

Great Oaks Weekly

Friday 25th April 2025



New Facilities at Great Oaks

Over the Easter break we have had a number of new developments at school

Our Soft Play room on West site has been completely refitted and looks amazing in the school colours. It is being enjoyed by pupils from across school.

In order to enable more educational trips we have also purchased a new minibus (seen parked below outside of Bugle House on its test drive). Thanks to the Finance team and Steve for all their work in getting it for us.

On South site at Green lane we are coming to the end of lots building and landscaping work in creating outdoor classrooms, play equipment, shelters, new work rooms and a brand new entrance and reception. For parents of pupils moving to South site next year and for those starting at Great Oaks College there are a couple of open events to view the site next week - Monday 28th April 10-11am or Tuesday 29th April 4-5pm. All families whose young people are moving should have received letters with more information. If not please contact Kate Henty on South site.



Sports Day

A date for your diary

We are doing sports day earlier and in a new location this year

Wednesday 7th May 2025 – AM (9.30am – 12.00) for all pupils in Pathway 2 and 3 (including 4HC from South Oaks)

Sports Centre athletics track behind Great Oaks

Thursday 8th May 2025 – 1:30-2:30pm for all pupils in Pathway 1 including 4KW and other Year 10 / 11s that are able to come over from South Oaks

Great Oaks School playground (west site)

Parents and carers are very welcome to attend.

Our Health

Continuing our theme of Community over the year, we have been looking this week at the Health Service including the NHS with a great Assembly led by some of our Pathway 2 classes on Tuesday.



It was also a good opportunity to introduce Mark Cano who joins us from Rosewood School as our School Nurse working with Grace, Dawn and Jo in our welfare team. Mark will be working across West and South sites supporting our young people who have medical needs.

Great Oaks Summer Fayre

Thursday 17th July from 6pm

Do put the date for our first Summer Fayre in your diary. Featuring lots of stalls and activities we will also be including a free BBQ!

More details to follow



Volunteering in the community

Each class in school have been organising and taking part in a volunteering project in the school and local community. We will be featuring some of them over the next few weeks – this week 4RC

“4RC have been helping the maintenance team to put out the chairs for transport at the end of the day. They all listened to instructions on where to put the chairs.”



School Dinners

We have been notified by City Catering that the price of school dinners is rising.

From the start of this term Dinners will cost £3.20 per day.

Arts News

In Art year 9s have been making their own Rainforests some examples below



Meanwhile Year 10s having been making Henry Moore style sculptures and finding places to display them in the school grounds.



Next Thursday Year 7 classes are having a very special visit from the Welsh National Opera who will be performing to them.

Thank you

Thank you to everyone for bearing with us this week on West site with our emergency closure on Thursday. We came in to school to a large leak which meant that we had to switch the water off to investigate. Although not fully repaired we have isolated the section involved so water was back on and we were able to open on Friday.

In cases like this, which are fortunately rare, we will aim to email and Dojo everyone before 7.30 and then also contact transport. Pupils will not receive an absence mark for Thursday.

Thanks again for your support and apologies for the extra day off!