

# COMMUNITY

**Welcome back to Oaklands College Community Newsletter.**

We are pleased to present the latest edition of Oaklands termly Community and Parents Newsletter. This edition provides an overview of our winter term highlighting key developments, achievements, and initiatives across the College, and also looks ahead to the spring term. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all members of the Oaklands community a very happy Easter break.

## Latest Updates



### **OAKLANDS COLLEGE ALUMNUS MATT WESTON CLAIMS DOUBLE OLYMPIC GOLD IN SKELETON AT THE 2026 WINTER OLYMPICS**

Matt Weston, a former rugby player and sport student who developed his skills at Oaklands College as part of the Wolves Academy, dominated the men’s skeleton to become Team GB’s first male Olympic skeleton champion. Two days later, he added gold in the inaugural mixed team skeleton event alongside Tabitha Stoecker.

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### **PERFORMING ARTS STUDENTS TAKE CREATIVITY INTO THE COMMUNITY**

Over the past few weeks, the link between Oaklands and the local community has continued to grow, with our Performing Arts students taking their learning beyond the classroom and into the heart of St Albans and Welwyn Garden City. Oaklands students visited Jersey Farm Community Centre, Knightsfield School for the Deaf, Trots Hill School,



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**BEAUMONT SCHOOL STUDENTS VISIT OAKLANDS COLLEGE FOR SCHOOL EXPLORER EXPERIENCE**

This month, Oaklands College was pleased to welcome 240 Year 10 students and 20 staff from Beaumont School to campus as part of our School Explorer programme, giving them an insight into college life and the wide range of courses available.

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**JORDAN THOMAS RETURNS TO JFK TO INSPIRE STUDENTS AND SHOWCASE WOLVES ACADEMY PATHWAYS**

Jordan Thomas, Oaklands Head of Performance, returned to his former school, John F Kennedy Catholic School, to inspire the next generation and highlight the opportunities available through Wolves Academy pathways.

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**HOSPITALITY & CATERING STUDENTS REPRESENT OAKLANDS COLLEGE ON LOCAL RADIO**

Oaklands Hospitality & Catering students recently had the exciting opportunity to step into the world of broadcasting, taking part in recorded interviews at local radio station Mix 92.6. They spoke about their recent success in the prestigious Zest Quest Asia competition and shared the inspiration behind The

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### **ART AND DESIGN STUDENTS INSPIRED BY CREATIVE STUDY TRIP TO BARCELONA**

Art and Design students have returned from a highly successful study trip to Barcelona, where they immersed themselves in the city's vibrant creative and cultural scene. Throughout the visit, students explored a range of internationally recognised galleries and cultural landmarks, including Moco Museum, MACBA, Design Museum of Barcelona and the iconic Parc Guell.

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## **What's New on Campus**

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## SHAPING OUR FUTURE

Our Campus Masterplan sets out an ambitious vision for the future of our estate, across both St Albans and Welwyn Garden City, outlining how we will create modern, sustainable and inspiring spaces for our students, staff and local community. Over the coming years, we aim to transform key areas of our campus with new facilities, improved learning environments and enhanced social spaces that support the evolving needs of our College community.

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## Study Here



## ADULT AND LEISURE COURSES

Our diverse range of leisure and other adult learning courses have something for everyone, including languages, cookery, floristry, pottery, photography, drawing, printmaking and much more.

[Click here to see what adult and leisure courses we offer](#)


## WELWYN GARDEN CITY CAMPUS OPEN EVENING - 28TH APRIL

Our open events give you the perfect opportunity to visit our campuses to learn more about the courses we offer and meet our staff. Pre-register now ahead of your visit.

[Book your place here](#)

## ST ALBANS CAMPUS OPEN EVENTS - 30TH APRIL

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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### INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Choosing a college is a significant decision that can raise many questions for you as parents and carers.

At Oaklands College, we understand your concerns, which is why we've compiled a list of frequently asked questions. Our aim is to provide clarity and reassurance as your child embarks on this important journey.

If you can't find the answer you're looking for, don't hesitate to reach out. You can email us at [contactcentre@oaklands.ac.uk](mailto:contactcentre@oaklands.ac.uk) or call 01727 737000. We're here to assist!

View our FAQ's Here

## Upcoming Events



### LAMBING WEEKEND - 9TH AND 10TH MAY 2026

Spring is the season of new life and what better way to celebrate than at our much loved Lambing Weekend! Come and meet the lambs, explore the farm and zoo, experience Bluey & Bingo live on stage, and enjoy a weekend packed with fun for the whole family

Book your tickets here

### UPCOMING SHOWS AT THE MYRIAD THEATRE

Oaklands Performing Arts students are bringing an exciting mix of productions to the Myriad Theatre this winter. From high energy

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there's something for everyone to enjoy. Seating is limited so book early to avoid disappointment. Featured shows include: **Showstoppers, Sleeping Beauty, The Watsons, Bedroom Farce, and Anything Goes.**

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**UPCOMING WOLVES FIXTURES: WATCH OUR PROFESSIONAL BASKETBALL TEAMS IN ACTION**

Visitors to Oaklands can experience the excitement of live sport by watching the Oaklands Wolves professional basketball teams compete on campus. With high level competition and an electric atmosphere, it's a fantastic way to support elite student-athletes and enjoy top-quality basketball close to home.

[Book your tickets here](#)

## Community Noticeboard



**FACILITIES CAREERS EVENT**

Ready to take the next step in your career? Join Oaklands College for a Facilities Management Careers Evening and discover the wide range of opportunities available across our campuses. We are recruiting for a range of roles including maintenance, grounds, caretaking and general facilities support. These opportunities are ideal for those already working in facilities or caretaking roles, as well as trades professionals seeking a stable, varied and rewarding workplace.

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**OAKLANDS COLLEGE JOB VACANCIES**

At Oaklands, we foster a dynamic and inclusive working environment where every team member is valued. Our educators and support

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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.

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### JERSEY FARM SPRING LITTER PICKING - SATURDAY 28TH MARCH

Join the Jersey Farm and Marshalswick community for a Spring Litter Pick on Saturday 28th March, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM. All equipment will be provided, so just turn up and help make our community sparkle! Meet at Jersey Farm Community Centre or Marshalswick Baptist Free Church – everyone is welcome!



### WILDFLOWER DONATIONS NEEDED TO SUPPORT OAKLANDS WILDLIFE STUDENT SOCIETY

The OWLS Society is creating a new wildflower area on our campus to help boost biodiversity and support local wildlife. Students are looking for donations of wildflower seed packets, “bumblebee bombs”, unused seed packets, and spring or summer bulbs. All donations will be planted and cared for by the society as part of their work to enhance our outdoor spaces. We are also grateful to Ayletts Garden Centre, who are proudly supporting our students with this project. Please email [marketing@oaklands.ac.uk](mailto:marketing@oaklands.ac.uk) if you may be able to help.

### JOIN OAKLANDS COLLEGE AT UPCOMING GENERATION EVENTS

A Generation event is a careers fair from Hertfordshire Careers Hub schools led by Hertfordshire Future's skills portal HOP in

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**GENERATION BROXBORNE**  
 Tues 17th March 26, Spotlight Theatre Hoddesdon

**GENERATION STEVENAGE**  
 Tues 5th May 26, Knebworth House, Stevenage

**GENERATION ST. ALBANS DISTRICT**  
 Fri 3rd July 26, Rothamsted Harpenden

2026

Come and discover the amazing career opportunities!

Visit our Generation Hub







enhance their knowledge of local career opportunities and the pathways to get there. Employers have the opportunity to inspire the next generation of their workforce. The twilight session of each event runs from 3:30-5pm and is open for anyone to attend to speak with our local Herts employers. Please sign up for each event using the HOP page found here: [Generation careers fairs hub | HOP](#)

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**JOIN THE OAKLANDS COLLEGE ALUMNI NETWORK.**

Are you a former Oaklands College student? Stay connected by joining our Alumni Network today. By signing up to the Alumni Network, you can stay part of the Oaklands community. It's quick and free to join, and you'll receive exclusive updates, invitations to special events, and opportunities to share your own journey and inspire current students. Be part of the Oaklands story – reconnect with us today!

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**GEORGE ORWELL'S**  
**1984**

ADAPTED BY: RYAN CRAIG    PRODUCED BY: COMPANY OF TEN

**AT**

ABBAY THEATRE | THURSDAY 23RD APRIL | 7:30PM

**BIG BROTHER IS WATCHING YOU**

Join us for a powerful and thought-provoking production of this classic story, brought to life on stage for one special charity night in support of local charities Citizens Advice St Albans and Youth Talk.

Tickets: £15 + £1.96 booking fee

Scan the QR code to reserve your seats:

Charity Performance in support of






**STEP INTO THE WORLD OF 1984 AT THE ABBEY THEATRE WITH THE COMPANY OF TEN - THURSDAY 23RD APRIL**

Adapted by Mathew Dunster, this gripping production follows Winston Smith as he navigates life under Big Brother's totalitarian rule, where surveillance is constant, history is rewritten, and even thinking freely is dangerous.

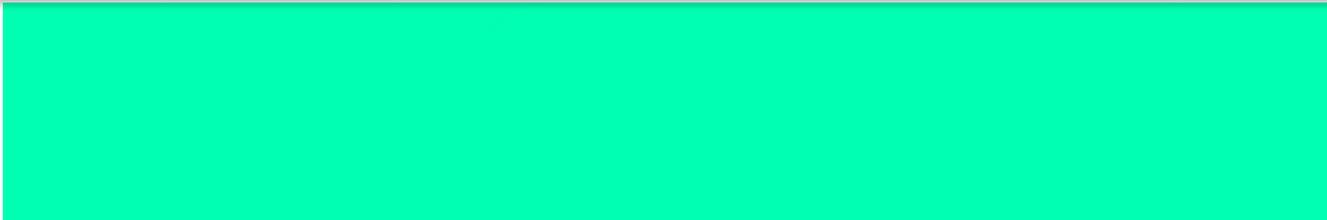
All proceeds from this special charity performance will go to support Youth Talk and Citizens Advice St Albans District.

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