



KESTREL MEAD

PRIMARY ACADEMY



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As the secondary school choice deadline comes closer for Year 6 pupils, there are many schools that are completing open evenings. We will share any information that comes into school – but also encourage you to follow the schools you are interested in on social media as this is where you will see their open evening offer. Orchard is our 'local' secondary school and is in such an exciting time of transition – I encourage you to dispel historical judgements you may have and go along to make your own mind up. Many of our recent leavers started there in the last 2 weeks and parents and pupils have shared nothing but praise for the offer they have received! Sign up to as many different open evenings as you can to find out more and see what 'feels' right.



Open Evening
Year 5/6 Parents
Thursday 7th October 2021
5.30-7.30 pm

We can't wait to meet you!



We look forward to seeing you at our open evening.

Work hard. Be kind. Be responsible.

Staff at Orchard Mead Academy are excited to open the doors and invite you to this event, and to share their passion and commitment for teaching the pupils at Orchard Mead and ensuring the best possible outcomes for our pupils and their futures.

You will have an opportunity to hear from the Principal about the vision for the school, and to take a tour of our excellent facilities, with taster lessons and exhibits from our teachers too.

Community organisations will be on hand to explore the wider opportunities available for our pupils.

This event does not require a ticket, however those who pre-book using our Eventbrite system, will be entered into a prize draw to be drawn on the night! For more info on this email info@orchard-tmet.uk

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Let us know you are attending by booking your free ticket via our website or Eventbrite.



Year 5/6 Open Evening at Orchard Mead Academy
Come and see the facilities (subject to the current COVID-19 restrictions) and hear about the school.

Eventbrite



Computing in Ks1 and Ks2.

We are really excited for our new computing curriculum to be implemented fully this year and for the children to learn lots of new computing skills. Within our curriculum children will learn in three strands: Computer Science, Information Technology and Digital Literacy. Through learning these skills, children will become safe, competent and confident users of digital technology.

To introduce the computer science element all children will be using Scratch. If you would like to explore this at home, please find the link below.

<https://scratch.mit.edu/>

Look out for photos of your children exploring technology on their teachers Twitter and Class Dojo.



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Year 6 Residential

This week, the year 6 students have been on their three-day residential to PGL Caythorpe Court in Lincolnshire. During the trip, the children have shown an incredible amount of resilience and curiosity as they have challenged themselves to complete a range of risk-taking activities including: climbing; canoeing; rifle shooting; the giant swing; the zip wire; problem solving and aeroball. Through completing these activities, the children have faced their fears, developed teamworking skills and worked on their independence. We even celebrated a birthday all together and enjoyed an evening around the campfire. We have had so much fun!



"A HUGE shout out to the staff who took the children on the residential. They gave up their own time and completed a very tiring 3 days to ensure that the children made life long memories. I am very grateful to have staff that are so dedicated!" Mrs Simpson



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Term dates 2021-22

Term No 1: 37 days (7 weeks 2 days)	
INSET DAYS	Monday 23 rd August and Tuesday 24 th August 2021
Schools Open –Primary and Yr 7s	Wednesday 25 th August 2021
Schools Open-All Years	Thursday 26 th August 2021
Bank holiday	Monday 30 th August 2021
Schools Close	Friday 15 th October 2021
Autumn Half Term Holiday	Monday 18 th October 2021 to Friday 22 nd October 2021

Term No 2: 40 days (8 weeks)	
Schools Open	Monday 25 th October 2021
Schools Close	Friday 17 th December 2021
INSET DAYS	Monday 20 th December 2021
Christmas & New Year Holiday	Monday 20 th December 2021 to Monday 3 rd January 2022

Term No 3: 29 days (5 weeks 4 days)	
Schools Open	Tuesday 4 th January 2022
Schools Close	Friday 11 th February 2022
Spring Half Term Holiday	Monday 14 th February 2022 to Friday 18 th February 2022

Term No 4: 35 days (7 weeks)	
Schools Open	Monday 21 st February 2022
Schools Close	Friday 8 th April 2022
Easter Holidays	Monday 11 th April 2022 to Friday 22 nd April 2022

Term No 5: 24 days (4 weeks 4 days)	
Schools Open	Monday 25 th April 2022
May Bank Holiday (schools closed)	Monday 2 nd May 2022 & Tuesday 3 rd May 2022
Schools Close	Friday 27 th May 2022
Summer Half Term Holiday	Monday 30 th May 2022 to Friday 3 rd June 2022

Term No 6: 25 days (5 weeks)	
Schools Open	Monday 6 th June 2022
Schools Close	Friday 8 th July 2022
INSET DAYS	Monday 11 th July 2022 and Tuesday 12 th July 2022
Summer Holiday begins	Monday 11 th July 2022

Key school dates coming next week – apologies for the delay we are just finalising a few details.

Bank Holidays: 30th August 2021, 27th & 28th December 2021, 3rd January 2022, 15th & 18th April 2022, 2nd and 3rd May 2022, 2nd and 3rd June 2022 **Please note:** On inset days, pupils are not required to attend school.



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CENTENARY FESTIVAL

Saturday 2 October 2021

Join the University family for a day of engaging and interactive activities to celebrate our 100th anniversary.

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