

SPRING TERM DECISIONS FOR AUTUMN TERM STARTS AT THE OAK-TREE SCHOOLS



Coopersale Hall School

Friendly, Family Schools in North Chingford, Epping and Loughton

Spring term is a key time for decision making for parents looking for schooling in September 2015 and the Oak-Tree Schools have been busy with Open Mornings, requests for tours, additional entrance exams and taster sessions over recent weeks. This has been evident at Normanhurst in North Chingford, Oaklands in Loughton and Epping's Coopersale Hall.

Parents commented in the recent surveys that there are many opportunities to talk to their Heads and Principal, with the Oak-Tree Schools clearly valuing the relationships with parents and acting on many of the practical suggestions for further development. Recent informal coffee mornings have enabled Headmistresses Kaye Lovejoy, Cheryl Macnair and Claire Osborn, together with Managing Principal Matthew Hagger, to chat and listen to the very people whose opinions count. This close working relationship is not easily replicated at larger schools.

Matthew Hagger, Managing Principal of the Oak-Tree Group, commented "I am always pleasantly surprised by the number of parents who take the time out of their busy days to come and talk to us. We've met parents yeargroup by yeargroup and have been overwhelmed by how positive their experiences of our schools have been. Some have been with us for many years, others have recently joined. The vast majority have been delighted with our education and where suggestions have been made for further development, we've been able to make changes quickly.

Our parents make financial sacrifices to ensure their children get the best academic and all-round education at our schools and are always looking for opportunities to add to the service we provide.

Coopersale Hall and Oaklands parents are very interested in the move to senior education at 11+ and are keen to hear our advice about which senior schools are most appropriate when the time comes. As impartial preparatory schools we advise them without bias.

Normanhurst parents have been making sure that their children are ready for the start of the GCSE preparation and are very interested to hear what they can do to help at home. Parents of our younger children have been delighted with the excellent start to school in the Early Years, and are looking forward to their move into the Juniors."

The communication between home and school is very important to the Oak-Tree Schools. The 'open door' policy across the Group allows parents to make daily contact with their children's keyworkers or teachers either in person before or after school, or by email.

All three of the Oak-Tree Schools recognise that involving parents in their child's education is fundamental to effective progress and academic achievement. Parents and families are at the heart of the education, and in these relatively small schools each family and child is known well.

Learn more about The Oak-Tree Schools' unique relationships with parents at www.oaktreeschools.co.uk.