



LIFE BEYOND THE OAK-TREE PREP SCHOOLS

As another academic year closes The Oak-Tree Group of Schools is reflecting on its older pupils' successful applications to join their senior schools as the time comes to leave Oaklands and Coopersale Hall at the end of Year 6.

Group Managing Principal Matthew Hagger comments, "This has been an excellent year and most of our pupils have been spoilt for choice. Between Oaklands and Coopersale Hall, our two preparatory schools, we had around 70 offers made to our 33 Year 6 pupils for a wide range of selective and non-selective senior schools. 9 of them have chosen to move to our 'all through' schools, Normanhurst or Braeside."

Coopersale Hall Headmistress, Kaye Lovejoy explains why Oak-Tree pupils are so popular with local senior schools; "We place a strong focus on the academic subjects and concentrate on English, Mathematics and Science. Our pupils in Years 3 to 6 are provided with a creative and rich curriculum with specialist teachers for Languages, PE/Games, Music, Drama, ICT and Science. We encourage our pupils to be innovative and inquisitive and have a vast choice of extra-curricular clubs. Our pupils leave Coopersale Hall as well-rounded, confident individuals and this is appealing to senior schools."

Oaklands Headmistress Cheryl Macnair explains, "Our preparation for senior entrance examinations at 11+ is very thorough. We've fostered close relationships with most of the selective schools in the area and we are very familiar with their entrance requirements. Alongside our tailor-made curriculum, specific preparation for 11+ entrance examinations includes practising verbal and non-verbal reasoning throughout Years 3 to 6, mock interviews with the Headmistress and individual parents' evenings to discuss which schools to apply for and to advise about application procedures."

Matthew Hagger is proud of this year's Year 6 leavers, "Our pupils have worked hard this year at both Coopersale Hall and Oaklands, which is how they have been successful. Across the two prep schools, pupils are moving to independent senior schools such as Normanhurst, Braeside, Bishop's Stortford College, Bancroft's, St Edmund's College, Chigwell, Haileybury and Forest as well as state schools such as



Davenant, Woodford County High and Latymer."

The school has seen a trend of more and more families looking to transfer from Coopersale Hall or Oaklands to one of the other 'all through' Oak-Tree Schools to continue their education within the same Group. Normanhurst School's academic record of achievement at GCSE is excellent and the school boasts an impressive range of curricular and extra-curricular activities for its pupils. Although Braeside only joined the Group at the start of September 2015, due to its impressive academic record there has already been increased interest in places at 11+ and beyond from other schools. Part-scholarships are available for Year 7 and above at both Normanhurst and Braeside for academic or sporting excellence as well as in the performing arts. ■

THE DETAILS

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