



Orchard Manor School News

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"I've always loved the first day of school better than the last day of school.

Firsts are best because they are beginnings"

- Jenny Han, Children and Young Adult Fiction Author

Hello everyone and a huge welcome back!

It has been lovely to see all our children again after the Summer—they seem much taller and grown up some how, and they seem ready for the Autumn Term having settled in already to their new classes and routines.

I would like to welcome not only the children back, but our fabulous team of staff too! I hope you have all had time to rest and recoup after what was a full-on summer term and managed to find some sunshine. At the end of term, we waved goodbye to some of our well loved colleagues who left to start their new adventures, and we now welcome our new team members with the same enthusiasm.



Jo Hill, our new Deputy Head for Upper School, is already getting to know everybody and we wish her every success with us, as we do to all of our new school family. I am sure you will meet the rest of the new staff as the school year progresses—we wish you all the best in your new positions!

In August we had a fantastic exam results day which made us all so proud. We do understand that progress will vary among different students, as it reflects their individual needs and starting points, but within this group, we had students who attained the highest marks, as well as those who were unable to read in year 8 but have now achieved GCSEs, entry level grades, and passes in various subjects. **What an achievement!**

The majority of students came to collect their results, and it was truly uplifting to witness their elation as their hard work translated into grades. Witnessing the pride on their parents' faces was heartwarming, and of course this exemplifies the dedication that each and every one of us puts into ensuring that our students make the best possible progress tailored to their needs. Well done everyone, and thanks go to all our staff for their unwavering support in providing our pupils with an exceptional education.

Over the summer holidays we have been making a number of improvements to the school, one of which being the installation of a brand new kitchen for home cooking. It is fabulous and we hope that the children will enjoy using it! We also won the virtual Dawlish in Bloom Competition, but more of that next time!



Another "improvement" was implemented to our School IT System, however we seem to have hit some gremlins in the works. Please bear with us whilst we try to fix it! As with everything new it is taking some time to get used to, but it should make all of our processes so much smoother in the long run. To all of you who have been trying to contact the admin email, we apologise for the delay in coming back to you. We are working through the backlog and we will reply as soon as we can.

If you need anything urgently, please contact the school directly on 01626 862363.

Have a great weekend everyone!

Nicola Jones, Headteacher