



Orchard Manor School News

OMS Bulletin

School Updates and Communications

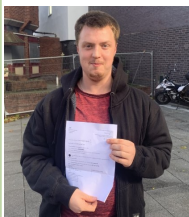
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"Give time to empty your mind. It will let you build new dreams." - Anonymous

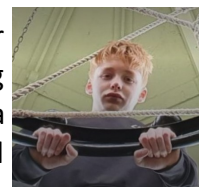
Dear Parents and Carers

We are at the end of the first half term of the school year, and if we carry on as we are, we will be celebrating another year of amazing things for our students. If you are following us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) you will have seen that we have had a packed half term. We are extremely proud of our students who embrace our new values and are flourishing in their learning.



We have had two young lads who stand out particularly this half term: Luke, in Post 16, who has been pushing himself to learn not only the information needed to pass the Official DVSA Theory Test for Car Drivers, but also to develop the social skills necessary to do it. We are extremely thrilled to say that he passed it first time! Well done to Post 16 for supporting him in this very important Life Skill. He is a fantastic ambassador for the school.

Deakon is the other young man who has been doing very well. He wants to be a reporter when he leaves school, so he has been practicing writing articles, taking photos and editing them. His debut article is on our website, and, you guessed it— on our Social Media. It is a report on our new Sports Hall and Workshop. He did really well, and we are extremely proud of both of our young students.



Parents Evening Booking

Parents Evening will be taking place on the 8th of November. It will be held on site this year and you will have an opportunity to meet your child's tutor and see your child's work first hand. This meeting will be specifically to discuss targets for the coming year. If you are unable to come into school, you will be given the opportunity to arrange a time to have a telephone call or a Teams video directly with the tutor. Look out for an email soon.

Arbor App

Please ensure you download the [Arbor App](#) as we are also sending out text and emails to remind parents and carers of the Annual Review meetings. Please upload your Parent Views via the [Hub](#) or bring them to the annual review meeting. Thankyou!

Mental Health Week

We have had a lovely week looking after our mental health and being involved with lots of activities around the school. Our Hello Yellow fundraising day and cake sale was very successful—raising £134 pounds for the charity [@YoungMindsUK](#).

Farewells and New Appointments

We are very sad to say farewell to James Watson, our Head of Care and Designated Safeguarding Lead. He has been working with us for 7 years and we wish him every success in his new endeavour. Esther Craddock will be our new Head of Care and DSL, and she joins us later in the Spring term, and some of you will already have been introduced to Alan Ansermoz, our new Pink Class teacher. We have a number of Teaching Assistants starting next half term too and we are really looking forward to welcoming everyone to the team.



All that is left to say is have a relaxing half term holiday and **we look forward to seeing our students back in school at 9:10am on Monday 31 October.** Best regards. *Nicola Jones, Headteacher*