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Dear Parents & Carers,

### Headteacher visit to Oakmoor

On Tuesday we had John Vennart an experienced Headteacher from the Malling School in Kent come to visit us. I visited his school in November to see what I could learn from them as their context is almost identical to Oakmoor, but with higher student outcomes.

It makes me immensely proud to share what he said about our school:

*"Just wanted to say thank you so much for your warm welcome and giving me such a great day, I learnt a great deal and have lots of fantastic practice I will be bringing back to TMS."*

*My reflections on Oakmoor is that there is a calm and purposeful learning environment. All pupils I met during transition and unstructured times were a credit to the school, they were polite, well mannered and very positive about the school. On my tour of the school my overall impression was pupils focused and working hard, I saw no low-level disruption. All staff I spoke to were extremely professional and proud of their school. It really was a pleasure to visit."*

### Holocaust Memorial Day

Over the last few weeks students have been designing badges for the Holocaust Memorial Day. This year's theme is 'The Fragility of Freedom'. The winner of the badge competition was Oliver from mentor O1.



### Arbor Update

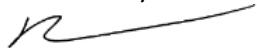
In a newsletter a few weeks ago I had communicated that we would be giving you parental access last week. Unfortunately we have run into a few teething problems, but this access will be given to you soon.

### Dates for your diary

Just a reminder of some key events coming up.

Date	Event
Thursday 1 February	Year 8 Parents' evening classes J, K, L and M
Thursday 8 February	Year 8 Parents' evening classes N, O, and P
Friday 9 February	Finish for half term at 2:45pm

Have a lovely weekend,



Mr Nigel Wright  
Headteacher