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**Don't forget your refillable water bottle**



# Weekly Newsletter

## Spring Term 2

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We've had another busy week in School.

A group of students sat exams in Functional Skills for both Maths and English. Well done for all the hard work and revision leading up to these, a great achievement for all involved.

Alongside the weekly sporting activities of trampolining, pool, golf, badminton and swimming lessons, a group of students have enjoyed a trip to the cinema to watch the SpongeBob movie.

### Meningitis Awareness

OFG take the health, safety, and wellbeing of our students and staff seriously and we would like to take this opportunity to increase your awareness of this rare, but serious infection.

There is no need for alarm, however this is a good opportunity to remind staff and families of the importance of recognising symptoms early and knowing where to access reliable information.

Meningitis can affect anyone and symptoms can appear suddenly. Current NHS guidance highlights that urgent medical help should be sought if meningitis is suspected. For trusted information on symptoms, treatment, and when to get medical help, please refer to the NHS page on meningitis:

[www.nhs.uk/conditions/meningitis/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/meningitis/)

Some measures we can take to reduce this risk is to ensure hands are being washed regularly, especially before eating.

Teachers and all staff will be reminding students about maintaining good hygiene habits.

Whilst we acknowledge that this infection is serious, it is very rare. By working together, and creating greater awareness, we can continue to maintain a healthy school environment.

# Oakham Shires School Open Day

We look forward to hosting an Open Day on Wednesday 1st April between 09.30 am and 1.30 pm.

Please pass this information on to any parents you know who may be considering a specialist School for their child, we would like to meet them.

Visitors will be able to meet staff and students, have a tour of the school and see the facilities we have on offer.

We emailed a letter to all parents and carers earlier this week regarding the Department for Education's changes to the use of restrictive interventions in Schools.

Please take time to read the letter and contact us with any questions you may have.

If your child brings a packed lunch, please remind them to store their lunch box/bag in the fridge in the dining room, not in their classrooms.

Lunch bags with a long strap are no longer allowed in School for safety reasons.

Please ensure your child has a lunch box or bag with a short handle.



# Money Mules Warning

Dear Parent/Carer,

Leicestershire Police recently conducted a targeted operation against county lines drug activity, which often exploits vulnerable children and adults by coercing them into transporting drugs, acting as money mules, or assisting organised crime groups.

## What is a money mule?

A money mule is someone who transfers money that is either stolen or illegally derived through their own bank account on behalf of someone else and is often paid for doing so, either in cash or with items such as phones or trainers.

Criminals need money mules to launder the profits of their crimes.

Young people are increasingly being targeted to become money mules. They are approached online or in person, including through social media, at school, college or sports clubs. Sometimes people they know persuade them to take part, often because they are also acting as money mules.

Mules will usually be unaware of where the money comes from – commonly fraud and scams – and that it can go on to fund crimes such as drug dealing, people trafficking and terrorist activity.

## Being a money mule is illegal

When someone is caught, their bank account may be closed, and they will have problems getting student loans, mobile phone contracts and credit in the future. They could even face arrest for money laundering which carries a maximum sentence of 14 years in prison.

## What to look out for

Tell-tale signs that someone might be involved could be them suddenly having extra cash, buying expensive new clothes or top-of-the-range mobile phones and gadgets with very little explanation as to how they got the money. They may also become more secretive, withdrawn or appear stressed.

You and your child can learn more and get advice by visiting [www.dontbefooled.org.uk](http://www.dontbefooled.org.uk) together.

If you are worried that someone close to you might be involved in money muling, you can contact **Crimestoppers** anonymously on **0800 555 111**.

**Please do not attempt to contact any individual you suspect of organising money muling.**

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