



Orchard Manor School News

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I can remember as a child. It was not customary to say you were fatigued. It was customary to complete the goal of the expedition — Katharine Hepburn

Hello everyone!

Wow! What a weekend! Ten Tors Jubilee Challenge absolutely smashed by our fantastic students and staff! Well done everyone! 60 people made up the OMS Team—they were a sea of red hoodies, all personalised, did the challenge—20 staff and 40 students!

A huge thank you to our wonderful staff who pulled together to make it possible. After months of walking and training in preparation, they all crossed the finish line on the moors with well-deserved pride. It was amazing to see, and thank you too, to the parents and staff who came to cheer them all on.



If you missed the photos, you can see them here: [Facebook](#) They were updated throughout the day so that we could all see our teams' progress. We were also mentioned on the local TV station and in the online newspapers! Our walkers are famous! (links on the Facebook page too!)

We have begun our external exams like other schools across the country. The first GCSEs were this week. The general consensus of opinion on the way out of the Maths Paper 1 was that it was a bit tricky - but you never really know how well anyone has done until the results come out. So, it's better not to worry! The best thing to do, as we constantly remind our students, is to stay calm, make sure you read the questions properly, check you have answered everything and do a final read through, believe in yourself, and that we can only do our best.

Good food, light exercise and a good night's rest before the exam also helps to calm the mind and focus the brain.



We wish all students everywhere GOOD LUCK in whatever exams they are doing!

At the end of next week we break up for half term and then we are back to school for one of our busiest times of the year. There are lots of events going on—from Sports Days to our Year 11 and 14 Prom, talking of which, a very professional invitation has been designed by one of our Year 11 students which will be going out to everyone included very soon. The list of important dates is here, but you will be updated in anything your child is involved with nearer the time.



Finally, with the fantastic weather we have been having recently, please remember sun screen, and hats for our youngsters.

Right, I think that's it! Have a great weekend everyone!

Nicola Jones, Headteacher

Summer Term Dates	
23 May	Break up for Half Term 3:40 pm
2 June	Back to School 9:10 am
5 June	Coffee Morning with Paige 10—12pm
16 June	Start of Sports Week Last GCSE Exam then swimming! Year 11 Activity Fortnight Week 1 Sports Events for more complex needs Lower Campus
18 June	Youth Sport Trust Event Lower Campus Sports Day
19 June	Upper Campus Sports Day
23 June	Year 11 Activity Fortnight Week 2
26 June	Year 11 and 14 Prom
27 June	Last Day of Term for Year 11 Leavers and Parents Assembly and Cream Tea Post 16 BBQ
1-3 July	OMS Wind in the Willows The Musical
7 July	Reports start to go out
11 July	Summer Fete
14 July	Transition Week Starts
24 July	End of Term 1pm