



TOA 10-

10 key messages for the week in 10 minutes

19 Oct 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

Autumn half term has arrived! This has been an exceptional half term for many reasons.

Our return to school plan, which took most of the summer to put together, has broadly worked.

It has allowed us to transition from lockdown to a full reopening of the school with a lot of positive experiences and one or two things we could and will do better. We have welcomed new students, staff and families into our school community. We have demonstrated our resilience and now it is time for us all to enjoy the half term and focus once more on family and relaxation.

The new term ahead will see a renewed focus on teaching and learning, and behaviour for learning.

I am grateful for your ongoing support for our school.

With Best Wishes

Mrs Ward

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Newly Elected Parent Governors

We are pleased to announce that our two new Parent Governors are:

Miss A Jackson and Professor P Lodge

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Student Voice- Help us to Improve our school

As we approach the end of our first term, we would like to offer students the opportunity to tell us how they feel about various aspects of school life. Please encourage your son/daughter to complete the student voice survey using the link below. All entries will be entered into a raffle to win one of three £10 Love to Shop vouchers. We will ensure all responses are treated as confidential and will go towards improving our school for our students.

<https://forms.gle/TqnFwm5wcFhhgzYT8>

Please note in order to safeguard your son/daughter, all responses must be completed using their new TOA email address ending in .org.

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Covid 19

Face coverings at school

DfE Guidance regarding face coverings at school has changed.

If our local area enters Tier 2 or Tier 3 (high or very high) risk, then all students and staff will be required to use a face covering in corridors and indoor common spaces. Face coverings will not be required in classrooms, where other measures, like seating plans, minimise risk.

At The Oxford Academy, students and staff may currently use a face covering if they wish, but they are not compulsory unless the local level of risk rises.

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Parent question of the week:

How do I monitor my child's home learning assignments? (part 2)

-Year 8 parent

At The Oxford Academy, the way that we assign home learning (homework) is changing. We are no longer using 'Show My Homework.' Instead, most homework is set on Google as a Google Form. In Maths, Hegarty Maths is still being used, but can be accessed through Google.

As a parent, you will be able to get email summaries about your student's activity in Classroom. In email summaries, you can review:

- Missing work—Work not turned in when the summary was sent.
- Upcoming work—Work that's due today and tomorrow (for daily emails) or that's due in the upcoming week (for weekly emails).
- Class activities—Announcements, assignments, and questions recently posted by teachers.

You will be invited to be a 'Google Guardian' for your child. This will mean that you get an automatic summary of your child's home learning. This will be set up automatically for you at the start of next half term.

For this to work, we need an up-to-date email address for you. Please make sure your contact details are correct.

School Nurse Reminders Year 7 Flu



- Please find the full letter regarding flu on the school website in the parent section; then under parent letters. This will give you all the information you need in regards to flu.
- Below are the quick links to the consent form.

CONSENT FORM

- To access the consent form please click on the following link
- <https://www.oxfordhealthimms.co.uk/forms/flu>
- (Paper copies are no longer available)
- The unique code for your child's school is :- **OX135675**
- **Please submit your form by 5pm on Sunday, 1 Nov 2020** to ensure your child receives their vaccination.
- The link will close on this date and late consents will not be accepted.

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Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

We are proud to be running the Duke of Edinburgh Award at The Oxford Academy. Students in Year 9 can do Bronze level, Year 10, Silver and Years 12-13, Gold. We also have a handful of year 11 pupils on the silver award from last year.

All of these year groups have now received a recruitment pack and been through a presentation in tutor time. Please encourage your child to sign up to do so as soon as possible. The deadline for applications is the 13th November. The fee must be paid by bank transfer; the details of which are in the recruitment packs. For any pupils not able to pay the fee, please still fill in the form- there is additional funding available and we do not want finance to be a barrier to any student who wants to be a part of this fantastic opportunity. If you have any questions, please contact our Duke of Edinburgh coordinator at christopher.callaghan@theoxfordacademy.org

Parents can also take part in a virtual induction and info session:

<https://www.dofe.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Parent-Information-Sessions2.pdf>

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This Week in TOA:

- Monday, 19th October
 - Mega Credits Continue for Years 7-9
 - Into University, year 7
- Tuesday, 20th October
 - School photographs- years 7 and 10.
 - Into University, Year 8
- Wednesday, 21st October
 - Into University, Year 9
 - Year 11 information evening via phone appointment
- Thursday, 22nd October
 - Into University, Year 10
- Friday, 23rd October
 - Into University, Year 11
 - End of Half Term 1- normal finish time for all students

Safeguarding

Keeping Safe During a School Holiday

Please be aware that during the school holidays and times when the school is closed, you are still able to inform us of any child protection concerns you may have. Even during a school holiday, safeguarding is our highest priority.

If you have an immediate concern and feel that a child is at risk of significant harm or danger contact the police, dialling 999. If you have a concern about a child, please call MASH on 0345 050 7666.

During the school holidays, you can still reach us. If you would like to discuss a concern with a member of the school's safeguarding team, please call the school office and leave a message, or email enquiries@theoxfordacademy.org We do check these emails regularly and will respond as swiftly as possible.