



Orchard Manor School News

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"Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything,"

George Bernard Shaw.

Hello Everyone!

So we come to the end of our Transition period and indeed the end of this fantastic school year. I hope everyone has enjoyed it as much as I have. As I walk around the school it is good to see so many smiling faces and everyone looks like they have settled in very well.

The Summer Fete was a great success and it was also lovely to see so many families visiting. I have to say that I was very impressed with all the singers who took part in Karaoke session too! The PSFA total for the day was £1,520! Thankyou to everyone who supported us and to the staff who helped it go so well!



We also had a gardening competition this term—a total of 11 separate gardens across the school were included in the judging. It was won by 11RE for a totally communal garden, worked on all year by the young people in the class— well done everyone!

We have some exciting news to share with you all: we had a Residential Ofsted visit recently - and we have been given another Outstanding! The Inspectors highlighted the exceptional progress children have continued to make

since the last inspection, noting the stable and consistent staff team as a key factor in delivering high-quality care. "The strong level of consistent support that children receive from the staff really helps them reach their full potential," inspectors noted. "Children benefit from integrated targets across care and school environments, ensuring a seamless experience that supports their ongoing learning and development."

We are so proud of our Residential Care Team - they really go above and beyond, not just working in the houses with our residential students, but around the school too. It is a well deserved accolade and you should be extremely proud of yourselves (again!). As soon as the official report comes out we will share it with you all.

Next year, you will begin to hear the words Discover, Explore and Investigate Pathways. We have refreshed our approach to grouping pupils at school to ensure that we are targeting the right curriculum and resources to support them to make progress, and to give each child the education and care that suits them best. These pathways are based on each student's needs, independence, and communication style and they can move between pathways when they are developmentally ready. If you would like to read more about it, please [have a look at our website here](#).

For those of you waiting for exam results in the summer Kim will be here on Thursday 21st August if you would like to pick them up—good luck!

Right, I think that's it! All that's left to say is have a great summer holiday everyone, we will see you back well rested and excited to start the new school year on Monday 8th of September!

Nicola Jones, Headteacher