

Friday 12th January 2018

dates for your diary

THURSDAY 25TH JANUARY

Options Afternoon for Parents of Year 9

FRIDAY 26TH JANUARY

Staff INSET (In Service Training) Day

MONDAY 15TH – TUESDAY 30TH JANUARY

Year 11 Mock Exams

FRIDAY 2ND FEBRUARY

Parents' Afternoon for Year 11 Pupils

POINTs Assembly

FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY

Last Day of Half Term

1pm – 2:10pm Family Forum (please sign in at the front office)

12TH – 17TH FEBRUARY Inclusive

HALF-TERM

MONDAY 19TH FEBRUARY

First Day Back After Half-Term

THURSDAY 1st MARCH

World Book Day

FRIDAY 9TH MARCH

Staff INSET (In Service Training) Day

THURSDAY 29TH MARCH

Easter Service

Easter Fayre

1pm – 2.10pm Family Forum (please sign in at front office)

Last Day of Term

30TH MARCH – 13TH APRIL Inclusive

EASTER HOLIDAYS



I am delighted that St Dominic's has joined our Orchard Hill College & Academy Trust (OHC&AT) family of schools and colleges.

The legal transfer has been completed now, so we will be starting to work with Mrs Drayton and the governors to make plans to continue to build on the excellent provision which they have created at the school. We will visit the school regularly to monitor and support. This is always the best part of my role as I am able to meet and talk to our fantastic pupils and students.

Most of the work of OHCAT takes place in the background, supporting the Principal and Governors, but we're always keen to be involved in any way we can to benefit our children and families.

I have been working closely with Mrs Drayton over the last term and, I must say that, it has been wonderful to be able to work with such a strong and experienced Principal, including during the recent successful OFSTED, so I am looking forward to continuing our work together.

On the next page is a brief overview of our other schools and College centres and I have attached the College newsletter just for information.

I am looking forward to meeting you again at the Parents' Forum on February 9th.

Best wishes and Happy New Year!

Dr Caroline Allen OBE
(CEO Orchard Hill College & Academy Trust)



He has improved in confidence etc. because of the wonderful support he receives. The small classes and individual attention he gets has helped tremendously.

The OHC&AT family



For pupils aged 7-19 with additional and complex learning needs



For pupils aged 11-16 with social, emotional and mental health needs



Alternative provision for pupils aged 11-16



For pupils aged 4-19 with a range of severe and complex learning needs



For pupils aged 9-19 with moderate learning needs



For pupils aged 2-19 with profound and multiple learning needs



For boys aged 5-19 with social, emotional and mental health needs



For pupils aged 4-11 whose primary need is speech, language and communication



For pupils aged 11-19 whose primary need is speech, language and communication



Day and residential provision for pupils aged 7-19 whose primary need is speech, language and communication and/or ASD



Day and residential provision for boys aged 6-13 with social, emotional and mental health needs



Day and residential provision for boys aged 10-19 with social, emotional and mental health needs



The Sponsor: Post-16 education for students with mild, moderate, severe & profound learning needs



VPC
Carshalton



BedZED
Hackbridge



Beaconsfield
New Malden



Lomond House
Camberwell Green



Uxbridge
Hillingdon



Nightingale
Wandsworth

Friday flyer - Pen Pals club

This half term, Year 6 Eagles have set up an exciting link with Roosevelt Elementary School in Klamath Falls, Oregon, USA.

Ethan Ansell, Henry Homewood, Ben Kirkland and Blake Petrie now each have their own pen pal across the pond! In their needs-led curriculum lessons, pupils have been learning about Oregon, American traditions such as Thanksgiving and of course penning their first letters and Christmas cards to their new pen pals. The pupils have shown great enthusiasm about all aspects of this new project; writing letters has also helped them develop their writing skills in a fun and motivating way. Pupils are eagerly looking forward to hearing back from their pen pals, and, who knows....maybe receive an invite to visit them in person in future! Here is a nice group picture that the class sent to their pen pals in the first letter.



NLC Cooking class with Tom Devon, Louis Nunn and Angus Mitchell – fantastic cooking lesson making pizzas, all three pupils enjoyed the activity and Angus and Louis even gave up their break time to help tidy up the kitchen with Miss Ripoll afterwards.

Looking forward to lots more cooking fun with these excellent cooks this term.

Towards the end of last term, pupils from Year 8 went on a shopping trip to Godalming as part of PSHCE. This was facilitated by Dana Turner, Occupational Therapist and Emily Rackstraw, Speech and Language Therapist. Pupils had a budget of £10.00 to spend to buy a Christmas present for a family member, pet or friend. Choosing presents and having an awareness of other peoples' interests can be difficult for pupils. The trip provided a good opportunity to work on budgeting skills, road safety, coping in busy environments and being able to use signs for directions. Year 8 pupils worked hard and were good representatives of St Dominic's School. Well done!



Jack English was keen to take up the challenge of organising and preparing Year 9's PSHCE Christmas Party Food.

In his Therapy Cooking Session, Jack started the preparation and cooking early, by making up batches of cupcakes to freeze then defrosting on the day. With a budget of £10.00 Jack was able to develop a tasty menu, which included vegan pizza and cookies, catering for anyone's dietary needs.

Working on his functional independence skills, Jack went to Sainsbury's with his shopping list and was able to select and buy all the ingredients needed. Jack has shown great enthusiasm completing this task and taken his cooking skills to a level higher. Very well done Jack!



St Dominic's School - Social Communication Programme

RESTATE WITH RESPECT

The target is to allow pupils the opportunity to change an inappropriate message or response to one that is socially acceptable. This might relate to the vocabulary used or their tone or volume of voice

Facts re ASD

- Some pupils respond with words or a tone of voice that maybe interpreted as disrespectful by others. Often pupils are unable to recognise the importance of the paraverbal features (the vocal part of speech), such as tone of voice, inappropriate volume or cadence (CPI)
- They do not have well developed skills for self-monitoring
- They are unaware of the impact this can have on another person
- As a result, many pupils cannot use these vocal features spontaneously, nor monitor their own speech production
- There may be a tendency to use swearing and inappropriate language with the intention of shocking the listener or as a response to stress.

Suggested Script

- Your tone of voice sounded rude. Please restate with respect
- Using bad language is not necessary. Please restate with respect
- You are using a very loud voice. Please use a quieter voice and restate with respect.

Hints and Tips

- Remember that behaviour is communication and rudeness might indicate that something is wrong
- Adults should always remain calm and request repetition using a neutral voice
- Once a pupil has restated respectfully, the adult should praise them and then move on, there should not be the need to reprimand them
- Sometimes 'We Prefer Polite' can be used instead.

Menu for week beginning Monday 15th 2018

| MENU | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
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| BREAKFAST | | | | | |
| MORNING SNACK | Fairy cakes | Fresh Fruit | Fresh Fruit | Chocolate Crunch | Fresh Fruit |
| LUNCH | Beef & Vegetable Pie Vegetable Pasta Bake New Potatoes Jacket Potato Sweet Corn Peas Fresh Salad Bar Corned Beef | Diced Pork & Apple Casserole Sweet & Sour Vegetables & Rice Wedge Potatoes Jacket Potato Herbed Courgettes Mixed Vegetables Fresh Salad Bar Sliced Ham | Roast Chicken Breast & Stuffing Courgette, Tomato, Basil Bake Roast New Potatoes Jacket Potato Cabbage Carrots Fresh Salad Bar Boiled Egg | Sausage Meat Patties in a rich Tomato Sauce Macaroni Cheese Mashed Potato Jacket Potatoes Cauliflower Sliced Green Beans Fresh salad Bar Tuna Mayo | Breaded Fish Vegetable Quiche Chips Jacket Potatoes Peas Baked Beans Fresh Salad Bar |
| DESSERT | Oaty Fruit Crumble & Custard Fresh Fruit Basket Yoghurt | Vanilla Sponge & Custard Fresh Fruit Basket Yoghurt | Jelly & Cream Fresh Fruit Basket Yoghurt | Treacle Tart Fresh Fruit Basket Yoghurt | Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce Fresh Fruit Basket Yoghurt |
| AFTERNOON SNACK | Lemon Curd Muffin | Cheese & Tomato Splits | Banana Bread | Cheese Straws | |
| SUPPER | Minced Beef & Onion Pie Wedge Potatoes Mixed Vegetables | Chicken Fajitas & Tossed salad | Cowboy Sausage Casserole Mixed Vegetables | Gammon, Eggs, Noisette Potatoes | |

A thank you card from Pat Dogs.

Again thank you - and
hope you all have a good
2018,

Very best Wishes
Oliver and Hamish.



Dear Alison and the Admin Team,

Thank you very much for the
lovely box of Mint Chocolate's,
heaven help my waistline!

Hamish was delighted with
his chew - we just had to
keep Rigby away.

We are off to Canmore until
mid January - but I look
forward to seeing the boys
next term.

I have enclosed our Christmas
photo of the boys!