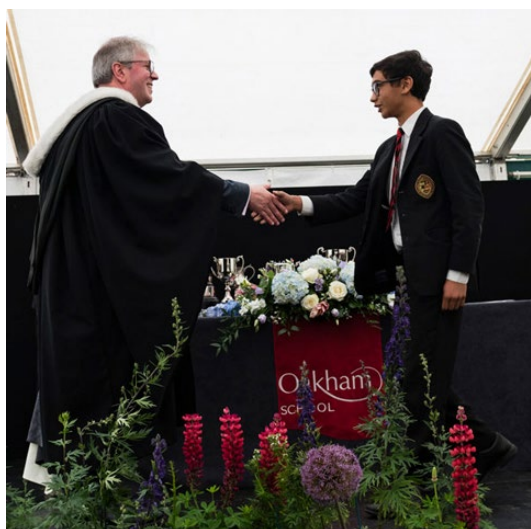




Dear Parents and Guardians

This third e-newsletter is arriving in your inboxes a week after the end of term. Deliberately so, to allow the dust to settle after the whirlwind that was the final few weeks. It's now a wonderful time to sit and reflect on what was a truly impressive Summer Term, which culminated in a busy last day for our [Form 7 Leavers](#). On a personal note, I certainly couldn't have asked for a more 'Oakham' send-off – with successes galore throughout the term both in and outside of the classroom! The term, as well as my tenure, has been an incredible adventure. Here are just a handful of highlights, whilst the 'hot off the press' [Oakhamian Magazine](#) (copies of which you all should have) celebrates, in greater detail, all aspects of School life, as well as my final reflections and farewell.

Nigel Lashbrook
Headmaster



Celebrating a year of exciting changes at Lower School Prize Giving; with redesigned classrooms & curriculum.

[Read more.](#)



A memorable Speech Day – with fond farewells for Seventh Formers & the Headmaster.

[Read more.](#)

Academic News



Oakham's 'BioSoc' hosted a unique event that was both packed out and incredibly popular, with Nobel Prize winner Sir Venki Ramakrishnan. [Read More.](#)



Students beat over 100 schools from the East Midlands to win the Engineering in Education Scheme 'Innovation Award'. [Read More.](#)



'Oakham is a shining symbol of MUN excellence' according to the Secretary-General at the conference students attended.

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For the fourth year running, students won places at the TeenTech Awards Finals: an impressive three teams in total!

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26 Biologists won Awards in the UK Biologist Challenge Competition, with another 3 winning Awards in the 2019 Biology Olympiad.

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Oakham Arts News

Drama

Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland* and *Through the Looking Glass* came to life in the Lower School's spectacular production of *The Adventures of Alice!* With a riot of colourful



Music

Oakham's musicians excelled in a packed final 8 days of term, performing an [Orchestral Concert](#), a [Chamber Choir recital](#), the [Big Band Concert](#) and a moving [Leavers' Service](#). A new choral commission by Will Todd (listen [here](#)) to mark the Headmaster's retirement was heard at the service, having been premiered on [Speech Day](#). Our Lower School musicians were [Live in Concert](#) earlier in term, and Form 1 pupils [Eloise](#) and [Evie](#) enjoyed local competition success.



Dance

It's been a busy term of dance showcases with pupils from Lower 1 to Form 4 performing on stage in the QET. The Lower School Drama and Dance Showcase in May saw pupils performing everything from Jazz to Salsa, and from a highly energetic Bhangra dance to a funky hip-hop

costumes, outstanding actors and a variety of technologies bringing Carroll's fantasy world to life, it was another QET success - about which you can read more [here](#)! Other successes include Kitty and Caleb being invited to join the National Youth Theatre, Clo being offered a Foundation course at Oxford School of Drama and OO Konstantin being offered the three year Classical Acting BA at the Lir.



Art

Artists have taken inspiration from a range of visits and trips including a masterclass with contemporary Artist Andrew Gillespie who challenged pupils to respond to his artwork in the [Form 4 Art Project Day](#). Our Artist in Residence's thought-provoking work has also been [exhibited](#) after a busy and successful year at Oakham. Having inspired students, especially Lower School pupils in the form of their [window installation](#), Jessica is delighted to be continuing at Oakham next year as a teacher in training.

number! The Dance Showcase, on the penultimate day of term, was then an opportunity for pupils to show the pieces and styles they had been learning in their weekly dance classes, and additionally, Middle School students performed various numbers including some of their own devised pieces. Read more [here](#).



Oakham Sports News

Only at Oakham can you have, in the same term, team successes ranging from our [1st XI girls footballers](#) being crowned National Runners-Up in the ISFA U18 Cup, the U13 Girls being National Hockey Finalists, netballers winning the Plate at the World Schools Netball Cup, and two teams (U15 and U13) winning their places at the Regional Tennis Finals! That's not even counting the numerous Oakhamians who have enjoyed individual successes in a variety of sports – representing their County, Region and Country. From [Teddy](#), who is part of the England U18 Golf squad – which is made even more impressive given he is just 13 years old, to [Sam](#) who juggled taking his A-level exams and playing for Wales in the U20 Rugby World Championships.



It's been a record-breaking year for Oakham's athletes with 20-year-old School Records smashed, as well as numerous medals won at county and regional levels. Read more [here](#).



Despite the inclement weather 'stopping play' a few too many times, it's been an excellent season for cricket at Oakham! Read more [here](#).



Oakham Achievements



Students across the School have successfully earned a variety of accolades. Highlights include:

- Oakhamians have raised over £13k for charity – via bike rides, fun runs, walks and soirees and food sales.
- 28 current and former students received their Gold DofE Award this year.
- Fullbore Target Shooting captain, Alexander, won all three distances at the Suffolk Country Open.
- 43 students won certificates, including seven Golds, in the 2019 Junior Maths Challenge, whilst 13 Lower One pupils won certificates in the Primary Maths Challenge – including four Golds.
- 19 Form 6 Cadets have achieved a BTEC Diploma Level 2 in Teamwork and Personal Development in the Community.

To read more, click [here](#) for a full list of pupil achievements.

Dates for your Diary



2 September 2019: Term Begins

9 September - 15 October: Middle & Upper School Art: The Highlights Exhibition

28 September 2019: Middle School Open Morning

19 October - 3 November 2019: Half-Term Exeat

8 November 2019: Autumn Concert

1 December 2019: Middle & Upper School Advent Carol Service

8 December 2019: Lower School Carols by Candlelight

11 December 2019: Term ends

To see a full list of upcoming Open Mornings and to reserve your place, please click [here](#).

To see our latest copy of the Arts Calendar, listing all of our exhibitions, concerts and performances for the term ahead - click [here](#).

