



Orchard Manor School News

# School Updates and Communications

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*People say go the extra mile...  
but I say take the complete journey. If you are helping people, help  
them throughout. Don't leave them half way.*  
**Pravinth Deepan, Entrepreneur**

Dear Parents and Carers

This quote stuck with me as being pertinent for describing the support that the staff here give our pupils, and to each other. Giving people a safe space, encouragement and an occasional nudge helps us to stay connected, empowered and aspirational. **Our New School Values** really are relevant and it's fantastic to see how we begin to teach our young people to live and breathe them.

Our new logos for these are here! We are adding them to a range of items so we can remember that this is what we are aiming for.



And talking about living and breathing our values .... let's think about the Ten Tors expedition - a truly superhuman amount of effort went into helping our young people do something that they will remember for the rest of their lives.

Furthermore, it's been wonderful to see that others recognise our role in challenging and supporting our young people to be the best that they can be. Please see the extract below from an amazing letter from CDr Ian Pethick. Well done Team Ten Tors!

*Dear Mrs Jones*

*As Tor Commander at the Prewley Moor Safety Check Point for Ten Tors 22, I thought I'd take the opportunity to write to you in order to commend your staff on the incredible support I witnessed them give to your two Ten Tors teams through the period of their overnight camp.*

*This was the first time Prewley Moor has been used as an overnight stop for any TT teams and the teams arrived after 12 hours walking through quite warm conditions for this time of year. Despite being obviously tired, your 'walking' staff remained vigilant and very professional as they assisted the students with setting up tents, preparing food and keeping everyone hydrated.*

*Throughout their time at Prewley Moor, I was extremely impressed at the immense stamina, fortitude and the lengths all of your staff went to, in looking out for the safety and security of your students; they were obviously highly attuned to the issues and challenges each student presented. It was a pleasure to witness their calmness and commitment to achieving a successful outcome to the overnight camp and I'd like to think the students and their parents also appreciated your staff's efforts."*

I am so proud that our staff are recognised for their efforts outside as well as inside school. We do indeed have a fantastic team.

Last, but not least, I would like to congratulate Rowena Schofield on her new position as Headteacher at Magdalene Court which she will start in September 2022. Magdalene Court School is in partnership with SPT so we will still see lots of her! Rowena will undertake a series of transition days over the summer term. I know that she is very excited about this next step and wish her every success.

Have a great week.

Nicola Jones—Headteacher