

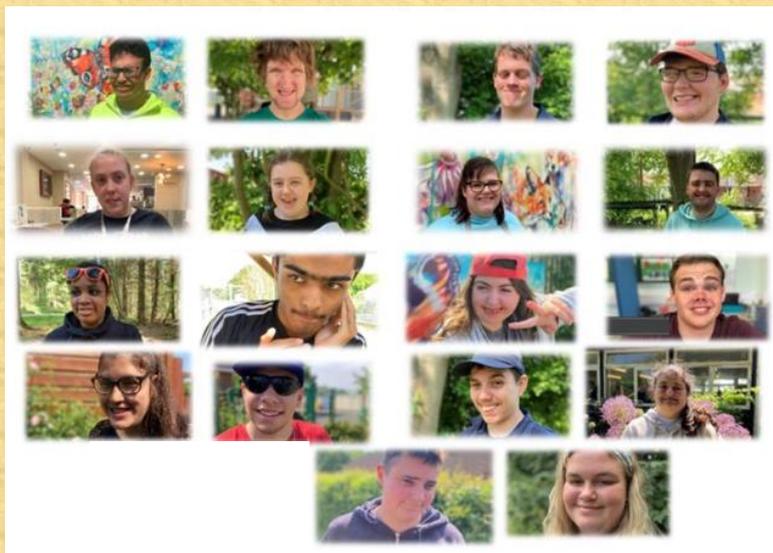
Great Oaks Weekly

Friday 21st July 23



Goodbye to College Leavers

On Thursday we celebrated the end of our Great Oak College Leavers time with us with a special Assembly which parents and friends were invited to. We wish them all the very best as they move on a range of different colleges and day services. Its been great to see how much they have all, in different ways, grown during their time with us.



Goodbye to Staff

We also sadly say goodbye to 7 staff at the end of today. Hayley Horwood one of our Year 7 teachers; Lil Fitton and Jen Wyatt teachers in our art department; Courtney Lake a Support Assistant; Val Hickox who joined the school in 1997 as our music teacher and has already retired once but who has been working as one of our interventions teachers; Nathan Loveridge our Business and Operation Manager for the past 9 years and Jo Read Head of school at our south site and responsible for so many of the opportunities our college students have been given. We wish them all well.



**“Everything’s
impossible...until
it isn’t”**

The line above comes from a poem by Harry Baker that we used at the beginning of our first training day last September and the new year did feel an impossible ask back then.

We had the largest cohort of new pupils ever and we had no buildings to put them in. The building on our Green Lane site were also delayed and we had outgrown our personalised learning site at Harcourt.

But with our fantastic staff team and with great support from our families we have achieved the impossible for our young people. Seeing them this week enjoying sports days, talent shows, leavers events and achieving their Goforit targets on top of all the progress they have made across the curriculum throughout the year, has been truly awe-inspiring.

They all deserve a great summer break as do you and all our staff. See you in September for more adventures in learning.

**Andy Evans
Headteacher**

Pathway 1 Sports Day

We finally got to hold our last Sports Day on Tuesday. This time it was the turn of Pathway 1 to complete a series of challenges supported by some pupils from Pathways 3.

The overall winning house colour revealed on Friday was the Blue Team!



Annual School Survey

If you haven't already we would be grateful if you could complete our annual parent / carer survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PWD5QM>

Message from Transport

Please see a message below from the Head of the Transport co-ordination Unit for Southampton

We aim to email parent carers between 18 and 25 August to confirm transport arrangements. If you have not heard from the School Travel Team by 29 August, please contact the team.

Our office contact phone number is: 02380 832419 and email address:

travel.coordination@southampton.gov.uk

Great Oaks' got Talent

We have been carrying out auditions for our Talent competition this week and there has been talent in abundance. The finals are on Friday afternoon so we will be able to share more in September.

Our Bottle Greenhouse

Thanks for all the donations of bottles. We are nearly there with our eco Greenhouse.



The School Office will be open from Friday 1st September (but closed on Monday 4th)

The school opens to new Year 7s on Wednesday 6th September and all other pupils on Thursday 7th