Great Oaks Weekly
Friday 7th June 2013
Enabling success through working together

Work starts on new Environmental Area

Under the guidance from Mr Olverson pupils from across school have started working on creating a new woodland and sensory area at the top of the school field.

So far they have cleared a large area of brambles which is now covered with woodchip (donated by the local Nurseries) as the basis of the sensory garden. They are currently flattening the ground for a shed which is arriving next week. After this they will be making raised beds which the different classes in school will be responsible for looking after.

The pupils are also in the process of creating a woodland walk by clearing a path through the trees. Students on Year 11 work experience have been helping out this week (as can be seen by Jamie (left) and Connor (above) being assisted by Levi in Year 8.

It’s an on-going project which will never be truly finished but we hope to have an official opening in the near future.

The pupils have really enjoyed working on it. Connor said ‘it’s great—much better than lessons!’

Dates for the Diary:

Leavers Prom - Tuesday 25th June
Year 11 Leavers Assembly—Friday 28th June
End of Term for Pupils in Year 11—Friday 28th June (except those staying on to Year 12)
Camping Week: 1—5 July
Arts Week: 8–12 July
Parents Evening and BBQ: 11 July
Sports Day - 18th July
Charity Day—22nd July
End of Summer Term Tuesday 23rd July
Enterprise fortnight

Over the first two weeks of this half-term Year 11s are learning about the world of work. Some pupils are on work experience placements outside of school, others are involved in visits and enterprise projects in school.

There will be a sale of some of the produce that pupils have made next Friday (14th June) including bird boxes, cakes, candle holders and clay figures. If pupils want to bring in a £ or two next Friday they will be able to buy something from the range of produce on sale.

Pictures and reports from Enterprise fortnight in next week’s newsletter

Hurricanes in Oxfordshire

8 current and 6 ex-pupils were part of a 30 strong Hurricanes rugby club tour to the 2013 ‘International Inclusive Tag’ tournament hosted by Witney RFC.

The tour was a real success with the +15’s winning their tournament and a 2nd place finish for the u-15’s. Yr11 Kyle Fielding was also awarded the ‘Player of the Tournament’ which is a great achievement.

PE at Southampton University

Trainee PE teacher Chris Manning organised a PE session at Southampton University for the Yr 8’s. The Yr 8’s took part in a multi-sports circuit and all received certificates for their efforts.

Thanks to Chris and the other trainee PE teachers for putting on such a fun session.

Coming soon .......
Camping and Canoeing trips

On Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th July pupils will be taking part in our annual canoeing residential trip on the River Wye (pictured here is Lauren and Kelly who attended last year).

The week beginning the 1st July is our Great Oaks Camping week, this year at Woodmill Activity Centre.

Pupils from across school will have the opportunity to be involved in these trips—Letters will be going home next week.

This year’s arts week from 8th—12th July takes on a Film theme.
All week pupils will be involved in all aspects of the film industry from set design to starring in and making their own movies.
There will even be our very own Oscar Ceremony. Parents will be able to see what pupils have been up to all week at our BBQ and parents evening on the Thursday. More details to follow.