Friday to all families at school and college and is put on our website and on Class Dojo. The College also produce their own weekly newsletter. Our newsletters are the main means by which we communicate what is happening at Great Oaks (to try and avoid sending home lots of letters). We also like to publicise community events and facilities that may be of interest so please do send us things for inclusion.

Here's to a successful year and as always please talk to us if you have any concerns or questions.

Andy Evans,
Headteacher

Going for Gold

Aiming to be my very best, developing my resilience and communication skills whilst having fun!



Each year we have a whole school and College theme which we base a number of activities and challenges around. This year (as it's an Olympic year) our theme is Going for Gold. We want to encourage students to do the best they can in all areas with Going for Gold challenges in different subjects across the year. We have started the year with lots of activities including an inflatable obstacle course, fruit pastille Olympics and golden

targets in in different classes. Later in the year we will be hosting a summer and winter Olympics. Below some Gold badges made in F16, 3IG after completing their races on the obstacle course, year 11s cooking breakfast with the aim of getting a bus into town and ordering breakfast by the end of the year and 3PP with their golden posies of kindness.



Summer School

We ran a really successful Summer school at the end of July / beginning of August. Over 40 children from across all of our Pathways participated in one of the weeks . They had a great time with sessions including sports, bouncy castles and magic shows.

Many thanks to Dawn and all the staff who worked on the scheme over the summer



Meet Great Oaks pets

Meet our Great Oaks pets

Max is our school dog (looked after by Mr Parkes) , We also have 2 ducks who live in the Quad and our latest addition, our land snails who although tiny now will grow up to 20cms long. We currently have a competition to name them.



Contacting School

The easiest and quickest way to get in touch with your class teacher at Great Oaks is through Class Dojo. If you are not already signed up to Class Dojo please speak to the Office and we will get you set up.

For general classroom issues please speak to your class teacher, for Welfare issues we have 2 Welfare Officers Dawn Condon and Jo Goodrich.

If the issue cannot be resolved by the class teacher please contact your relevant Pathway Manager. Pathway 1 – Tracey Harris, Pathway 2 -Natalie Woodhouse, Pathway 3 (Years 7 and 8) – Rory King, Pathway 3 (Years 9, 10 and 11) – Ilda Ourique, South site – Sarah Hogg, Pupils on Personalised programmes – Graham Carter.

Many thanks

Diary Dates

Open Mornings for parents in Year 11 to visit our South site (Green Lane) College provision

Thursday 19th October

Tuesday 7th November

Parents evening and Coffee morning dates next week