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The Sixth Form Students during their visit to the Liverpool Christmas Markets!

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ICT Options Interview

1. What do you enjoy about ICT Options?

Doing PowerPoint, playing Blooket, going on Scratch, going on Publisher and discussing different ICT topics.

2. What skills have you gain in the option?

The skills we have gain are listening, animations, online safety, learning about viruses and typing speed.

3. Who is your Favourite teachers/TA?

Our favourite teachers/TAs are Miss Hill, Mrs Condliffe and Mrs Sutcliffe. We actually think all the staff are amazing!

4. What is your favourite thing about Oaklands?

The lovely students, hanging out with friends, the community and the greatest school of all time!

5. What do you want to be when your older?

Matty - animator. Victoria - hairdresser. George - pilot. Oliver - mechanic. Alfie - designing and selling trainers. Keeley –an author.

6. Are you going on any ICT trips this year?

We are going to the Science + Industry Museum in Manchester. We are going to explore gaming through time.

7. What is your favourite part of ICT options?

We get to make animations.
Taking the computer apart.



Liverpool Christmas Market Trip

Before we went to the Liverpool Markets we had to plan the trip by setting the budget. We looked online to check the price of train tickets and times.



In the morning of the 17th December, we took our mini bus to the train station. Next, we went on the Liverpool Lime Street train to Liverpool. First, we went in the St John's Shopping Centre.

Then after we left the St John's Shopping Centre we went to the Christmas Markets to explore and see what was there. Next, Charlie went and bought him self a Hot Chocolate for £5. Amy and Daisy went on the Ferris Wheel whilst Charlie bought his drink.



Finally, before getting the train home, we got some food for lunch and did our Secret Santa.

By Charlie Brown.

All About Snow Leopards



Snow leopards live in a snowy habitat with mountains. Their fur keeps them warm in the freezing conditions.

A snow Leopard's bite force is up to 387.6 Newtons.



The snow leopard's habitat range extends across the mountainous regions of 12 countries across Asia: Afghanistan, Bhutan, China, India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan.

Snow Leopards eat blue sheep, Ibex and Pikas
Marmots and more animals they eat.



Snow Leopards hunt their prey by stalking it. Their fur camouflages them in the snowy conditions. They attack their prey from behind. Snow leopards kill their prey by biting and jumping on it.

Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is a holiday celebrated every 14th February. This year, Valentine's Day falls on a Friday. Across the United Kingdom and in other places around the world, chocolate, flowers and gifts are exchanged between loved ones, all in the name of St. Valentine.

Valentine's Day Meaning: A Day
of Romance and Love



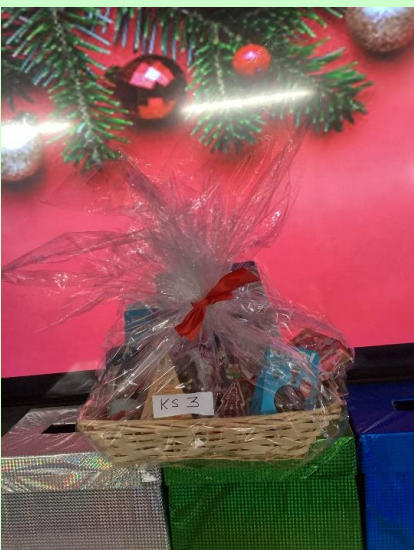
Christmas Hamper 2024 Winners

The wins are:

KS4 Hampers— Molly in Year 11

KS3 Hampers--- Kimmy in Year 7

Staff Hampers--- Miss Acton



NSPCC Number Day



Facts about NSPCC Number Day:

NSPCC Number Day is a fundraising event which encourages schools and nurseries across the UK to take part in a fun-filled day of maths. This includes games, activities and dressing up! NSPCC Number Day 2025 marks the 25th anniversary of the event, which raises money for vital services such as Child line.

What did we do at Oaklands to celebrate NSPCC Number Day?

At Oaklands, the students wore green or wore clothing which had digits on. During maths lessons, students took part in an orienteering competition.



Charlie Brown's Pancake Recipe

METHOD

1. Put 100g plain flower , 2 large eggs, 300ml milk, 1 teaspoon sun flower or vegetable oil and a pinch of salt into a bowl or large jug, then whisk to smooth batter.

2 Set aside for 30 mins to rest if you have time, or start cooking straight away.

3 Set a medium frying pan or crep pan over a medium heat and care fully wipe it with some oiled kitchen paper.

4. When its hot, cook your pancakes for 1 min on each side until golden, keeping them warm in a low oven as you go

5. Serve with lemon wedges and caster sugar. Or your favourite filling.

Ingredients

110g plain flour

pinch of salt

2 large eggs

200ml semi-skimmed milk mixed with 75ml water

50g butter

To serve:

Caster sugar

Lemon juice

Lemon wedges



Year 12 suggest trying fresh fruit, golden syrup or the classic sugar and lemon on your pancakes this year!

Board Games Club



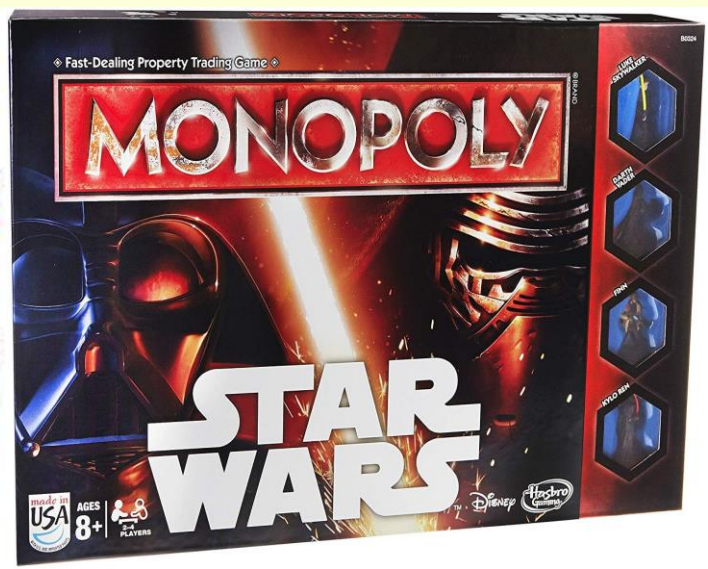
In this club, you can play lots of different board games!

This club is in Miss Lupton's classroom on a Wednesday second lunch.

Anyone can join if they want to!

These are some of the games you can play:

Connect 4, Monopoly, Cludeo, Uno, Scrabble and Frustration.



Sixth Form Work Experience

Peter's working experience:

I went to a car garage for work experience. I took tyres off cars and changed spark plugs. I also serviced and cleaned cars. The staff were very kind and helpful and I helped them with whatever they needed me to do! I enjoyed it a lot! And I want to work in a garage in the future and I am going to college to study mechanics.



Amy's work experience:

For my work experience, I went to Winsford Lifestyle Centre (Brio). I really enjoyed doing my work experience there because it was fun. I have learnt new skills there. All the staff are friendly and they made me feel really welcome! I learnt a lot. I have fell in love with working around the pool area. The lifeguards were really helpful and I was supported one of them during my time there. I did lots of cleaning (like the drains by the pool and the changing rooms). I went to the coffee house to get an order for the duty manager.



Daisy's work experience:

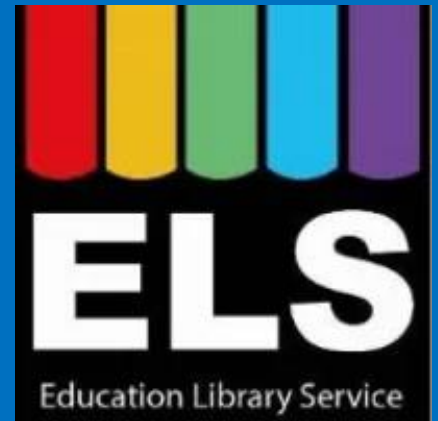
For my work experience, I went to Hope and Beams. I went inside the restaurant called Poppy's. I was nervous at the start of it but then my confidence grew. On Tuesday, even though I was nervous, I served the customers.



Sixth Form Work Experience

Riley's working experience:

My week on work experience was at the Winsford Education Library. It was a nice library and the staff were really helpful. I was scanning books in and out, stacking shelves and returning books.



Charlie's work experience:

My work experience was at the Moorings in Chester.

On the first day, I got the bus to Chester town centre and walked from the bus stop to the restaurant. When I arrived at the Moorings, I went into the back room and took my coat off and put a waistcoat on. After that, one of the staff showed me the table numbers and I met the chef.

Customers then started arriving at the restaurant. I served a couple of the customers by handing out the coffees to the customers. Later in the day, I brushed the floor and cleaned the tables. I had my lunch at 13:00 and then kept working until my shift ended at 15:00.



Kian's work experience:

I went to a local shop near me called the Spar. I wasn't old enough to work at the till or Greggs. The only thing I could do was go in the back and get the trolleys and to restock the shelves. I also changed the prizes of the items with a phone they call "the gun". It was a lot of fun to use!



Reece's work experience:

I went to a farm. I cleaned up, chased the chickens and cleaned their pen. There was a very small and cute dog! There were other animals there such as sheep, cats and horses.

Interview with Mr Harrison

What's your favourite lesson to teach?

Personal Social Development with Year 12

Why did you become a teacher?

I have always enjoyed teaching sport which made me realise I like supporting young people.

What's your favourite thing about Oaklands?

I love the reward days we have here and I especially like going on school trips.

What do you do outside of work?

I like to read, play paddle and go on hikes.

Do you like being a football manager?

Yes – I love it!



Speed Round!

Favourite Singer: Dermott Kennedy

Favourite Movie: The Dark Knight

Favourite Place: Dublin

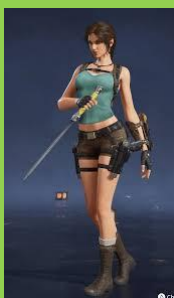
Dream Holiday: Australia to watch the ashes

Favourite Food: Beans and Cheese on Toast





1. What game have V-Bucks?
2. Which game has a character named Steve?
3. What is the currency on Lego games?
4. Which game is Lara Croft from?
5. How many Star Wars battlefronts are there?
6. What is the strongest block in Minecraft?
7. How many cups are there in Mario Kart 8 Deluxe?



Spring 1 Half Term

Yr12+Yr11 Work Experience

Yr7 visited the Manchester Jewish Museum

NSPCC Number Day

Yr8 Islam Workshop

ECO + School council visited Chester Zoo

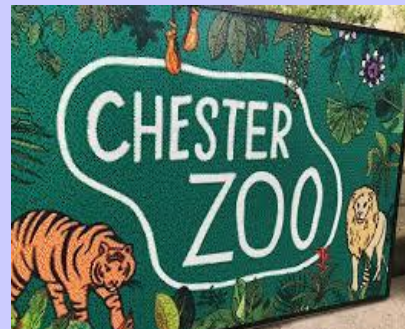
Table cricket Competition

Yr9 Loud Mouth Workshop

Yr7 Danger Point

Yr11 CSI Day

Yr12 Served to the public at Station House
Whitegate Café



Game Quiz Answers

1.Fortnite

2.Minecraft

3.Studs

4.Tomb raider

5.There are 7 battlefronts

6.Bedrock

7. 24 cups



We need you!

**Have you got any
suggestions or ideas for
our next newspaper?**

**If you have, please send
them to 6th Form.**