



Orchard Manor School News

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"Some of my fondest memories are holidays by the seaside". — Mary Berry

May	
Thu 21	Half Term Starts @ 3:40pm
Fri 22	Non-Pupil Day
June	
Mon 1	Back to school at 09@10am
Mon 15	Year 11 Activity Fortnight begins
Tue 22	Final Exam Day for the June GCSEs
Wed 24	GCSE National Contingency Day
Thu 25	Leavers Prom
Fri 26	Last Day for Year 11s 10:30am Leavers Assembly and Cream Tea
Mon 29	Sports Week Begins!
July	
Mon 6	Inset Day
Tue 7	Back to School 09:10am
Tue 7	Family Fun Afternoon and Grand Prize Draw @4—6pm
Fri 10	All student reports delivered
Mon 13	Transition Week begins
Fri 24	End of Term 1pm Summer Holidays Start!
September	
Mon 7	Back to School @09:10 am

Hello Everyone!

This is just a very short message for the end of this half term.

I can't believe how quickly the time has gone! As usual, it has been a very exciting few weeks.

I hope you enjoyed reading about our fantastic Ten Tors expeditions and seeing the brilliant photos sent in by staff and parents.

Our GCSE examinations are now well underway — good luck to everyone taking them over the next month or so.

Our school play was amazing, as always. We were thrilled with how well it went and incredibly proud of how talented our students are. It was also lovely to see so many parents coming in to support the performances.

Next half term is already looking very busy, which is always the case for the final part of the summer term. We have lots planned, including Sports Week and a very special event within it, which you will hear more about soon.

We will also be saying goodbye to our current Year 11 students as they move on to different schools and colleges. We will give them and their families a proper send-off, beginning with the Year 11 Prom, followed by what is always a very emotional Leavers' Assembly and Cream Tea for parents the next day.

During the assembly, students will receive their leavers' hoodies, certificates, a photobook from the prom the night before, and some lovely comments from the teachers who have supported them throughout their time at OMS. Believe me — there will not be a dry eye in the house!

The next major event will be our Transition Weeks, which begin in July. This is always a very exciting time for everyone involved, and we will keep families fully updated with all the plans we have in place to ensure a smooth transition into new classrooms and with new teachers.

It's going to be a lot of fun, so please don't worry, mums and dads! We do this every year, and we are very experienced at making sure everything runs smoothly.

And finally, while staff and students are enjoying the break, our wonderful maintenance team will continue working hard to make our grounds look beautiful for the final half term. We will return to freshly cut lawns, smooth playing fields, and everything looking fresh for summer.

Right, I think that's it! I hope you enjoy the extra day during the half-term holiday, have a restful week, and make the most of the sunshine that's promised. **We look forward to welcoming all students back to school on Monday 1 June at 9:10am.** **Nicola Jones, Headteacher**