

Open Academy Newsletter – 4 July 2025

Dear parents, carers and students

It has been a busy and rewarding week at the Academy.

A huge highlight was our fantastic production of *We Will Rock You*, expertly led by Mrs Ormosi and Mr Corfield. It was a privilege to watch—our students performed and sang with real confidence and talent. The production goes from strength to strength each year and we are already looking forward to what comes next.

Next week, we are excited to welcome our new Year 6 students for transition and wish Year 10 the very best as they begin their work experience placements. Both events are important milestones as students prepare for new opportunities ahead.

With the warmer weather continuing, please talk to your children about staying safe in the heat, especially around water. While we want everyone to enjoy the sunshine, it's important that students are aware of the dangers:

- Avoid swimming in unsupervised lakes, rivers, or reservoirs
- Stick to designated swimming areas with lifeguards
- Keep hydrated and use sunscreen
- Wear appropriate clothing and avoid prolonged sun exposure during peak hours

Please do remind your child of these precautions so everyone can enjoy the summer safely. Please see the Water Safety Code poster below.

We are now off to celebrate with Year 11 at their Leavers' Prom—a great way to round off a brilliant week.

Wishing you all a safe and sunny weekend.

Miss Wenlock (Vice Principal)

World Record Cook-A-Long

On Tuesday, 28 June our students took part in an exciting attempt to break the world record for the largest ever cook-a-long! Led by Jamie Oliver, the event saw over 10,000 participants from more than 700 schools across the UK come together to cook fresh homemade pasta with a tomato and basil sauce, all at the same time.

A huge congratulations to all our amazing Year 8, 9 and 10 students who took part in this fantastic event. The final numbers are still being verified, but early reports suggest we may have helped break a world record!

Well done to everyone involved—it was a brilliant achievement and a great example of cooking bringing people together.



Miss Luter

Year 7

Next week we have Year 6 students in the academy for Transition week, I can't believe it's already been a year since the current Year 7s first came to Open.

- Sports day is on Friday, 11 July. We hope that every Year 7 student will take part in it in some way. Please have a conversation with your son/daughter about it and encourage them to take part in an event. Also, please ensure they have a good supply of sun cream/water for the day as well as a hat if possible.
- Every Wednesday from 3pm we have a homework club in a computer room to help those complete any outstanding homework.

Mr Pickup (Head of Year 7)

Mrs Smith (Assistant Head of Year 7)

Year 9

As we approach the end of term, I want to say how proud we are with the year group's continued commitment in class. There are exciting times ahead as the options process is now complete, so I hope the students are looking forward to starting their GCSEs in September. This is when it all gets a bit serious and our expectations for this year group are very high. All the data is pointing in the right direction.

Mr Walters (Head of Year 9)

Mr Hawkins (Assistant Head of Year 9)

Water Safety Code

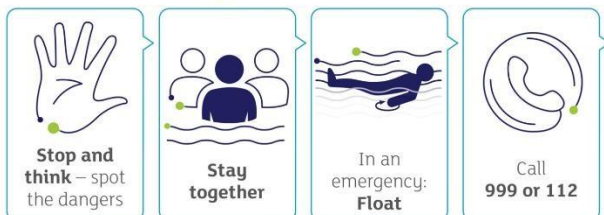
The Water Safety Code gives you essential and easy-to-remember information about how to stay safe in or near water. It helps you to -

Plan for your activity (whether that's swimming or other water sports or simply being near water)
Know what to do in an emergency.

Whether you're by the sea, a lake, loch, river, canal, pool, pond or quarry, water can be very dangerous. You may be a good swimmer in a warm, indoor pool. But if you're in cold water, you may not be able to swim so well – especially if you've entered the water unexpectedly.

Here are four steps of the Water Safety Code:

Water Safety Code



The Water Safety Code in Scotland is different and can be found here:

5 steps to know how to float

However you end up in the water, if you end up in difficulty, Float to Live.

