

10th December 2021

Newsletter No. 7

Dear Parents and Carers,

The last newsletter of the Autumn term has come, and I would like to thank you for your continued support this term. Whilst we have been able to return to some form of normality with the ending of bubbles, it is likely that the first few months of 2022 will see some measures in place.

This means that when your child returns to school after the staggered start at the beginning of the Spring term, all students should:

- Continue to wear a face covering in communal areas
- Hand sanitise when entering and leaving a classroom
- Wear a face covering on public transport
- Continue with twice-weekly LFT at home, reporting your results to the school

Of course, if we receive any new directives or instructions from the Government, particularly in the light of the Omicron variant, over the holiday period, we will let you know. Please also take note of the guidance on the website which gives important information on using Edulink for accessing work during the first week's staggered return. [Remote Learning at OPGS](#)

Please don't forget the arrangements for severe weather. This is on the school website at the following link. Hopefully we will avoid snow, but you never know!

[Severe Weather Guidance](#)

The installation of our windows is nearly finished. We are in the process of having the scaffolding on the front of the school removed and it is lovely to see how modern and "new" the Tower Block actually looks. We are in the process of making another capital application to the Academy Condition Fund. This bid, if successful, would see us finally replacing the modular buildings (Music and Drama, Mat&Lan and the Learning Support building) with a two-storey building on the same footprint to also include a 6th Form study and recreational area. We will keep you informed of progress.

It has been positive to see the activities taking place on a recent Enrichment Day. Year 9 undertook a Maths trip to Canterbury Cathedral and Year 10 GCSE students were able to visit the Design Museum. I was pleased that our Year 11 pupils were able to talk to Year 12 pupils about their A Level choices as well.

Results of the sports events this week include:

- U12 Football A Team 2-0 win vs Bennett Memorial in the Kent Cup - Goals Reece Robertson and Marli Collier.

- U12 Football B Team 5-0 win vs Dover in the ESFA cup.
- 1st X1 Football Team 2-1 win vs Chatham and Clarendon.
- Year 7 Football Team 2-0 win vs Bennett Memorial in the ESFA Cup.
- Year 7 Football 4-0 win vs Dover GS in the Kent Cup.
- Year 7 Rugby vs. Hayes School- 45-20 loss.
- U16 Kent Schools Table Tennis Championships team reached the semi-finals before losing to Skinners A team.

In the last week of term, we will hold small, socially distanced assemblies for pupils who have been awarded prizes for effort and achievement this term. Next Wednesday is a 6th Form charity day, a non-uniform day where our 6th Form would like everyone where possible to wear a Christmas jumper and make a donation of £1.

The Autumn term will finish for everyone at 1.10pm. on Friday 17th December. Ms Bevan will liaise with any students who need to leave a few minutes early because of the buses.

Can I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a peaceful and happy Christmas and let us all hope that 2022 looks a bit kinder to us as a country and that perhaps Covid might finally be less of a challenge.

Yours sincerely,



K.W. Moody
Headteacher

Diary Dates

Mon 13 th December	Year 7 Awards assembly (selected students) 1.50-2.20pm – Hall. Year 8 Awards assembly (selected students) 2.25-2.45pm – Hall.
Tue 14 th December	Year 9 Awards assembly (selected students) 1.50-2.30pm – Hall. Year 10 Awards assembly (selected students) 2.40-3.20pm – Hall. Year 12 Faculty activity - LRC 1.50-2.25pm – in forms. Year 8 District Football Tournament - MGS 3.00pm start, depart 2.30pm.
Wed 15 th December	6 th Form Charity Christmas Jumper Day. Year 13 PPE Presentation – PowerPoint sent home. Year 13 Faculty activity - LRC 1.50-2.25pm LRC/in forms. Flu vaccination mop up. 2nd XI Football v Norton Knatchbull GS - Away, 2.00pm KO, depart 1.10pm (RDE). GCSE PE Football Match - Home, 2.15pm KO (SPS & BS).
Thu 16 th December	Year 12 Faculty activity - LRC 1.50-2.25pm – in forms. Year 12 & 13 Awards assembly (selected students) 1.50-2.30pm – Hall. Year 11 Awards assembly (selected students) 2.40-3.20pm – Hall. Year 8A Football v Meopham School - Home, 2.30pm KO (SPS). Year 7 Maidstone Schools Rugby Tournament - Aylesford RFC, 2.30pm start, depart 1.50pm (RMR).

Fri 17th December Year 9 Monitoring issued
Term Ends at 1.10pm.

Christmas Holiday Monday 20th December – Monday 3rd January

Tue 4th January 2022 Staggered return to school begins.
Lateral Flow testing Year 11 and 13 – Gym.
Year 13 PPEs (until 14th).

Wed 5th January Lateral Flow testing Year 7 and 8 – Gym.
Year 11 and 13 return to school.
Year 11 internal students' Sixth Form interviews (until 14th).
Year 11 Arkwright Exam & Interview Preparation 5-10 students p1-4 (PSA)

Thu 6th January Lateral Flow testing Year 9 and 10 – Gym.
Year 7 and 8 return to school.

Fri 7th January Lateral Flow testing Year 12 - Gym (Year 12 return to school on Monday
10th).
Year 9 and 10 return to school.

Christmas Card House Challenge

Design a Christmas card for
Oakwood Park Grammar School.

- OPGS Identity
(Branding/Colours/Ethos)
- Hand drawn or computer
- Black & white or colour
- A4 or A5 size (front of card will be A5)
- Portrait or landscape.

Designs to Miss Marchant either by email or
take to room 36-Please make sure they are
named.

Deadline – Monday 13th December 2021.

Great for your CV / portfolio.

Good Luck!



Merry
Christmas
&
HAPPY NEW YEAR 2021



Headteachers Commendations

These students have been nominated by Subject Leaders for their continued commitment and outstanding quality of work within the subject.

Subject	Name of student	Year Group	Why the nomination?
Chemistry	Freddie Fagg	Year 10	Excellent progress and attitude to learning.
Chemistry	Gabriel Charles	Year 11	Excellent progress and attitude to learning.
Chemistry	Owen Hurley	Year 11	Excellent progress and attitude to learning.
Chemistry	Toby Rayner Thomas	Year 11	Excellent progress and attitude to learning.
Chemistry	Felix Bamidele	Year 11	Excellent progress and attitude to learning.
Chemistry	Lucas Dick	Year 10	Excellent progress and attitude to learning.
Chemistry	Bailey Barnett	Year 10	Excellent progress and attitude to learning.
Chemistry	Ed Scarr	Year 10	Excellent progress and attitude to learning.
Chemistry	Dean Spooner	Year 10	Excellent progress and attitude to learning.
D&T	Auris Shyjan	Year 7	Outstanding attitude to learning.
D&T	Pade Olabode	Year 7	Excellent commitment and work effort with Design and Technology.
D&T	Christos Koffas	Year 7	Excellent commitment and work effort with Food Technology.
D&T	Victory Ochonma	Year 8	Excellent commitment and work effort with Design and Technology.
D&T	Jack Finch	Year 8	Outstanding attitude to learning.
D&T	Patryk Suwala	Year 8	Excellent work and approach to Design.
D&T	Reuben Davies	Year 8	Excellent commitment and work effort with Design and Technology.
D&T	Ahinkura Etsiakoh	Year 8	Outstanding attitude to learning, excellent improvement.
D&T	Jan Druzkowski	Year 8	Excellent work and approach to Design.
D&T	Daniel Airey	Year 10	Excellent commitment and work effort with Design and Technology.
D&T	Oscar Elks	Year 10	Outstanding attitude to learning.
D&T	Rafe Loveday	Year 10	Excellent work and approach to Design.
D&T	William Howell	Year 11	Excellent progress and attitude to learning.
D&T	Thomas Sloane	Year 11	Outstanding attitude to learning.
D&T	Louie Woods	Year 11	Outstanding attitude to learning, excellent improvement.
D&T	Fayaz Al-Ahbab	Year 12	Excellent work and approach to Design.
D&T	Luc Burt	Year 12	Excellent commitment and work effort with Design and Technology.
D&T	Callum Pearce	Year 12	Excellent commitment and work effort with Design and Technology.

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D&T	Jon Sheba	Year 13	Excellent commitment and work effort with Design and Technology.
French	Roman Wise	Year 7	Excellent attitude to learning in French & passion for languages
French	Luca Dicembre	Year 7	Excellent attitude to learning and enthusiasm in French
French	Beau Greenwood	Year 7	Excellent attitude to learning in French.
French	Romell Buliyani	Year 7	Excellent attitude to learning in French.
French	Jack Hyam	Year 8	Excellent attitude to learning in French and excellent progress.
French	Tom McIvor	Year 8	Excellent attitude to learning in French and excellent progress.
French	Harrison Munday	Year 8	Excellent attitude to learning in French.
French	Michael Tidball	Year 8	Excellent attitude to learning and working in French.
French	Ifan Bambury	Year 9	Excellent attitude to learning in French and passion for French.
French	Freddie Porritt	Year 9	Excellent attitude to learning in French, excellent progress.
French	Jacob Johnson	Year 9	Excellent attitude to learning in French.
French	Theo Merritt	Year 9	Excellent attitude to learning and work in French.
French	Drew Kennedy	Year 9	Excellent attitude to learning in French.
French	Younes Najim	Year 9	Excellent participation and pronunciation in French.
French	Nathaniel Frimston	Year 9	Excellent attitude and participation to learning in French.
French	Lukas Hanusch	Year 9	Excellent attitude to learning in French.
French	Aaron Bath	Year 9	Excellent participation in French.
French	Rebik Shrestha	Year 10	Excellent attitude to learning in French and excellent progress.
French	William Davis	Year 10	Excellent attitude to learning in French and excellent progress.
French	Freddie Fagg	Year 10	Excellent attitude to learning in French.
French	Ben Hawkins	Year 10	Excellent participation in French.
French	Luke Breytenback	Year 11	Excellent attitude to learning in French.
French	Ben Hanush	Year 11	Excellent attitude to work, participation and questioning.
French	Freddie Harper	Year 11	Excellent attitude to learning in French and excellent progress.
French	Jenson Mathew	Year 11	Excellent attitude to learning in French and excellent progress.

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Psychology	Jack Carlyle	Year 10	Outstanding attitude to learning, excellent Memory assessment performance.
Psychology	Brandon Stirman	Year 11	Excellent PPE performance.
Psychology	Freddie Crisp	Year 12	Outstanding attitude to learning, excellent Attachment assessment performance.
Psychology	Sianne Manning	Year 12	Outstanding attitude to learning, excellent Attachment assessment performance.
Spanish	Rommell Buliyani	Year 7	Great essay written in Spanish presenting himself
Spanish	Rayaan Aziz	Year 7	New student making very good progress
Spanish	Sam Body	Year 7	Excellent progress and attitude to learning in Spanish
Spanish	Harrison Munday	Year 8	Excellent attitude to learning, participation in class & progress in Spanish this term
Spanish	Leo Jones	Year 8	Great speaking presentation for last term exam with extremely thorough preparation
Spanish	Victory Ochoma	Year 8	Excellent ability in Spanish and attitude to learning
Spanish	Freddie Porritt	Year 9	Excellent progress this term and attitude to learning
Spanish	Oliver De Georgio	Year 9	Excellent progress in Spanish and attitude to Spanish studies
Spanish	Amir Azeez	Year 9	Great constant and regular memorization of their class vocabulary
Spanish	Cade Breytenbach	Year 9	Excellent participation in class and attitude to learning
Spanish	Ifan Bambury	Year 9	Excellent participation in class and attitude to learning
Spanish	Younes Najim	Year 9	Great constant and regular memorization of their class vocabulary
Spanish	Edward Scarr	Year 10	Excellent attitude, polite, hardworking
Spanish	Bailey Barnett	Year 10	Great constant and regular memorization of their class vocabulary
Spanish	Ben Folley	Year 10	Excellent participation and attitude to learning
Spanish	Dean Spooner	Year 10	Excellent participation and attitude to learning
Spanish	Harrison Scott	Year 10	Great constant and regular memorization of their class vocabulary
Spanish	Alex Smith	Year 11	Great PPE writing exam. Top achiever in this exam.
Spanish	Ali Eddama	Year 11	Great PPE writing exam. Top achiever in this exam.
Spanish	Ben Allen	Year 11	Great PPE writing exam. Top achiever in this exam.
Spanish	Brandon Stirman	Year 11	Great PPE writing exam. Top achiever in this exam.
Spanish	Finley Armstrong	Year 11	Great PPE writing exam. Top achiever in this exam.

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Spanish	Flynn Rainey	Year 11	Great PPE writing exam. Top achiever in this exam.
Spanish	Gabriel Charles	Year 11	Great PPE writing exam. Top achiever in this exam.
Spanish	James Cooper	Year 11	Great PPE writing exam. Top achiever in this exam.
Spanish	Jenson Matthew	Year 11	Great PPE writing exam. Top achiever in this exam.
Spanish	Josh Alchin	Year 11	Great PPE writing exam. Top achiever in this exam.
Spanish	Joshua Harman	Year 11	Great PPE writing exam. Top achiever in this exam.
Spanish	Lennon Cox	Year 11	Great PPE writing exam. Top achiever in this exam.
Spanish	Radoslav Radoev	Year 11	Great PPE writing exam. Top achiever in this exam.
Spanish	Thomas Harker	Year 11	Great PPE writing exam. Top achiever in this exam.
Spanish	Ben Madden	Year 12	Great research, presentation work and participation through the term.
Spanish	Ryan Hughes	Year 12	Excellent participation in Spanish lessons and very committed approach to his A Level studies
Spanish	Tom Chaplin	Year 12	Great research, presentation and participation work through the term.
Spanish	Sam Folley	Year 13	Great essays and attitude to learning throughout the term
History	Tamas Kovacs	Year 7	Excellent revision, classwork and homework
History	Noah Cruickshank	Year 7	Excellent assessment results and classwork
History	Maximus Stemberidge	Year 7	Outstanding performance on History assessment
History	Josh Denney	Year 7	Consistently good classwork, homework and attitude to learning
History	Jamie Puncher	Year 7	Excellent revision and assessment result
History	Keagan Luke	Year 7	Excellent attitude to learning and has performed well in assessments.
History	Finley Davies	Year 8	Excellent attitude to learning and assessment result
History	Thomas Porter	Year 8	Excellent progress across the term
History	Jack Hyam	Year 8	Excellent attitude to learning, homework, assessment result and classwork
History	Jacob Hammick	Year 8	Excellent attitude to learning, homework, assessment result and classwork
History	James Taylor-Smith	Year 8	Excellent attitude to learning, homework, assessment result and classwork
History	Lewis Best	Year 9	Excellent attitude to learning, homework, assessment result and classwork
History	Oliver Bose	Year 9	Excellent attitude to learning, homework, assessment result and classwork

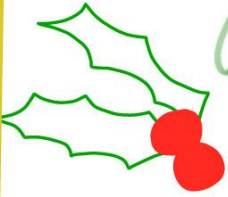
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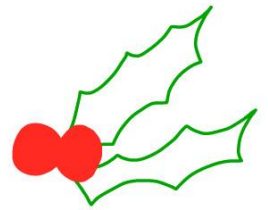
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History	Dominic Teodorescu	Year 9	Excellent attitude to learning, homework, assessment result and classwork
History	Tye Martin	Year 9	Excellent attitude to learning, homework, assessment result and classwork
History	Joshua Fouracre	Year 9	Excellent attitude to learning, homework, assessment result and classwork
History	Santiago Gardner Vela	Year 9	Excellent attitude to learning, homework, assessment result and classwork
History	Harry Attwater	Year 9	Excellent attitude to learning, homework, assessment result and classwork
History	Ryan Murphy	Year 9	Excellent attitude to learning, homework, assessment result and classwork
History	Ned Panting	Year 9	Excellent attitude to learning, homework, assessment result and classwork

Christmas Jumper

Wednesday 15th December



Years 7-11, money to senior
prefect team in the morning



Sixth Form, money to senior
prefect team in the
afternoon



Staff, box by reception
for donations

If you have no jumper, welcome to attend
in non-school uniform

Charities:
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Dementia UK

1 pound donation

day



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