

Year 8 Update

24.04.26

Equality week

We are pleased to share that on Monday our Year 8 students participated in a workshop delivered by Stand Up! Education Against Discrimination. Led by dynamic facilitators the session focused on developing critical thinking skills to challenge stereotypes and debunk myths. Through interactive discussions framed around the Equality Act and British Values, the students explored how to safely and responsibly identify and counter discrimination, including antisemitism and anti-Muslim hatred. It was a powerful opportunity for them to learn about tolerance and their shared responsibility in building a respectful community.

Timings of the school day

<i>Exam season school day 2-1-2</i>	
08:30	Bell
08:30 - 08:50	Tutorial
08:50 - 09:50	Period 1
09:55 - 10:55	Period 2
10:55 - 11:20	Break
11:20 - 12:20	Period 3
12:20 - 12:55	Lunch
12:55 - 13:55	Period 4
14:00 - 14:55 / 15:00	Period 5

From Tuesday 5th May the structure of the school day will change due to the summer examination period. To accommodate the afternoon exam start times, our lesson timings will shift slightly: the morning will consist of two lessons, Period 1 and 2, followed by a break. Period 3 will be followed by lunch then Periods 4 and 5. The start and end timings to the day will not change. The normal 2:2:1 format will resume at the end of the exam season.

Reminder - Summer Assessments (18th-20th May)

Please find below the Summer Assessment Timetable. To ensure every student feels confident and prepared, we will be holding a dedicated revision week immediately following the Easter break. During this time, students will spend their tutorial sessions and lesson time learning effective revision techniques and how to manage their study schedules. Any students who are entitled to extra time in assessments will also be given this further support.

Please note that while the core and humanities exam window is outlined in this timetable, other subjects will also be assessing students. These specific assessments will take place at different times throughout the term rather than during the formal assessment week.

Year 8 WB - 18/05/25	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	RE	Science	English	CATCH UP SESSION	CATCH UP SESSION
2	REVISION	REVISION	REVISION	Normal Lesson	Normal Lesson
3	Maths	Geography	History	CATCH UP SESSION	CATCH UP SESSION
4	Normal Lesson	Normal Lesson	Normal Lesson	Normal Lesson	Normal Lesson
5	Normal Lesson	Normal Lesson	Normal Lesson	Normal Lesson	Normal Lesson

Revision

Please speak to your child about their revision and support them to create a revision timetable of the topics they feel less confident with ahead of the Summer Assessments. It helps to have a designated quiet space at home away from technology and distractions in order to focus. Getting a good night's sleep, eating healthily and drinking plenty of water will also help to ensure students are ready for these assessments too. Please note that Home Learning Club runs after school between 3 and 4:30pm in the LRC should your child need further support with their revision. The links below provide some helpful updates for parents and carers on useful revision strategies.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zgc3w6f>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0R4jPwsz8l4>

Co-Curricular Timetable

[Here](#) you will find a link to the Vyners Co-Curricular timetable for the summer term. Attending co-curricular clubs is highly beneficial as it provides students with opportunities to develop new skills and explore interests outside the traditional classroom environment. Beyond personal growth, participating in these activities fosters a strong sense of belonging and community, helping students build lasting friendships and feel more connected to the school environment.

Safeguarding Snapshot

Safeguarding Snapshot - 24.04.26 The Hidden Dangers of Pinterest [Here](#)

Slogan Competition

Oak Farm Primary School joined Vanguard Learning Trust on 1st April 2026. In order to celebrate and acknowledge this, students are invited to take part in a competition to write a slogan; this will be used alongside a new image incorporating all six schools in Trust-wide publications. Please [\[click here\]](#) for further information. The deadline for entries is Wednesday 13th May 2026.

Summer Term Key Dates

Monday 13th April	Start of Summer Term
Friday 15 th May	FOV Quiz Night
Monday 25th to Friday 29th May – Half Term	
Thursday 4 th June	Year 7 parent consultation evening (online)
Monday 15 th June	Student Photos - Y8, Y9, Y10
Friday 19 th June	Year 7 reports issued
Wednesday 24 th June	Sports Day Year 9 and 10
Thursday 25 th June	Sports Day Year 7 and 8
Friday 26th June	Inset Day (school closed to students)
w/c Monday 13 th July	Silver awards assemblies – Years 7, 8, 9 and 10
Friday 17th July	End of Summer Term (12.20pm finish)