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7th May 2015

To: **All Year 11 Students and their Parents**

Dear Parents and Students in Year 11

Examination Results Thursday 20th August 2015 (10.00 am to 11.00 am) and Enrolment for New Sixth Form Students Thursday 20th August 2015 at 11.00 am and Friday 21st August 2015 at 9.30 am

It hardly seems possible that five years secondary education is coming to an end. I am sure for parents and students this time is full of mixed emotions. This letter contains some important information for all students; those staying on in the Sixth Form and those leaving Oaklands.

Those students returning to Oaklands to follow Sixth Form College courses next year should enrol on either Thursday 20th August at 11.00 am or Friday 21st August at 9.30 am in the Sixth Form College. You should ensure that you bring your GCSE results slip with you to enrol. If you are unable to enrol on either of these dates you should contact Oaklands to inform Mrs Ludlam. **The first day for new Sixth Form students is Wednesday 2nd September 2015 at 9.00 am.**

Taster Day – New Sixth Form – Thursday 9th July 2015

We have arranged a “New Sixth Form Taster Day” for Year 11 students on Thursday 9th July 2015. The event is designed for students who intend to return to Oaklands in September. The aim of the day is for applicants to learn more about life in the Sixth Form and about preparations for courses next year.

Students can attend lessons in their chosen subjects to get a flavour of Sixth Form teaching. During Period 4 there will be a speed dating event to showcase life in the Sixth Form. A barbeque will be provided at lunchtime so that students will have an opportunity to meet both staff and other new Sixth Formers informally.

Some of the AS Level subject content may differ substantially from content in Year 11 or may be a new subject altogether, so attending a lesson will help to ensure students have less disruption in September if they find the subject is not what they expected.

Students may make their taster day choices from a timetable that will be available on the day. The timetable will also be posted on the Sixth Form pages of the school website shortly before the event.

Post 16 Home-College Transport. Financial Assistance 2015-16

Students intending to travel to Oaklands Sixth Form College by **First Hampshire** Bus are able to take advantage of the special rate negotiated by the college for a bus pass which may be purchased through the Sixth Form. Application forms will be available to collect from Thursday 9th July 2015 from the Sixth Form. Any orders must be returned together with payment to **Sixth Form Reception before** the end of the summer term (17th July 2015) to ensure that the pass is available for the start of term in September.

If you will be travelling to Oaklands Sixth Form College by **Stagecoach** from Hayling Island or Havant, special rate bus passes may be purchased directly online from Stagecoach using a debit/credit card. The pass gives unlimited travel on all Stagecoach buses during the academic year in a large travel zone. Details on how to purchase this ticket are available from Sixth Form Reception.

Hampshire County Council and Portsmouth City Council generally provide transport support only to students with a learning difficulty or disability. Mainstream students are not normally supported with the cost of travel to their post-16 destination. Students from low income families are directed to apply to the college for support from the 16-19 Bursary Fund administered by the college. This fund exists to help young people who face financial barriers in meeting the costs of participating in education and training post-16. If you would like more information on the fund, please contact the Sixth Form Office on 02392 259214 ext 281.

For all students - Examination Results – Thursday 20th August 2015 – Sixth Form Conference Room.

The school will be able to hand out the GCSE results to Year 11 students on **Thursday 20th August 2015** rather than sending them by post. Students are asked **not** to arrive at Oaklands before **10.00 am** and the examination results will be handed out between **10.00 am and 11.00 am in the Sixth Form Conference Room. No student will be allowed to collect the examination results of another student.** If students have not collected their results by **11.00 am**, then the results will be sent immediately by second class post.

Although results are issued on 20th August 2015, examination certificates will be presented at our Presentation of Certificates Evening which has been provisionally booked for **Thursday 7th January 2016 at 6.00pm.** Final details will be issued nearer the time.

There are many ways in which former students can enrich the life of the school and we, therefore, strongly encourage those students leaving the school to keep in touch. We have set up the Oaklands Alumni administered through a company called Future First. To this end we will be asking students for their contact details before they leave. Older siblings who have already left Oaklands and who may also be interested in joining may do so by following this link: <https://networks.futurefirst.org.uk/former-student-ms-s1/oaklandscatholic> Further details of how former students can get involved with school activities together with the Future First Privacy Policy can be found on the Oaklands Website under Community and then Alumni.

Finally, I should like to take this opportunity of wishing all public examination candidates every success in their exam results and a very enjoyable well-earned holiday once your exams are over. We all hope that they have gone well for you. You have all worked hard and we hope that you will reap the benefits of your hard work when you receive your results in August.

We also look forward to seeing as many Year 11 students as possible back in September as Oaklands Sixth Form College students. This year's Year 12 group will be one of the largest ever with over one hundred and thirty students expected to enrol in September. Please do not forget that the day for enrolment this year is **Thursday 20th August at 11.00 am** or **Friday 21st August at 9.30 am**. The College term begins for you on **Wednesday 2nd September 2015 at 9.00 am**.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely



M. Quinn
Headteacher

STOP PRESS: PLEASE HELP

Please help your Subject Teachers by returning any outstanding text books. Text books are expensive and they are needed for immediate use. Have a big clear out at home and bring them in to your subject teachers with your name clearly written in each book. Thank you.

Also, please bring in your old good quality school uniform for the OPA 'nearly new' uniform fundraising effort. Good quality uniform fit for second hand sale can be handed in at the school reception.