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Dear Colleague

As students begin to consider their post-16 education, I feel it is important to ensure they have as much time as possible to identify a provider that will suit their learning needs.

As you will be aware, several post-16 providers have changed their approach in terms of their recruitment event timing and provision, which will be implemented in the Summer Term of 2019. We have also decided that The Oakes College will offer a summer **Open Evening on Wednesday 3rd July (6.00 – 8.30pm)**. We feel that this additional provision will support students to understand the Oakes offer and our facilities, so that they are able to consider this as part of their post-16 options prior to the summer holidays.

At our open evenings, students will be able to explore the educational benefits of studying at The Oakes, which can be summarised to provide opportunities for students to:

- achieve positive academic results leading to excellent progression rates of students moving onto university, apprenticeships or into the world of work. A far higher proportion of students progress to the Russell group or top universities than the national average
- receive high quality teaching and learning in the classroom delivered by passionate, experienced subject specialists, in smaller than average class sizes
- have access to exceptional pastoral care, where students feel safe and staff understand and treat them as individuals
- leave post-16 education being “world ready” with the skills, results and resilience needed to succeed in the modern world
- experience a structure that ensures students keep up, not catch up, through providing ongoing access to live data to parents and students.

To ensure students make informed post-16 choices, we will also offer:

- **Year 10 CAP Taster Days:** to be held on **Tuesday 18th** and **Wednesday 19th June**
- our attendance at Year 11/Post-16 information evenings hosted by feeder schools (in September and October)
- an additional **Autumn Term Open Evening:** to be held on **Tuesday 15th October (6.00 – 8.30pm)**

In addition to the above, The Oakes College is happy to organise tailored events specifically for schools/village colleges across the Cambridge Area Partnership and beyond, if requested. This includes visits to schools to support the information, advice and guidance/transition work taking place, along with taster days where we will host prospective students on a cohort or small group basis. We know that students have found the ability to look round the sixth form and experience lessons, on a normal teaching day, really valuable and provides an opportunity to interact with current students to find out about their experience.

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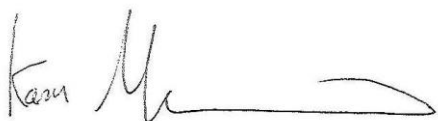
We will continue to offer our transition day programme of an induction morning for students on Tuesday 25th June and welcome parents/carers to an information evening on Monday 24th June, to outline the transition procedures and key changes in post-16 education. This should continue to offer the support needed so that those who have applied ensure they are settled into college life as soon as possible, so they can start positively in September.

In summary, we will be offering an additional open evening in the summer term. The combination of Year 10 taster days and Year 10/11 open evenings should hopefully allow students to make informed choices, when identifying an appropriate post-16 establishment.

I hope that you will share this information with students, parents, carers and colleagues in your institution.

More information will be available shortly on our website: www.oakescc.org and on social media.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karim Marsaoui', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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