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Headteacher Update



I am thrilled to share that, through close collaboration with the local authority, we have successfully admitted 51 students who will be joining our school in September. We are dedicated to providing each child with a nurturing and inclusive learning environment tailored to their individual needs.

I am delighted to inform you that all our classrooms are now furnished, and we are actively building our resources to support the diverse learning requirements of our students. Our team has been working diligently to create an engaging and stimulating atmosphere that promotes educational growth.

Photograph shows Jonathon Peck (CEO) visiting the school recently.



Furthermore, we recently completed a series of successful transition visits, during which the children were introduced to our dedicated staff members. The feedback we received from both students and parents has been incredibly positive, indicating that the children are beginning to feel safe and welcomed in our school community.

I am pleased to announce that we have expanded our team with the addition of an experienced Assistant Head, who will work closely with parents to review and enhance our provision for the children. We also have an experienced Business Manager and a Site Manager, ensuring the smooth operation and successful opening of our school.

We are eagerly looking forward to the start of the new academic year, where we will continue to prioritise the well-being and progress of our students. We value the partnership between parents and the school, and we encourage your active involvement and feedback.

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or any member of our team. We greatly appreciate your continued support as we strive to create an inclusive and enriching educational environment for our students.

Thank you for your trust in our school, and we look forward to welcoming the students in September.

Abi Davis
Headteacher



Introducing Cassia Minette



I have worked in the world of SEN for the last 15 years, both as an SEN consultant and as a member of the senior leadership team. I hold a master's degree in Severe, Profound and Multiple learning disabilities and am passionate about supporting the learning

and development of children of all abilities, not only in their academic skills, but also their personal and social development.

I am thrilled to be part of the Oak Tree School team, and very excited to continue learning about our wonderful students. By maximising pupils learning opportunities via an exciting and broad curriculum, I am certain we will see our students grow and flourish over the next year.

Cassia Minette
Assistant Headteacher/ SENCO



Introducing Kerri Wiseman



I first started working in education in 2012, supporting the School Improvement Team at Service Children's Education in Germany whilst my husband was serving in the Army. This progressed to a role as a School Business Manager in one of their schools as my line manager encouraged me to complete a Level 4 School Business Manager qualification, achieved in 2014.

On my return to the UK, I have worked in primary and SEN settings as a School Business Manager. I am really looking forward to working at Oak Tree School as I am passionate about supporting learners to achieve the best outcome from their education.



Kerri Wiseman
School Business Manager



Introducing Miriam Barlow



I have worked in a variety of roles since graduating, gaining valuable experience in NHS General Practice management for five years before leaving to enjoy looking after my children.

Since returning to paid employment, I have worked in primary and secondary schools and Reading University, volunteering as Student Chaplain alongside my main role. I gained a Theological Studies award from Oxford University along the way, so not perhaps the most conventional route into Site Management!

More recently, I have been working for Wokingham Borough Council as building manager for a special needs day service where I was responsible for all health and safety procedures, building security and maintenance. For me, health and safety is the most important part of school life. The numerous weekly procedures, checks and maintenance are not tick box exercises – they ensure that we can keep our pupils (and staff!) safe and well to enjoy their learning and playing.

Miriam Barlow
Site Manager



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