

Welcome back everyone. I hope you had a wonderful summer holiday. We have had 5 new students join us during this half term and I am sure you will join me in giving them a warm welcome to Options Barton School. Over the summer holidays we had building work completed on our dining room. The new room provides more space, and everyone is enjoying the new furniture. I'm sure you will agree it looks fabulous!



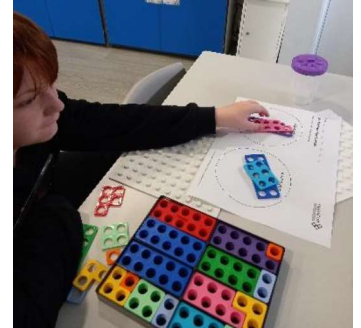
Barton Caters For Senior Leaders from Across Outcomes First Group.

The students from across the school provided catering for our first onsite event. All students participated in providing refreshments and lunch for a visiting group of professionals. Sycamore made fresh lemonade and our famous Tiffin.

The feedback was fantastic with all visitors saying it was the best buffet they had experienced when visiting a school. A massive thank you to Emma and all the staff and students who made the event a success.

Numicon

This term our Maths Coordinator Katie has introduced Numicon to the school. We have loved exploring the shapes and using them to support us with our maths across all classes. Numicon supports students to access maths in a practical and visual way to help students make sense of mathematical concepts.



Reading

We continue to enjoy daily reading. Birch group have joined the local library. Elm group have enjoyed some group guided reading. Bonsai and Sycamore groups have enjoyed reading the Funny Bones book. We also celebrated Roald Dahl day with the staff in Birch group acting out a story in assembly.

Work Experience

This term Ryan is completing work experience being a teaching assistant and helping to plan and deliver some art sessions with Bonsai class. Welcome to the team Ryan



Life Skills

This term we have focused on laundry in our life skills lessons. Students have enjoyed a range of activities including sorting clothes into the correct wash piles, explored clothing labels and how to use a washing machine.



Key dates for next term:

School Opens 4th November

Anti-Bullying Week 11th – 15th November

Children in Need 15th November

Christmas Jumper Day 11th December

Christmas Fayre 11th December

School closes 20th December

Parent Art Session

This term Sycamore teacher Lorna ran a fun art session for parents. They explored a range of painting techniques and had an opportunity to meet other parents and have tea and cake. Please look out for the next session, we would love to see you there.

New Developments

As Options Barton School continues to grow and develop, we have some exciting developments over the next year. We are having some adaptations to the building to create new learning spaces for students. We will not only be adding new classrooms, but we will also be creating some subject specific learning environments. This will include rooms for Science, Arts, Enterprise and a new Vocational Block to include wood work, brick laying and painting and decorating. I will keep you updated on our progress.

The following work will be completed over the half term holiday:

- *Our reception will be transformed with a new layout.*
- *A new science room will be created. This will allow us to teach our exciting science curriculum in a dedicated space.*
- *2 new meeting rooms will be created next to reception, and we look forward to sharing these with you for EHCP meetings over the year*
- *Updating the student toilet. The main school toilets will be replaced with 4 new cubicles. These will be redecorated and have all new fixtures and fittings.*

Additional works will be completed by Christmas include:

- *5 new classrooms will be created on the first floor for our Key Stage 4 & 5 students*
- *This means the carpark near reception will be blocked off to allow the builders safe access to the site. All students will transition from the side gate next half term. Staff will be available to support these transitions. We thank you for your support during the transformation of the site.*

*We hope you have a happy and safe half term. We look forward to seeing you all next term.
Hannah, Headteacher*
