



Orchard Manor School News

OMS Bulletin

School Updates and Communications

23 September 2022



In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life: it goes on.

- Robert Frost—American Poet

Welcome Back!

It is so lovely to see everyone back and getting into the swing of things after such a momentous and historical couple of weeks. It has been a very different start of term, with the sad news of Queen Elizabeth II passing, her funeral and the extra bank holiday in her honour, as well as the quietness of our social media which I know a lot of you use to keep up with what is going on in the school. It feels good to get back into the rhythm of school life again.

I have to say a big thank you to everyone who was involved with the school improvements over the holidays. Lots of the classrooms have been redecorated and have new carpets and upgraded kitchenettes. Gladstone House has been redeveloped into a suite of classrooms and new sensory rooms for our students who need more sensory and life-skills based learning. The Workshop is now complete and we are waiting for an official handover from the builders. Lessons will begin there shortly and ... 'drum roll'..... the swimming pool will be open from Monday! The new Sports Hall is anticipated to be officially opened in the second week of October, and the completion of the landscaping around it will be finished in the half term.

Social Media

As you have probably seen we have started posting again after the period of national mourning. For those of you who don't know how to find us, we are on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#). We have also recently added our school to [Linked-In](#) and we will be posting job opportunities there as well as on our [website](#). And, I am very excited to say, one of our students Deacon, is going to be helping with our social media as a budding reporter as he is very interested in journalism. He starts next week, so keep your eyes peeled for his articles.

School Communications

Continuing with this theme, we are now using Arbor as our main form of communications with our parents and carers. Please download the [Arbor App](#) if you have not already done so. It can be used on your phone or your computer and we will be using it to let you know of any EHCP meetings, important dates, parents evenings, managing payments and any other information which we need to share with you.



Informal Recruitment Morning 30 September

We have a number of job opportunities on our [website](#) and we are also holding an informal recruitment coffee morning on the 30th of September between 10 and 12. If you know of anyone who may be interested in working in our lovely school, please let them know it takes fabulous people to make a fabulous school.

Congratulations to

Sam Poole and Chris Heard for completing their RQF Level 5 Diploma in Leadership and Management in Residential Child Care. Well done to both!

Finally, all that's left to say is have a lovely weekend. *Nicola Jones, Headteacher*