

THE OAK-TREE SCHOOLS' OPEN DAYS

WHAT DID YOU MISS?

The latest round of Oak-Tree Schools Open Day events at Coopersale Hall, Normanhurst and Oaklands School were even busier than expected and many families were pleased to be able to register their child to join.

Epping's Coopersale Hall School saw many new families visiting not just from Epping, Theydon Bois and North Weald, but also from Chigwell, Buckhurst Hill and Woodford to see the school in action. Visitors were escorted around the 7 acre site by Year 6 pupils and heard about the school from the children's perspectives. Headmistress Kaye Lovejoy highlighted some of the reasons parents choose Coopersale Hall for their children; *"Parents are increasingly looking for a wide range of clubs and activities in addition to high academic standards and thorough preparation for 11+ entry. We have some excellent facilities that include the new classroom block, studio, astroturf and playing fields"*.



Due to increased demand, North Chingford's Normanhurst School held an Open Evening for Juniors and Seniors and an Open Morning for younger children aged 2½ to 5. Both were very well attended and parents were keen to hear from Headmistress Claire Osborn about the entrance procedures at each level, the personalised GCSE education programme and the success rate at 16 with most pupils studying A Levels at local VI Form schools and colleges. Head Boy Rehaan and Head Girl Lucy spoke articulately about their life at Normanhurst and how being part of a small school helped them grow their self-esteem and develop their confidence.



At Oaklands, in Loughton, many new parents commented that they were impressed by the confidence and friendliness of the older pupils who acted as guides around the extensive site. Headmistress Cheryl Macnair emphasised the value of developing excellent relationships with parents, and was keen to chat with families about the unique experiences that Oaklands provides. She commented, *"my door is always open for parents to come and talk about any aspect of their child's schooling. We know the pupils and their families well and we have an impressive track record securing our Year 6 pupils' first choice senior schools out of the wide variety in this area."*



Group Principal Matthew Hagger was delighted with this year's October open events; *"I was pleasantly surprised at how many prospective families came to see the three schools this week. Our pupil guides were fantastic and many visitors commented on how they were friendly, enthusiastic and proud of their school. Increasing numbers of parents are looking for more than just the excellent academic standards for which we are known. They are also looking to extend the school day, as we do until 6pm, and for the many holiday clubs that we have been creating. Autumn Term tends to be the most popular time for parents to decide on schooling for the next academic year, I'm delighted that these prospective families saw the schools at their best."*

Missed the Open Days and can't wait until the next round in March? Visit www.oaktreeschools.co.uk to book a personalised tour.
