

25<sup>th</sup> Sept 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are excited to offer your child the opportunity to attend a taster day at The Oakes College on **Thursday 8th October 2026**. This is rescheduled from the postponed taster day last June.

During the visit to Oakes, students will have an opportunity to participate in a variety of taster lessons, tour the facilities and experience life as a sixth former. This is a good opportunity to try subjects they may not be familiar with.

The day commences at 9.15am, with staggered arrival times by school, and finishes at 2.10pm. During this time, Oakes staff will supervise your child who will not be allowed to leave the College premises. You are kindly requested to organise transport for your child to and from Oakes, which is based on the site of The Netherhall School. Students will enter via the green gate near the pedestrian crossing where they will be given their timetable and directed to the atrium hall. Light refreshments are available but your child is advised to also bring a snack/lunch. There will be an opportunity for students to buy refreshments with bank cards at Oakes but options will be limited. We are a cashless college.

If your child wishes to take part in the day, they can sign up and choose their subjects using the following link. Please be aware that due to staffing restrictions we are unable to offer all subjects.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdAxv5Y09xV05\\_5PA7n5dznGyN9FniGLxfRwnPhIJJ0GS33IA/viewform?usp=sharing&ouid=107709893634773821477](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdAxv5Y09xV05_5PA7n5dznGyN9FniGLxfRwnPhIJJ0GS33IA/viewform?usp=sharing&ouid=107709893634773821477)

The deadline for submitting your child's interest is Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Places are limited and will be on a first come first served basis or a direct recommendation from their current school. Oakes College will let the school know who has signed up and this will be seen as permission to attend the taster day.

We would also like to point out that Oakes are having an Open Evening on Thursday 22 October 6.00 – 8.00pm. Everybody is welcome, there is no need to book in advance.

If you would like to find out more about Oakes, please visit our website: <https://oakescc.org/>. If you have any questions about the day, please contact The Oakes College directly by e-mail: [office@oakescc.org](mailto:office@oakescc.org).

Yours sincerely,

Samantha Pascoe  
Deputy Director of Oakes College

### Programme for the Day

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| 09.15 – 10.00 | Staggered arrival by school then registration and explanation of the day. |
| 10.00 – 10.40 | Taster lesson one or Future Choices talk                                  |
| 10.45 – 11.25 | Taster lesson two or Future Choices talk                                  |
| 11.30 – 11.45 | Break and chance to speak with staff and students                         |
| 11.45 – 12.25 | Taster lesson three or Future Choices talk                                |
| 12.30 – 13.10 | Taster lesson four or Future Choices talk                                 |
| 13.15 – 13.30 | Break and chance to speak with staff and students                         |
| 13.30 – 14.00 | Introduction to Sixth Form and the Oakes community                        |

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