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Welcome to the latest edition of the Oaklands College Community Newsletter.

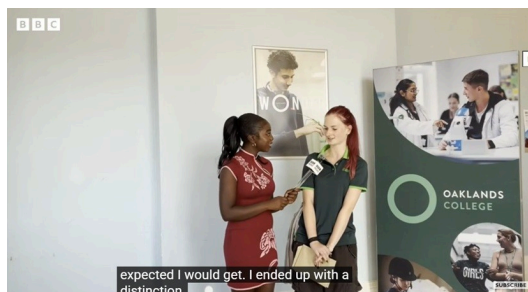
As we look back on a busy summer term at Oaklands College, we're pleased to share some of the highlights, achievements and stories from across our campuses and wider community.

The summer months have been a time of celebration, with students achieving fantastic results, exciting projects taking place and opportunities for the College to work alongside local residents, businesses, schools and community organisations. It has been wonderful to see Oaklands continuing to play an active role in the communities we serve.

As we begin a new academic year, we're looking ahead to an exciting autumn term. With plenty happening across our campuses and in the wider community, there will be many opportunities to get involved, connect with the College and discover what's happening across Oaklands.

We hope you enjoy catching up on some of our summer highlights and finding out what's coming up this autumn.

Latest Updates



BBC NEWS VISITS OAKLANDS COLLEGE FOR LEVEL 3 RESULTS DAY

Last month, we celebrated our A Level, T Level and BTEC students as they received their Level 3 results. We were also pleased to welcome BBC News (and presenter Jonelle Awomoyi) to our St Albans Campus, where they captured our students' celebrations and shared their achievements with a national audience.

Andrew Slade, Principal and CEO of Oaklands College, said: "Our students celebrated a strong

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achievements reflected the hard work of our students and the dedication of our teaching and support teams."

Congratulations to all our students on their achievements and the next steps they have taken into university, apprenticeships, employment or further study. We wish them every success for the future.



RESULTS DAY STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: BO GUTTORMSDOTTIR-FROST

As we continue to celebrate the achievements of our Level 3 students following Results Day, we would like to highlight Bo, who was among those receiving her A Level results at Oaklands. Following her results she is now heading to Georgetown University in the USA to continue her studies and basketball career, with ambitions of playing in the WNBA and becoming a Human Rights Lawyer. During her time at Oaklands, Bo was not only a standout A Level student but also helped the Super League Basketball team secure both the SLB Trophy and League title.

Hear what she had to say about
her time at Oaklands:



JERSEY FARM RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION VISITS OAKLANDS COLLEGE

Over the summer break, we were delighted to welcome members of the Jersey Farm Residents Association to Oaklands College for a bespoke tour of our St Albans campus. The visit gave residents the opportunity to discover more about the College, our facilities and the wide range of opportunities available to both our students and the wider community.

[Read more](#)



SEND STUDENTS DELIVER HANDMADE PLANTERS TO LOCAL COMMUNITY GARDEN

During the summer term, we took curriculum into the community as a group of our SEND students visited the local Habiba Garden. They delivered a series of handcrafted wooden planters they had designed and built as part of a carpentry project they have been working on throughout the year.

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JORDAN THOMAS INSPIRES STUDENTS AT STANBOROUGH SCHOOL

Before the summer break, we were delighted to take Jordan Thomas to Stanborough School as part of their Drop-Down Day, where he delivered a series of motivational workshops for Year 9 students. Across four one-hour sessions, Jordan worked with around 60 students in each lesson, focusing on important themes including resilience and confidence.

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FRESHERS FAIRS AT OAKLANDS

To welcome the new term and our new students to Oaklands, we hosted Freshers Fairs across both our St Albans and Welwyn Garden City campuses this week. As part of the events, local organisations and community groups were invited to introduce students to the opportunities, activities and support available at Oaklands. Organisations included Hertfordshire Youth Commission, Herts Young Homeless, Herts Mind Network and Services for Young People.

[Take a look at the events:](#)

What's New on Campus

INTRODUCING 'THE HUB'

We're pleased to introduce **The Hub**, a new quiet support space for students at Oaklands College, offering academic guidance, SEMH support, one-to-one sessions and small workshops. It also provides a calmer environment at lunchtime for students who prefer a quieter space to relax. As part of creating a warm and welcoming environment our Level 2 Art & Design students have created a new mural for the space.

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Study Here



WELWYN GARDEN CITY OPEN EVENT - SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER 10AM - 3PM

Our open events give you the perfect opportunity to visit our campuses to learn more about the courses we offer and meet our staff.

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ST ALBANS OPEN EVENT - SATURDAY 17TH OCTOBER 10AM - 3PM

Take a look around our campus, speak to our tutors and students and learn more about life at Oaklands before you start your journey with us. Pre-register now to save time on the day, ensuring you make the most of your visit

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LOVE TO LEARN - FOR LEISURE, FOR WORK, FOR LIFE

Discover new opportunities this September. Our wide range of adult learning courses includes employability skills, English, maths and ESOL, alongside exciting new professional courses. If you'd like to explore your creativity or try something new, our leisure and evening courses offer plenty of choice. From pottery and printmaking to languages, digital photography and creative writing there's something for every level of experience. **New courses launching this September include:**

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- Introduction to Radio Production – evening
- Sculpture in Clay – daytime

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Upcoming Events



HARVEST FESTIVAL - SATURDAY 3RD OCTOBER (12PM - 5PM, ST ALBANS CAMPUS)

Join us for the Oaklands Harvest Festival Fundraising event, a fun-filled day for all ages. Celebrate the season at Oaklands Harvest Festival, a family-friendly day packed with autumn fun, community spirit and countryside experiences. Explore our zoo, farm and orchard, enjoy tractor rides and take part in the scarecrow walk, with plenty of opportunities to learn more about agriculture and the natural world.

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UPCOMING SHOWS AT OUR MYRIAD THEATRE

The Myriad Theatre at Oaklands College is proud to present an exciting line-up of student performances this academic year. From high energy musical showcases to classic Pantomime and a period drama with a modern twist, our Performing Arts students are ready to take centre stage and share their talent with the community.

All performances take place in the Myriad Theatre (Welwyn Garden City Campus). Limited seating available, so don't miss out and book now!

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RETURN HOME: 27TH SEPTEMBER

The new basketball season is underway, and the Oaklands Wolves Men's Team are preparing for their next home fixture in the BCB Trophy.

On Sunday 27 September, the Wolves welcome the City of Birmingham Rockets to Oaklands College in what promises to be an exciting evening of top-level basketball. The BCB Trophy brings together some of the country's leading programmes, and this home fixture is a great opportunity for local residents to experience the fast-paced action and atmosphere of live basketball.

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Community Noticeboard



OAKLANDS COLLEGE JOB VACANCIES

At Oaklands, we foster a dynamic and inclusive working environment where every team member is valued. Our educators and support staff are part of a community that shares a passion for making a difference. If you are looking for a place where your skills will be valued, your growth encouraged, and your work will make a lasting impact, we invite you to explore a career with us.

[Current Vacancies](#)


OAKLANDS CONNECT MONTHLY BUSINESS NETWORKING EVENT - 7TH OCTOBER 2026

Join local SMEs at **Oaklands Connect** on Wednesday 7 October 2026, 10.00 - 12.00, in our Stables restaurant, AL4 0JA. A relaxed, collaborative space to share ideas, solve challenges and build connections. Spaces are limited – book now and join the conversation with fellow local business professionals.

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THE STABLES RESTAURANT - THURSDAY EVENING SERVICE

From 1 October, we'll be opening our doors once again for our Thursday evening services, alongside a brand-new autumn menu packed with seasonal favourites and hearty dishes to enjoy as the days grow cooler. Our contemporary restaurant offers high-quality food and service, delivered by our talented Hospitality and Catering students, who have the opportunity to gain valuable industry experience. Come and celebrate the season with us.

[Book now](#)

OAKLANDS WOLVES AUTUMN BASKETBALL COMMUNITY CAMPS

Designed for young people in Years 6 to 10, our Autumn Basketball Camps offer a fun and supportive environment where players can develop their skills, build confidence and enjoy a full day of basketball led by experienced coaches. Whether your child already plays regularly or is looking to improve, our camps cater for a range of abilities. Alongside developing their basketball skills, participants can make new friends, take part in competitions and enjoy an exciting day of sport during the school holidays.

Camp Dates

- Thursday 29 October
- Friday 30 October

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