



## Community - Unity - Opportunity

### From the Headteacher's Desk

It was a privilege for the school to host Pentecost Mass for the parish area on June 8th. During the celebration, Father Jeremy revealed the new name for the parish, which will now be known as Jesus, Prince of Peace. This naming unites the local churches of Sacred Heart of Jesus and St Peter the Apostle in Waterlooville, St Edmund's in Horndean, St Michael and All Angels in Leigh Park, St Joseph's in Havant, St Thomas' in Emsworth, St Patrick's in Hayling Island, St Colman's and St Paul's in Cosham and Paulsgrove. This new parish name reflects a commitment to fostering a sense of community and spiritual growth among the congregations, as they come together under a shared identity and mission. It was a lovely occasion; all credit to the team who organised the celebration.

If Steven Spielberg were to create another film centered around the Bible, the event of Pentecost would undoubtedly align with the supernatural genre. Imagine the scene: violent winds howling through the streets, flames dancing above the heads of the disciples, and the miraculous ability to understand and speak in various languages instantaneously. This pivotal moment transforms the disciples from fearful individuals hiding away, to bold proclaimers of the Good News of Jesus Christ, fearlessly stepping into the public eye. At its core, Pentecost signifies the resurrection of Jesus, which serves as a crucial revelation about the nature of reality. The true power of this event lies in the assurance that we are not alone; we have not been abandoned. Embracing the resurrection and following Jesus is not a solitary endeavour reliant solely on our own strength. The Spirit's primary role is to guide us in recognising and accepting the profound truth of Christ's resurrection, empowering us to live in a way that is truly transformative, unlike anything experienced before. This is the remarkable gift of the Holy Spirit in our lives, offering support and inspiration as we navigate our spiritual journey.

**Mr Quinn, Headteacher**

# Year 12 Geography

## Field Trip

Last week, Year 10 Geography students enjoyed an exciting field trip to West Wittering and East Wittering, as part of their preparation for the Paper 3 GCSE exam. The day focused on physical and human geography investigations required for the fieldwork element of the course.



At West Wittering, students examined coastal management strategies, particularly the role of groynes in preventing longshore drift. They completed a groyne survey and a longshore drift survey to collect first-hand data on sediment movement and the effectiveness of the defences. Although many groynes are no longer being repaired, the area is part of an adaptive management strategy, where East Head Spit is allowed to change naturally while key infrastructure is protected where necessary.

In East Wittering, the focus shifted to human geography, as students explored the impact of tourism on the local economy. They conducted land use surveys, identifying different building types and their functions, and carried out questionnaires with members of the public. These surveys provided valuable insights into visitors' activities, reasons for visiting the area, and where they had travelled from.

The trip gave students a fantastic opportunity to apply classroom knowledge in a real-world context. Well done to all who took part!

**Mrs Broadway**

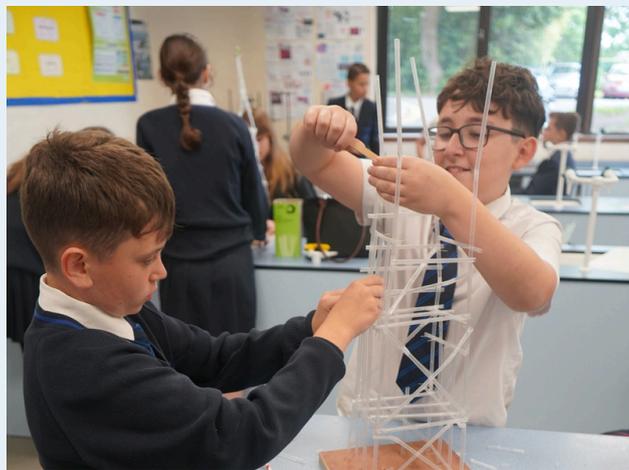


# Year 7 STEM Day

On their STEM Day last week, Year 7 discovered how the subjects they learn every day - Maths, Science, and Design - affect everyday life.

Students had the opportunity to start their day with a guest speaker Mr Groucott, an Architect with his own company, designing eco friendly homes and other amazing buildings in the area.

They asked many questions about careers in architecture and were very interested in his more unusual buildings and what makes his Carbon Neutral homes so good.



This was followed by their challenge, to build a tower from straws and pins, meeting the criteria to win prizes. Students this year were focussed and determined to make the best towers, using inspiration from some of the world's most famous towers for their designs. They concentrated on their strength of structure more than trying to defeat the height challenge, this resulted in some incredibly stable towers, which Mr Groucott was very impressed with.

We will shortly be announcing the overall gold, silver and bronze awards from the day but each tutor group has already been given their top prize for each group, which were very well deserved.

**Mrs Schofield**



# Farewell Year 11

Year 11, I cannot believe how quickly the past five years have gone! I vividly remember coming to visit some of you at Primary School before you joined like it was yesterday. You joined Oaklands during a global pandemic, which you handled with grace, maturity and patience, this is something I will always be very proud of.



Over the years I have seen you grow into confident, brilliant and kind young people. It has been my pleasure to join you on this journey, knowing for some of you that the road has been incredibly difficult. We have laughed lots and we have cried, and I am much more grey than when we started but you have always shown up and always tried your best, I cannot ask any more of you!

My fondest memories (besides the mobile hairdressers you set up in the changing room!) are of your commitments to school activities, times when you have put yourself forward and gone above and beyond. Whether that be STEM success, sporting achievements, school productions, music concerts, the list is endless! You have shown commitment, passion and camaraderie in pursuit of something you love and this must be commended. I have watched every school production you have been a part of and cried in every one without fail! The immense feeling of pride, watching you do something you love and are so incredible at, will stay with me forever.



Another wonderful opportunity for me to see you at your best has been on school trips. Whether you were part of the great clothes swap on the Year 8 French trip, endured 48 hours on a coach for an amazing week skiing in Year 9, or physically pushed to your limits on the Iceland trip after climbing glaciers, waterfalls and volcanoes in Year 10, I am so grateful that I was able to spend that time with you outside the classroom. Presenting the Helen Shipman prize as well as my Head of Year award in Iceland was so special!

I think I should probably leave you with a little advice for the future, so here we go:

1. I don't believe that anything happens by chance or luck, I believe we make our own. Making your own luck requires hard work, dedication and resilience, all things you have in abundance.
2. Travel at any opportunity. The world is an incredible place, please explore it and send me photos for my Geography lessons.
3. Be kind to others always. Kindness is such an easy thing to get right and can go a really long way in helping someone else, you have all shown that to me over the past five years. Kindness is king, please don't forget that.

Go and be amazing Year 11, and please keep in touch about all the amazing things you do!

**Mrs Over**





# THE SIXTH FORM

## Oaklands Catholic School

### News from the Sixth Form

#### Sixth Form UCAS and Post-18 Pathways Day

Just after half term break our Year 12 came off timetable for a UCAS and Post-18 Pathways Day in the Sixth Form. This included a series of presentations and tutor sessions designed to help students understand and prepare for their next steps after Sixth Form. The success of these events is evident in the record number of offers this year for highly sought-after courses in leading universities (including two Oxbridge offers) and other institutions. Many thanks to Mrs Chinorwadza and all those in the Sixth Form team who made this day such a success.



We wish all of our Year 13 students every success in their exams and beyond!

#### Year 12 Enrichment Week

The Sixth Form is also gearing up for the annual Enrichment Week which runs in tandem with the lower school Challenge Week. This Enrichment Week allows our students invaluable opportunities to undertake work-related learning placements and UCAS preparation sessions. There will also be the option to undertake a range of extra-curricular activities including First Aid training and TEFL training. Our brilliant Sixth Formers will also be helping with whole school events and fundraising initiatives.

#### Sixth Form Taster Days and Masterclasses

We have just begun our exciting programme of Sixth Form Masterclasses and Taster Days for Year 10 students and Year 11 students, from both Oaklands and beyond. These events provide our prospective students with an insight into the daily life of the Sixth Form. Our Sixth Form Masterclasses will include inviting over 100 GCSE students (from across a range local schools) to join us for a series of A-Level style lessons. These masterclasses not only enable us to help young people in our wider community, but also showcases the academic and pastoral excellence which makes our Sixth Form College such an attractive post-16 option. The taster days and masterclasses have been a great success in previous years and the impact is seen in so many who are keen to join us as A Level students in the future. As ever, a huge thanks to all those teaching and support staff that have made these possible.

## **Student Achievement**

Congratulations to Melissa Hamilton in Year 13 who has recently beaten stiff competition to become the first girl in its 100-year history to win the prestigious Sir William Dupree and Dame Phyllis Loe Chess tournament. Melissa writes 'I am proud to be the first girl to win the Sir William Dupree and Dame Phyllis Loe tournament.



It's a huge achievement, and I hope that it encourages more girls to play chess and realise the game has no gender limits.' Well done, Melissa!

Finally, a thank you to the Sixth Form students, support staff and teachers for all their hard work and dedication.

**Mr Godwin, Director of Sixth Form**

# The Oaklands Way

## Gospel Reflection

The Universal Church is just about to celebrate Trinity Sunday. The Trinity means that God is one God in three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It is not a puzzle to figure out, but a mystery of love.



God is a relationship of love, a family - always giving, receiving, and sharing. That same love created you, and you are invited to be part of it. When you love others, forgive, or pray, you are living in the heart of the Trinity, the family of God. So when you make the Sign of the Cross, remember: you are stepping into God's love, the Community of persons.

## What is the Trinity & How Does it Help Us?

The Christian belief in the Trinity is the doctrine that God is one in essence but exists in three distinct persons: God the Father, God the Son (Jesus Christ) and God the Holy Spirit.

The Trinity helps Christians become a community of love by offering a divine model of a perfect, self-giving relationship. We need one another, each with our own gifts, to become the loving community God intended.



## CST - The Common Good

This principle is about helping those who are most in need - 'those lacking something important to be able to live life well'.

This week, let us call to mind everything that we have done that has supported other people who are vulnerable or lack something important in their lives.

**As a school, which charities have we supported this year?**

**Why did we choose to these charities?**



Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without  
end.

Amen

# CYP-PCW

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S  
PRIMARY CARE WELLBEING SERVICE

**NHS**

Hampshire Child and Adolescent  
Mental Health Services

# DROP-IN SESSIONS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Come and chat to us about your  
wellbeing or any difficulties you  
might be experiencing...  
or if you just want to talk.

**Friday 27th June 2025**

**THRIVE**  
With Horizon

Thrive with Horizon Hangout Youth Club  
Waterlooville, Waterberry Drive,  
Waterlooville, PO7 7UW

8 years old and over - 5.30pm - 7pm  
11 years old and over - 7pm - 8pm





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