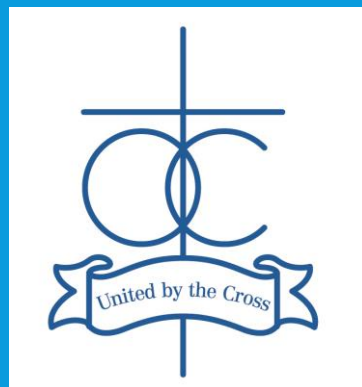


WELCOME TO YEAR 7

Oaklands Catholic School and Sixth Form College



The Tutor



- I will meet your son/daughter every day at 9am for Registration.
- It is my responsibility to monitor attendance, behaviour, wellbeing and pastoral issues.
- I am the first person you should contact if you have any concerns or worries about your child and will help you to liaise with other staff if necessary.
- Tutor emails will have the format: 24XX@oaklandscatholicschool.org (XX = Ca, Cl, Do, Mg, Mt, St, Te, Vp).

Your tutor email should be printed on the front of your pack and will be active from September.

FORMS



- I will hand out three forms which need to be completed, signed and passed to me.
- The forms have been available for you to read ahead of today via the school's Year 6 to Year 7 Transition web page, which you were sent a link to in an email from our Admissions team. They are:
 1. The Home School Agreement
 2. The Behaviour Policy
 3. The Acceptable Use Policy
- We will spend a few minutes signing these now.

PASTORAL WELLBEING



Key people in the pastoral care system:

The Tutor

The Head of Year – Mrs Bunt

Pastoral Support Mrs Standen, Mr Miller

The Deputy Headteacher - Mrs Bonnington

SENCO – Mrs Rowsell

The Chaplains – Mrs Farrell and Mrs Semple

Student Services Staff – Mrs Bayliss and Mrs Welch – who are here tonight; if you have a child with a medical condition please pop and see the lovely team and introduce yourselves.

GENERAL INFORMATION



- School starts at 9.00am each morning and finishes at 3.25pm.
- Students must be present in school on time – the first bell rings at 8.50am and all students are expected to be onsite and mustering in the Year 7 area.
- If students arrive on site early, they may go to the Canteen for Breakfast Club or meet their friends onsite on the main playground. There is no supervision on site until 8.30am each day.
- Students who regularly arrive late to school (and to lessons during the day) will have those late minutes counted and will have a Lunchtime or an After School Detention
- Break time is at 11.20-11.45am (25 mins);
Lunch is at 1.45-2.25 pm (40 mins).

INDUCTION DAYS



Wednesday 4th September (Year 7 and Year 12, bring a packed lunch)

Thursday 5 September (all students to return)

Normal school hours. Wear full school uniform.

Students will be directed to go to the hall at 8.50am on Day 1.

Please ensure your child is very clear about how they will get home.

An information letter will follow. Please keep an eye on your emails.

UNIFORM IN SEPTEMBER 2024



- You may be aware, the Government have updated their guidance in regard to school uniform and asked schools to ensure that branded items are kept to a minimum to keep the cost of purchasing down for parents and carers. In response to this, we reviewed our school uniform policy last September.
- The key changes were that those students who wear a blouse will now be required to wear a plain white reverse blouse, not the blue and white striped one.
- The only branded item of clothing that students must wear in school is the school blazer.
- If students would like to wear a jumper, they must purchase a branded one, but this is not a uniform requirement.
- The school PE kit has also been adapted; we would recommend that you take a photo of the images in the hall so you are clear on the items of kit that are needed.
- All students are required to wear the branded PE polo shirt and rugby shirt. All other items can still be purchased with the Oaklands logo from Skoolkit; alternatively, you can buy these from other retailers.
- Those students who choose to wear sports leggings must purchase the Oaklands branded ones.

UNIFORM CHANGES FOR SEPTEMBER 2023



- Blazers are compulsory and must be worn to and from school.
- Shirts are white. 1) Collared shirts with a tie or 2) white reverse blouse no tie.
- Jumpers are optional.
- Trousers should be navy blue, formal tailored trousers (not Chinos). Skinny fit / super skinny fit trousers are not acceptable.
- Skirts should be navy blue, with sewn down pleats all around.
- Socks - students should wear BLACK ankle socks and or/ tights. Knee high socks are not allowed to be worn.
- Shoes – students are required to wear black flat proper shoes; not casual shoes (canvas, leather trainer style) .
- Coats - for inclement weather, parents may purchase a plain (without logo) appropriate school coat, preferably navy or black to be worn over the blazer.
- An updated version of our Uniform Policy can be found on our website via the About Us/ Policies tab.

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HOMEWORK



- In Year 7, students at Oaklands will receive a maximum of 2 pieces of homework per evening. Each piece should last no more than 20 minutes.
- As part of transition, to help students manage this new workload, we phase in the homework timetable beginning with core subjects only in the first half term and then adding in others in the second half term up to Christmas.
- Students can access their homework on ClassCharts app, and they will receive a homework timetable. This means parents can always see what has been set. Parents and students will receive personal log in details which allows them to filter the homework specific to the student.
- Failure to complete homework will result in Additional Learning Opportunity (ALO) at lunchtime or after school with the subject teacher or if it is a persistent issue, a Head of Department After School Detention will be given.

ATTENDANCE

GOOD ATTENDANCE IS A KEY FACTOR IN ACADEMIC SUCCESS



- We expect all students to attend school every day unless they are genuinely ill. Our school target is 96% attendance.
- It is the responsibility of a parent/carer under the Education Act to ensure that their child attends school regularly.
- Any student whose attendance dips below 90% is categorised under Government criteria as a “Persistent Absentee” and will be closely monitored. Parents will be advised if this happens.
- HOLIDAYS: the school will not authorise a term time absence for the purpose of a holiday, unless there are exceptional circumstances. Holidays in term time are likely to lead to the issuing of a Fixed Penalty Notice.
- A Leave of Absence Form (LOAF) must be submitted in writing to the school before any period of absence. LOAFs can be found on the school website (see Parents tab) or collected from the Attendance window (by Student Services).

ORGANISATION EQUIPMENT AND CLASS CHARTS



Organisation

- Keep a copy of your child's timetables at home (lesson and homework).
- Provide a sturdy school bag (ideally rucksack). Please avoid handbag styles.
- Encourage your child to pack the school bag the night before.
- Don't forget PE kits, cooking ingredients, money or forms may also be required on certain days.



ClassCharts / Planner

- Parents should check their child's ClassCharts account. Is homework being recorded and ticked off?
- Parents can email tutor/teachers with any concerns.

Equipment

- Please ensure that you have got spare pens/biros and check that your child still has the basic equipment after a few weeks have passed.



SCIENTIFIC CALCULATORS



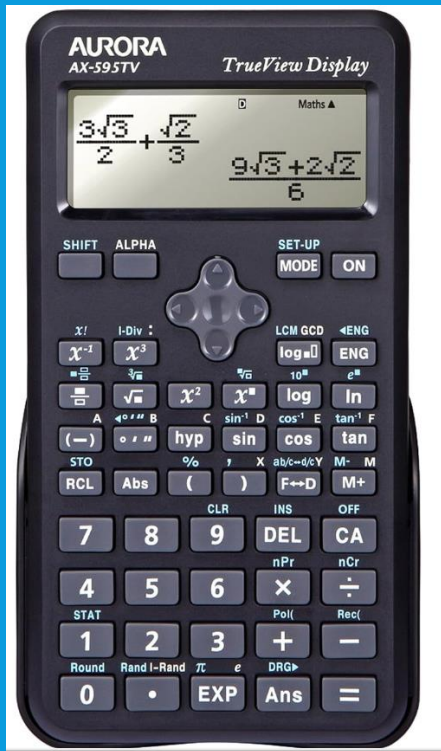
There are two preferred brands of calculator we would like your child to have one of.

Aurora AX-595TV – [Amazon link](#)

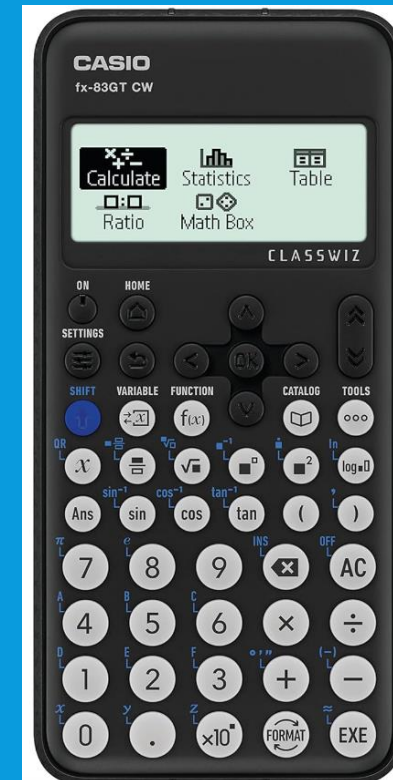
- This can also be purchased in the school shop

Casio FX-83GTCW – [Amazon link](#)

- this can be bought in most supermarkets



If your child is a Pupil Premium student, please let your tutor know as the Maths department may be able to provide them with a free Aurora one in September.



FOBS/ CANTEEN



- We use a cashless catering system in the Canteen.
- Students will have a “fob” which carries their details electronically.
- Parents can use the school’s online payment system (Scopay) to top up their child’s fob (a link to set this up has been sent to you all). Students can also load cash onto the fob using a machine in the canteen.
- You can also set daily limits of expenditure. £3 - £3.50 is usually sufficient.
- When parents log on to top up the fob, they can see a list of food items that have been previously purchased.
- Students can either bring packed lunches to school or purchase food from our canteen.

LOCKERS



- A one-off £5.60 payment per student is required to secure a locker.
- The locker will remain theirs until Year 9.
- The students will be given a padlock and a key.
- The cost of a replacement key/padlock (if they lose their key) is £8.20.
- Students are not permitted to buy/bring their own padlock – they must be purchased from the school.

CLASSCHARTS



- We run an electronic rewards and behaviour monitoring system at Oaklands.
- Students and parents have an online “account” and can see which teachers have awarded them positive or negative points and why.
- Students are awarded badges as they accumulate positive points and are entered into a half-termly raffle to win gift cards.
- Badges can be worn on the blazer.
- Points are not carried forward to Year 8.
- Year 7 students and parents will receive log-on details in September.

PERIPATETIC LESSONS – WEEKLY INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP LESSONS AVAILABLE

*WE HAVE A WONDERFUL TEAM OF VISITING MUSIC TEACHERS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY WHO OFFER
MUSIC LESSONS AT A SUBSIDISED RATE*



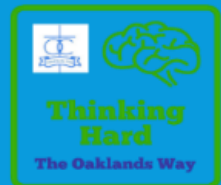
- Singing – Musical Theatre or Pop/Rock
- Guitar – Classical/Electric/Bass
- Drums and Percussion
- Flute/Clarinet/Saxophone/Recorder
- Trumpet/Cornet/Trombone/Euphonium/Tenor Horn/Tuba
- Piano/Keyboard
- Violin/Viola/Cello
- Please look out for the form in your pack, or download a form from the school website and then submit it to Finance
- Individual £180.00 per term
- Group lessons £89.00 per term

We have a number of instruments that we would be able to loan to students for FREE:

Flute, Violin, Trumpet, Trombone, Euphonium, Tenor Horn, Tuba

Please contact

musictuition@oaklandscatholicschool.org





- Service Children often face challenges that go beyond the experience of families and children living in the UK
- Combination of deployment of a family member, regular home and school moves can cause anxiety and stress
- Education is disturbed and social networks disrupted
- General lack of awareness of Service children needs

'At Oaklands we understand how vitally important it is to support our service children, to help them gain the resilience required to cope with life as a service child. Our aim from September is to provide all service children with a friendly support system and a single point of contact for parents/carers' Mrs Nicholls