



July 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to share with you, how well our Year 11 students have studied and conducted themselves over the examination period, across Terms 5 and 6. Well done to all of you!! I would also like to say a huge thank you to all other year groups who were very respectful when moving in, out and around the School. A big thank you to you all.

We will be saying goodbye to some students who are taking off to pastures new. We know you will settle quickly into college and do very well in your chosen careers. Due to the success of our first year at the Science, Technology and Enterprise Businesses Centre, Discovery Park, some students have chosen to continue into Year 13 with us and many others will be joining them to experience, first hand, the world of business whilst continuing their GCSE's, BTEch and or A level studies.


To further our science within the School, we welcome from September 2018 Jenny Archer; Jenny will lead our progressing science department. No Josh is not leaving us but working alongside Jenny as her technician while extending his team teaching of music and photography with Lee due to the high demand of these subjects this year. For those of you new to the School, you will find that our teachers are creatures of many talents and as such will move subjects according to the need of any one academic year.

We might not be saying goodbye to staff at the end of July this year but we will be saying a HUGE THANK YOU and goodbye to our Chair of Trustees, Penny Jackson. Just when Penny thought she would be retiring from teaching at Great Oaks as a history and RE teacher, she found herself being voted on as Chair of Trustees. 2011 after being a trustee since 2008 Penny is finally retiring from the School. Penny has successfully recruited a strong team of professionals that will continue to build upon her robust foundations constructed through her labour of love for all that Great Oaks Small School stands for: **Safeguarding Communities, Embracing Difference and Unlocking Potential.** Penny is hoping that she can now concentrate on all the other working and supporting roles that she finds herself in and to name but a few: painting, sculpting, running art classes, in addition to being proactive in exciting and successful projects at the Turner Contemporary, while continuing her much loved role as a mother, grandmother and friend to many (of all ages). Penny is going to be hugely missed. With a mixture of happiness and sadness, the whole School community wish you all the very best for many fun packed years to come!

Thank you to all families, students, staff and trustees for making Great Oaks Small School a wonderful place to be.


<p style="text-align: center;">Messages</p> <p>Please do not pass messages regarding your child to the staff on car park duty, either call into the office or telephone.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Changes to the school day</p> <p>As of September 2018 the school day will be extended to 3.30 this will allow for clubs to be run at lunchtime.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Lunches/Food Tech/Slush</p> <p>School lunches are £2.00. Money can be paid into the office daily or weekly. Food technology is £3.00 per week. Slush is £50 per year and includes fruit, toast, tea, coffee and squash.</p>
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INFORMATION

<p style="text-align: center;">Parents Visiting</p> <p>Please only enter via the main reception. Please sign in and wear the visitor badge. You must be accompanied by a member of staff at all times.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Appointments</p> <p>IMPORTANT REMINDER: All emails in the first instance must be made to Jackie (Julie's PA) who will ensure your request is directed to the relevant member of staff. This will allow your enquiry to be dealt with as soon as possible.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Clothing</p> <p>Please remind your child to wear appropriate clothing; The weather is getting warmer.</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;"> <p>Sunscreen and insect repellent will be needed.</p> </div> </div>
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Inhalers

If your child has an inhaler please ensure they have one with them at all times and the school office has a spare one for emergency use

<p>Attendance</p> <p>It is of utmost importance that you inform the school of any absence before 9am each day. Failure to do so will result in an unauthorised absence being recorded and may involve a visit from the Student Liaison Officer.</p>	<p>Sickness</p> <p>Please note that if your child is unwell with a sickness bug they must not come into school until they have had 48 hours clear of vomiting or diarrhoea.</p> 
<p>Jot it down! Planned Trips: London Museum Trip <u>Group 1, 2, 3</u> - 9th July Shrek at Marlowe for <u>Group 4</u> students - 12th July</p>	<p>Students travelling to and from school by taxi are escorted by staff:</p> <p>If you are collecting your child at 3.15, please park at the back of the Chai Stop and make your way to the front of the school where your</p>

<p>End of term concert 17th July at 1.15 – 3.15</p> <p>Students return on Monday 10th September</p>	<p>child will be 'released' to you by a member of staff. If you are unexpectedly going to be late, please let the office know immediately. Your child will then wait in the common room.</p> <p>Please do not drop you child at school before 8.30 am.</p>
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Thank you for your continued support

All Emails should be sent to: office@greatoakssmallschool.co.uk and not to individual staff.