



19<sup>th</sup> November 2021

### Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents/carers,

This week, we have been recognising 'Anti-Bullying Week' through our year group assembly programme. We've spoken to the students about identifying and challenging bullying, as well as the 'one kind word' focus this year – being kind and positive towards others. This is integrated within our anti-bullying strategy, and formally taught during our personal development programme. You can find out more about it here: [Anti-Bullying Week 2021: One Kind Word \(anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk\)](https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk)

**Term Dates** – a reminder that the school is closed for staff training on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> and Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November. The additional bank holiday to mark the Queen's Jubilee next year falls during half term, so schools have choice over where to take the additional day. We are adding the day to the Christmas holiday on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022, so students will now return to school on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

**Holiday Activities and Food Programme** – please see next page for details from Redbridge of their Holiday Activities and Food programme for all Free School Meal eligible students. All FSM eligible families should also receive vouchers from Redbridge in advance of the holidays – we will share details closer to the time.

**Community Tree Planting** – the Woodland Trust are running a day of community tree planting in Hainault Forest on 28<sup>th</sup> November – all are welcome to attend and there is more information [here](#).

**Help with Technology** – please email [admin@theforestacademy.co.uk](mailto:admin@theforestacademy.co.uk) if your child requires a loan laptop device in order to have technology access at home. We can issue long-term loans.

**Give-A-Gift** – through the tutor groups, we are collecting gifts to donate to the local food bank and care homes. This is being run by tutors and Mr Bakkar and Ms Williams. Any contributions are gratefully received, and any questions, students should speak to their tutors.

**Covid Testing** – please continue to encourage the students to test regularly at home for Covid, using the lateral flow testing kits. They can always collect spares from reception.

Thank you for your on-going support. I look forward to meeting many of you at the Year 7 parents' evening next week.

Kind regards,

Mr Mackintosh  
Principal



## Holiday Activities and Food Programme – December 2021

### What is the Holiday Activities and Food Programme?

Also known as HAF, this programme is being provided to enable eligible children to access the following during the school holidays:

- ✓ Daily physical activity
- ✓ Enriching activities
- ✓ Nutritional education

Children and young people who took part in the summer had a great time and made new friends too.

### When is it?

Sessions will take place from 10.00am to 2.00pm, Monday 20 December to Thursday 23 December 2021. Once we've confirmed your place, you'll be able to turn up on all four days, but you don't have to. If you have other plans then you can just join in on one, two or three days instead.

### Where is it?

Secondary age children will be able to attend one of the following sites:

- Caterham High School, Caterham Avenue, Clayhall, Ilford, IG5 0QW
- Oaks Park High School, 45-65 Oaks Lane, Ilford, IG2 7PQ
- If you live in Ilford and are unable to travel to Oaks Park or Caterham, we will also be running a transport service daily, to and from the front of Loxford School, Loxford Lane to the Oaks Park High School HAF.

We are also considering running online activities sessions for children who are unable to attend in person. If you are interested in these sessions, please indicate so on the application form and we will contact you with the relevant login details, if there is sufficient public interest.

### Is my child eligible?

Your child will need to meet both of the following:

- ✓ Eligible for, and in receipt of, Free School Meals (not including those accessing universal entitlement for Free School Meals unless they also meet the eligibility criteria for FSM)
- ✓ Age 5-16 years

### How do I book?

If you would like your child to take part, please register your interest no later than 5.00pm on Friday 10 December 2021 at <https://forms.office.com/r/tu6QRztcG5>. Places are on a first come first served basis so please book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.