

## Parents Evening Feedback

At the family consultation evening the annual parent/carer questionnaire was handed out. Thank you to the 67 families that completed and returned the questionnaires. The results and comments were very positive. 100% of families said they would recommend OGC to other parents with a massive 88% of you stating you strongly agree with the statement "I would recommend OGC to another parent". Similarly 100% of families felt that students were well taught at OGC and students were well looked after (with 79% and 85% respectively strongly agreeing with that).

The questionnaire results show that we continue to develop and improve, and all of the suggestions for improvement will be taken on board. Most of which relate to how we can promote more social events for families and how we can ensure communication is always effective, smooth and efficient.

One family said "I could not be happier with my son's progress and achievements, I love the school." OGC welcomes comments and we actively seek to review, develop and improve in all we do.



## Oak Grove College celebrates its 10 Year Anniversary...

Hayley and Liz had a little celebration of their own: 10 years of delivering students safely to their parents at the end of every day on the parents gate. With a cake and party hats!

## Transition 'Come Dine with Me'

The 6<sup>th</sup> formers have been involved in a new 'Come Dine with Me' project. This project concentrates on our transition between school and adult centres in West Sussex. It is our objective to make the transition from high school to adult life a smoother and more fulfilling one for our young people. The project helps develop friendships and increase independence, at the same time as developing living skills, social skills and communication. It ensures students transition with ease into the correct adult placement for them, and that staff and friendships will already be strong before the final transition happens. The sessions are run weekly over a period of 7 weeks. During some of the sessions we work in our own environments and during others we are working collaboratively with some adult services providers. To date we have been working with Super Star Arts, The Pines and The Oaks, and have plans to work with another eight centres in the coming year. So far the links formed with the community are proving invaluable.



### **Christmas Drop-in Café session - free tea or coffee and a mince pie to buy!**

After the success of our first drop-in coffee morning in November we look forward to welcoming even more parents to the next one - on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Please join us for free tea/coffee and there will be mince pies on sale to start getting us into the seasonal spirit! We will be continuing to hold a drop-in coffee morning from 11am-12pm on the first Wednesday of every month in The Rosie, which is accessed by the Littlehampton Road entrance of the school.



It can be difficult sometimes if you have a child or children with SEN and, even though all their needs are different and varied, it can be good to meet with a supportive group of people, share ideas or worries over a cup of tea or coffee. Cakes and snacks, which are made and served by our 6<sup>th</sup> Form students, are also available to buy in the café.

Come along to this coffee morning and you can share your experiences with other parents and discuss any issues you may have. Appropriate staff will be available to offer advice and support in response to any concerns raised, with a different focus every month.



Students in class 10LE raised over £75 for the families of the recent Shoreham Air Show tragedy by holding a cake sale in school.

### **The Oak Grove College girls football team**

came 3rd in their latest Brighton FC tournament at Burgess Hill. The girls showed some great football skills. Finishing in the top 4, meant they progressed through to the semi-finals., where they lost 3–0. Noticeable performance goes to Zuki Douglass for being top goal scorer in the team and putting in some great tackles. Well done to all the girls.



### **Remembrance Poem by Jacob Cozens**

During the war, chaos everywhere  
On the 11<sup>th</sup> the sun comes out  
And poppies grow on the dirt.  
In the war the soldiers shout  
Now remember the ones that are dead or hurt.



### **Bad Weather Procedures**

As the winter brings the colder weather please ensure that you listen to the local radio (Heart FM, Splash FM & Spirit FM) where news of school closures due to snowfall will be broadcasted.

Should you have concerns about whether school will be open please check the school's website [www.oakgrovecollege.org.uk](http://www.oakgrovecollege.org.uk) which will be updated by 7:00am on each morning of possible closure. **We will also send a text to parents - please make sure we have your most up to date mobile number.**

If county transport is not running do not bring your child into school unless you are prepared to collect them too.

### **Forthcoming dates for your diary:**

20 November—non-uniform day for FOGC  
26 November—Performing Arts Variety Show  
1 December—Maths Day  
5 December—Christmas Fayre  
15 December—Carol Concert  
16 December—Carols by Candlelight  
18 December—non uniform, last day of term  
21 December to 1 January—Christmas holidays  
4 January—return to school