

Week B

Old Buckenham High School

STUDENT Bulletin

Week Beginning 4th January 2021



Christmas Holidays and Covid Test and Trace Arrangements

Y11 Students , children of Keyworkers and Vulnerable students return on Tuesday 5th January. All other students return on Monday 11th January. Please see earlier letter and check our website for updates.

If a child has symptoms that start **up to and including Sunday 20th December** *and* receives a **positive test result** and were in school 48 hours prior to symptoms starting, we need to be notified.

Notifying the school:

Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th September contact the school via the headteachers email head@obhs.co.uk

Monday 21st - Thursday 24th December call 01953 609 001 between 10:00 – 15:00 mon - wed and 10:00 – 13:00 thurs.

If a phone message is left please include the name of the school, name of child and a contact number.

If symptoms start **after Sunday 20th December** and a positive test result is received, we do **not** need to be notified.

WISEPAY

Despite the teething problems with this new system, Wisepay has been used successfully by many parents and staff throughout the Autumn Term. As we are now a cashless school, this Covid friendly platform is used for catering as well as bus fees, trips, hoodies and any events that require a payment to be made to the school. There is a parent guide/FAQ on the OBHS website under Catering. However, if assistance is required please either email finance@obhs.co.uk or phone the school.

Year 8 Virtual Progress Evening - Online Appointment Booking

The Year 8 Progress Evening is being held on Thursday 7th January 2021 between 4:30 – 7:00 pm.

The school is following Government advice closely and therefore the evening will take place online via video using the Schoolcloud system.

Appointment booking will open on Wednesday 30th December 2021 at 6:00pm and will close on Wednesday 6th January 2021 at 4:00pm.

Year 9 Careers Advice

Mrs Alexander, our Careers Adviser, will be returning to school on Tuesday 12th January. Year 9 students will be meeting with Mrs Alexander individually to discuss their thoughts around the upcoming options process. It would be useful to start having conversations at home around strengths / weaknesses, long term goals, interests, so students are prepared and can have an informed discussion around the possible options they might like to take in year 10.

If you would like to discuss anything further, please contact either Miss Taylor (Careers Leader) rtaylor@obhs.co.uk or Mrs Alexander (Careers Adviser) ealexander@obhs.co.uk

Term Dates 2021 – 2022

Autumn Term

6th September – 17th December 2021

1st, 2nd & 3rd September 2021

Staff inset days, *school closed to students*

25th – 29th October 2021

Half term

20th December 2021 – 4th January 2022

Christmas holiday

Spring Term

5th January – 1st April 2022

4th January 2022

Staff inset day, *school closed to students*

14th – 18th February 2022

Half term

Summer Term

20th April – 22nd July 2022

May 2nd 2022

Bank Holiday, *school closed*

30th May – 3rd June 2022

Half term

Adverse Weather Arrangements

In the event of a significant weather event we will keep parents informed of any school closures by text and via the school's website which we will update on a daily basis. Can parents ensure we have up to date contact details in order for the school to be able to contact during the school day.

Star of the Week

Y7 - Layla W, Resilience and determination in completing her Science test this week.

Y8 – Alexander C, Alfie S - Excellent week including outstanding work in English.

Y9 - Charlie J -Excellent week including performing above target in 2 subjects.

Y10 – Joel R – Most positive points

Y11 – Maddison B – Impressive amount of positive points

SEND Information

<https://youtu.be/WPPuMtajWjw>

Behind The Mask Campaign will aim to raise awareness of mental health issues and The AIM Group's vocational qualifications around the subject. With 1 in 4 people suffering from mental health problems at some point in their lifetime, we feel it is key to get the message of understanding mental health out there.

We feel that while many people feel mental health is an issue, far less are taking the time to understand why it has become an issue around the world. By raising awareness of The AIM Group's FREE Qualification we strive to educate more people on how mental health can affect someone's wellbeing. This course also offers free guidance on how an individual can support others struggling with mental health.

On the 10th October, we filmed with individuals from all walks of life to help us create an amazing advert raising awareness and understanding for mental health within the UK.

IT'S TIME EVERYBODY STARTS UNDERSTANDING

Be the best we can be

