



Orchard Manor School News

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"What we call the beginning is often the end. And to make an end is to make a beginning." — T.S. Eliot



Hello Everyone! As usual we have had a packed few weeks since the last update.

What a truly wonderful evening we had celebrating our Year 11 leavers at their prom! The terrace at Bramley House looked stunning with beautiful decorations, and the BBQ, special cake, music, and even zorbing made it a night full of fun.

A professional photographer captured the memories, and we were so lucky to enjoy lovely

weather too. It was incredibly special to see all our leavers looking so smart and enjoying themselves — a perfect way to celebrate their time with us.

As part of their Activity Week, our Year 11 students enjoyed a fantastic trip to London. Travelling via Stonehenge, they then took in some of the capital's most iconic sights, including the Tower of London and the Crown Jewels. They also explored two fascinating museums and experienced travelling on the Tube — a highlight for many! We are so proud of how well everyone behaved throughout the trip.

This morning we held our Celebration Cream Tea and Presentation for our leavers and their families. It was a lovely (and slightly emotional!) event as we reflected on their journeys. Students left with their leavers' hoodies, certificates celebrating their achievements, and a special photo book from the prom — lasting memories of their time at Orchard Manor. We wish our Year 11 Leavers every success in whatever they go on to do. We will miss you all!

Year 8 had an amazing end-of-year treat with a visit to "We The Curious" in Bristol. They loved the planetarium experience before returning to school for a night camping on the field. It was a brilliant experience filled with fun, learning, and plenty of smiles!

Next week is Sports Week which includes our Sponsored Royal Walk/Run to Buckingham Palace! This is a whole-school event bringing our community together while raising funds for school equipment.

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Thank you in advance for your support — every step counts!

Transition will begin during the week commencing Monday 13 July. Over the next couple of weeks, parents will be informed about their child's class placement for September. A great deal of thought goes into grouping our classes, and we also understand that this can feel like an apprehensive time. Please be reassured that we are supporting our young people throughout the process. By beginning transitions before the summer break, students will have the opportunity to become familiar with their new classrooms and teachers, helping to reduce anxiety over the holidays and support a smoother return in September. New students joining OMS will also be welcomed in stages throughout this transition period. If you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Finally, thank you to all parents and carers for your support during the recent hot weather. Your cooperation has helped us keep everyone safe and comfortable in school — we really appreciate it.

Nicola Jones, Headteacher