

26th November 2021

Newsletter No. 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Autumn term is moving apace and it is hard to believe that we only have three weeks before the Christmas break!

I am very grateful to our school community for following all the Covid guidance we have in place. With infection rates still high in the Maidstone area, we intend to keep our mitigations in place for the foreseeable future. Just a reminder on these:

- Face coverings in communal areas
- Hand sanitising on entry and exit from classrooms
- Classrooms will be kept well ventilated
- Regular (twice weekly) Lateral Flow Testing which must be reported to the school

Thank you for your continued support.

We have had a number of 6th Form Open Mornings for external students which have been well attended and the displays organised by our Year 12 students in the Hall on A Level choices were brilliant. For our Year 11 students, we will be organising an opportunity for each form to discuss their intended A Level choices with 6th Formers and gather information on the Enrichment Day on 2nd December 2021.

Congratulations to the new Year 12 Subject Prefects appointed this week. A list of the new Year 12 Subject Prefects can be viewed below.

Results of the sports events this week include:

- U13 Football B team vs Shoreham in the ESFA Cup won 4-3 in extra time, Charlie Beale with the winner.
- U13 Football A team vs Aylesford in the KSFA Cup won 3-2 with Harrison Fryer scoring in the last minute.
- 1st XI Kent Cup Football vs Cleeve Park won on penalties to progress to the 3rd Round.
- U13 Kent School Table Tennis Championships- Logan Baxter (8), James Roots (8), Jacob Pelc (8) & Oliver East (7) won the consolation cup competition beating Brompton Academy 'A' and 'B', St John's Catholic Comprehensive School & Skinners 'B' in the final.
- Year 10 Rugby vs. St Lawrence College- 45-15 loss.

Looking forward, we have an extra public holiday in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Because it falls in the Whitsun bank holiday, the Department for Education has agreed to grant all schools an additional holiday in the academic year 2021-22. We have decided as a school that we will take Friday 29th April 2022 as an additional day, thus having a four-day weekend including May Day Bank Holiday.

Yours sincerely,



K.W. Moody
Headteacher

Upcoming Dates

Mon 29 th November	Year 12 Assessments (to 10 th Dec).
Tues 30 th November	Year 11 Parents Evening 4-7pm. (virtual). Year 7 Football v St Gregory's School - Home, 2.30pm KO (RDE). U13 Rugby v Hayes School - Home, 2.30pm KO (MKJ).
Weds 1 st December	Year 13 Faculty activity - 1.50-2.25pm – LRC/ in forms. 1st XI Football v Chatham & Clarendon GS - Away, 2.00pm KO, depart 1.10pm (SPS). 2nd XI Football v Harvey GS - Away, 2.00pm KO, depart 1.10pm (RDE). U16 Kent Schools Table Tennis - Howard School, 9.00am-3.00pm, depart 8.30am (RMR).
Thurs 2 nd December	Enrichment Day. 1st XV Rugby v St Lawrence School - Away, 2.30pm KO, depart 12.45pm (MHD).
Fri 3 rd December	Year 7 Rugby v Hayes School - Away, 2.30pm KO (RMR). Year 7 Monitoring issued. Year 11 RS IAG - LRC 2pm. Years 10 Rugby v Hayes School - Home, 2.30pm (RMR).
Mon 6 th December	Year 7 Parents Evening 4-7pm. Forms C & S (virtual).
Thurs 9 th December	Year 7 Parents Evening 4-7pm. Forms P, T & X (virtual).

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



Year 12 Subject Prefect list

Congratulations to the new Year 12 Subject Prefects appointed this week. The Prefect Team started their duties last week as they welcomed Year 11 students from other schools to our OPGS Sixth Open Mornings. Our own Year 11 students will also meet our Prefects at an A level Subject Fair to be held on 2nd December.

Name	Subjects
Raghn B	Biology
Taylor G	Biology
Lauren M	Biology
Kieran E	Chemistry
Joshua I	Chemistry
Owen J	Chemistry
Tim T	Design & Technology
Aidan B	Drama
Daniel G	Drama
Josh R	Drama
Nathan G	Economics
Jack S	Economics
Isabelle S	English Language
Carys S	English Language
Owen J	History
Archie G	History
Thomas L	Maths
Ashwin K	Physics
Izzy O	Politics
Robert R	Psychology
Freddie C	Psychology
Abigail G	Psychology
Emily S	Sociology
Cameron T	RS
Eleanor R	Art
Tom C	French
Robin H	Geography
Joseph S	English Literature
Rose D	English Literature
Bobby M	Media Studies
Callum F	Computing
Jonathan R	Computing
Ryan H	Spanish
Kasey H	Graphics
Alex S	PE
Matthew H	PE
Daisy A	PE



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