



Orchard Park High School

'Inspiring Lives, Building Futures'

'Ready, Respectful, Safe'

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A Great Start from Year 7!

Year 7 have made an extremely positive start to the next stage in their educational career. Staff at Orchard Park are very impressed with their attitude and genuine desire to do well at school. Thank you for supporting your child and the school at the beginning of an exciting journey.

Can I impress upon all parents that your support throughout the next five years will contribute immensely to your child's well-being and success at Orchard Park High School.

All students are encouraged to read at home for thirty minutes and also at school. This may be difficult for some students, however it is a good habit to develop and will need parental support. Students should have their login details for Bedrock English, Hegarty Maths and Tassomai Science. Please can parents sit with their child and check that they are able to access each programme from home. This will avoid students being unable to complete their homework on time.

As difficult as this might be, take control of your child's mobile phone and other digital equipment. When reading or completing homework please make sure they switch it off and hand it over. Doing this, will without question, be of great benefit to you and your child.



Mr A Powell, Year 7 Academic Year Leader



Success at the Fair

Thank you to the families who attended the Year 11 Success Fair last week. It was an informative event to prepare our Year 11 students for the exciting year ahead. A range of vital resources were given to all students who attended.

PPE Exams start 30th October. Please ensure students spend the half term break using these resources to prepare for their exams.

Mr M Ridley, Deputy Headteacher

Year 7 Progress Evening

Year 7 Progress Evening is on Wednesday 16th October 2019, 4.30pm until 7.00pm.

Letters have been sent home with students along with instructions on how to book appointments on line. This is an important event that should be attended by all Year 7 parents/carers.



Three workshops will be available with teachers demonstrating the Maths, English and Science programmes that students use for homework.

If you have any difficulties making an online appointment please:
email: admin@orchardparkhigh.net
or
phone 020 8776 0220 and select option 3.

Mr A Powell, Year 7 Academic Year Leader



Local MP Visits OPHS



On Monday 7th October, Local Labour MP Sarah Jones visited OPHS.

Sarah ran a workshop with Year 11 students to discuss climate change and followed this by leading an assembly to discuss other important current issues and answer questions from

Safeguarding Information

Bullying occurs in person and online. Please discuss with your children how to keep safe and how to treat others.

Treat Everyone with Respect

Nobody should be mean to others.

- Stop and think before you say or do something that could hurt someone.
- If you feel like being mean to someone, find something else to do. Play a game, watch TV, or talk to a friend.
- Talk to an adult you trust. They can help you find ways to be nicer to others.
- Keep in mind that everyone is different. Not better or worse. Just different.
- If you think you have bullied someone in the past, apologise. Everyone feels better.

There are things you can do if you are being bullied:

- Look at the person bullying you and tell him or her to stop in a calm, clear voice. You can also try to laugh it off. This works best if joking is easy for you. It could catch the person bullying you off guard.
- If speaking up seems too hard or not safe, walk away and stay away. Don't fight back. Find an adult to stop the bullying on the spot.
- Talk to an adult you trust. Don't keep your feelings inside. Telling someone can help you feel less alone. They can help you make a plan to stop the bullying.
- Stay away from places where bullying happens.
- Stay near adults and other children. Most bullying happens when adults aren't around.

Ms C Rogers, Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Google Classroom



We are pleased to announce the launch of Google Classroom!

This now means that all homework for KS4 will be shared through this platform. This is an improvement from Show My Homework as it allows teachers and students to interact regarding their work. Teachers can now share resources, upload videos, set tests and quizzes as well as extended answer pieces which they can mark live on-line.

The new system should really help our teachers to give our students even greater support, so students will be able to ask their teachers when they need help, when they are working from home remotely.

Mr L Hubbard, Assistant Headteacher

Career Cruise

On Monday, 30th October, Calum and Tyra attended 'Careers on the Thames Fair' with Mr Mathys. The event was held on the Dixie Queen while it cruised down the River Thames.



After listening to speeches from apprentices and entrepreneurs, who build their business around the Thames, they had an opportunity to visit various stands and speak to the exhibitors. One of the highlights of the event was experiencing the raising of Tower Bridge, to allow the Dixie Queen to sail through.

The students found the event very useful and informative and they were a credit to OPHS.

Mr C Mathys, Assistant Headteacher

Attendance Notice

Medical Notice

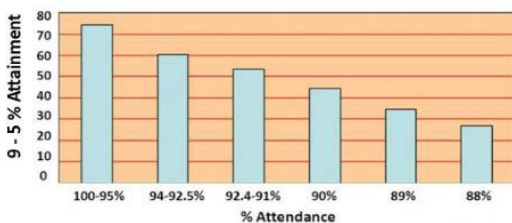
Does your child have any short or long term medical issues that require medication to be held in school? Has your child recently had a medical update that we should be aware of? If yes, we kindly remind parents/carers to notify the school by emailing: studentabsence@orchardparkhigh.net

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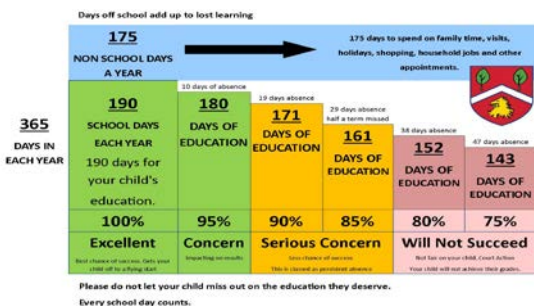
100 Club Attendance Challenge – Congratulations to all students who continue to achieve 100% attendance and punctuality this term. This term the Attendance Challenge will reward those students who remain on 100% attendance and punctuality at the end of the term with a Cinema rewards trip. Remember the real prize is that attendance is directly linked to attainment.

Attendance and Attainment - There is a direct link between attendance and attainment, put simply if you don't attend, you don't achieve. Across the country, this is particularly the case with students under 95% attendance. This results in a huge amount of lost learning time and as the chart below shows this makes it very difficult for students to achieve good outcomes. The graph below shows how drastically attendance affects attainment. The most important thing you can do to support your child's education is to ensure they come to school every day. Thank you to all students and families for supporting our drive towards excellent attendance and punctuality!

Chances of success at GCSE



Absence - Students who are absent from school for more than a day will have their progress significantly affected. If your son/daughter is unable to attend school as a result of illness, parents/carers are asked to contact the school on each day of absence before 8.30am via the school's main telephone number 020 8776 0220 or email studentabsence@orchardparkhigh.net



Absence of leave – Absence of leave requests during term time will not be authorised, students are required to be in school every day.

Medical Appointments- We ask that parents/carers make any medical appointments for their child after school hours so that students do not miss any time off from school.

Miss G Turner - Attendance Officer

Performing Arts News



Congratulations to the following students who have auditioned for and gained a place in the OP Dance Company

Stephanie	9PAN	Shalamar	9NEW
Olivia	9CHU	Amelia	9HOL
Anita	9CHU	Ruby	9CHU
Alicia	8PAN	Taye	7HOL
Tianna	7PAN	Elise	8SAN
Diana	8CHU	Ameila	7NEW
Reah	8NEW	Angel	7HOL
Aimee	8NEW	Serena	7NEW
Erica	8NEW	Bailey	7CHU
Mariam	7CHU	Teyah	8PAN
Annalie	7HOL	Jada	8CHU

Performing Arts students were lucky enough to go on a great trip to Sadler's Wells and got to see the incredible Revelations by Alvin Ailey live on stage. A great time was had by all.



Ms V Ongley, Head of Performing Arts

Half Term

A reminder to all families that the upcoming half term break is slightly longer this year and students will return to school on Wednesday 30th October.



Please see overleaf for a full list of term dates for 2019/2020.

Office Team, admin@orchardparkhigh.net

Hegarty Stars

Congratulation to the following students who are the top 5 students in their year group for Hegarty this week. Keep up the good work!

Name	Year	Hours	Name	Year	Hours
Lucy	11	16.11	Stephanie	9	15.64
Samuel	11	14.74	Safia	9	13.58
Morgan	11	14.45	Michael	8	13.71
Ethan	11	14.18	Shannon	8	9.75
Benjamin	11	13.87	Hope	8	8.92
Ethan	10	16.81	Zahra	8	8.66
Art	10	14.86	Grace	8	7.59
Tafari	10	14.26	Cheyenne	7	10.53
Frankie	10	13.22	Felicity	7	8.08
Olivia	10	11.74	Soonaina	7	8.08
Amelia	9	20.36	Filip	7	7.47
Will	9	17.02	Alicia	7	6.96

Keep Reading!

Below are some book recommendations for children in years 7 to 9. Please encourage your children to enjoy some of these great reads.

1. Pride and Prejudice- Jane Austen
2. Noughts & Crosses- Malorie Blackman
3. The Mortal City of Bones- Cassandra Clare
4. One- Sarah Crossan
5. The Maze Runner- James Dashner
6. Once- Morris Gleitzman
7. Looking for Alaska- John Green
8. The Outsiders- S E Hinton
9. Eragon- Christopher Paolini
10. Allegiant- Veronica Roth

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Key Dates

Parent/Carer key dates for the diary

Autumn Term: 2019-2020

Wednesday 16th October

- Yr 7 Parents' Evening

Monday 21st October to Tuesday 29th October

- Autumn Half Term Holiday
- All students return to school on Wednesday 30th October

Wednesday 20th November

- Yr 10 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 4th December

- Yr 11 Parents' Evening

Friday 20th December

- End of Autumn Term

Monday 6th January

- Start of Spring Term

Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February

- Spring Half Term Holiday

Monday 6th April to Friday 17th April

- Easter Holiday

Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May

- Summer Half Term Holiday

Friday 17th July 2020

- End of Academic Year

Parents' Evening Booking System

Parents/Carers are reminded to book their Parents' Evening appointments via the link below:
<https://orchardparkhighschool.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>

For support with booking appointments, please contact the Main School Office.



We hope you enjoyed reading this copy of our newsletter. Updates between now and the next issue of the school newsletter will be posted on our school website:

www.orchardparkhigh.co.uk/newsletters



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