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NEWSLETTER



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KEY DATES FOR THE DIARY

Parents' Evenings

We are pleased to welcome you in to the academy on the following dates to meet with teaching staff

Year 7 and 11	Thursday 23rd February 2023
Year 9 Options Evening	Thursday 12th January 2023
Year 9 and Post 16	Thursday 26th January 2023
Year 8 and 10	Thursday 27th April 2023

Praising Stars ©

Information regarding your child's progress and effort for the next half term will be released on the following date.

Praising Stars 2 : Wednesday 14th December 2022

Christmas holidays – Last day for students and staff is Thursday 15th December 2022.

School reopens to students and staff on Tuesday 3rd January 2023





Andy Scruby
Principal

Welcome to the first edition of our half-termly In Touch newsletter. A window into community life at Outwood Academy Adwick and our commitment to the personal development of each and every person in our academy family. Whilst we are proud of our students' academic achievements, we are also passionate about our shared values in being safe, respectful and responsible, as well as inspiring students to be the best person they can be now and for the future. We love celebrating students' achievements and recognising their efforts in our inclusive and diverse community. We continually strive to provide them with opportunities and experiences that enriches their lives and promotes their personal growth. We hope you enjoy this insight to their personal development over the past half-term and as always, appreciate your family support, feedback and encouragement as we strive to always put students first and transform lives.

MEET THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM



Vicky Gray
Vice
Principal



Rebecca Bawamia
Vice
Principal



Hannah Smith
Associate Vice
Principal



Kristina Carpenter
Associate Vice
Principal



Nick Tweedale
Assistant
Principal



Rob Catterall
Assistant
Principal



Connor Tyrrell
Assistant
Principal



Matt Longden
Associate
Assistant Principal



Sarah Richardson
Associate
Assistant Principal



Nick Taylor
Associate
Assistant Principal



Chris Kenny
Associate
Assistant Principal



Lyndsey Conyers
Business Manager



Richard Gibson
SENDCO



Sarah Owen
PA to the Principal

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MENTAL HEALTH

#HelloYellow
YOUNG MINDS

'Hello Yellow'

Both students and staff were encouraged to wear yellow socks on 10th October- a little thing we can do to make a big difference. Together, we can show young people they're not alone where mental health is concerned. Assemblies about mental health support were delivered and key information added to student planners. #Itsoktonotbeak



ANTI BULLYING



Diana Award

9 students attended the anti-bullying ambassador training this half term as part of the Princess Diana Awards. Our ambassadors had an amazing day and are very eager to put things in place to help prevent bullying and ensure everyone feels safe and happy in school.



Mental Health Ambassadors

Mental health ambassadors have already made an incredible start to the academic year and currently have in place a weekly drop in session for students on Monday, Tuesday and Friday in room G.08 at 10:25-11:00. Ambassadors have also presented their amazing ideas at the weekly SLT meeting and have come up with some great initiatives to support our staff and students.

Useful links for parents

CAMHS <https://camhs.rdash.nhs.uk/>

Outwood Wellbeing - <https://mentalwellbeing.outwood.com/>

Doncaster Safeguarding hub <https://dscp.org.uk/>

Mental health service <https://www.rdash.nhs.uk/services>

INCLUSION QUALITY MARK



Centre of Excellence Award

In the final weeks of the summer term the academy was visited by the Inclusion Quality Mark assessors to inspect and thoroughly review our provision for students. We continually strive to refine our inclusion practice and ensure it is at the heart of everything we do. We were honoured to be awarded the status of a 'Centre of Excellence' and we can now proudly share this external validation and the assessor's report which can be accessed on the home page of the school website.



DONCASTER
SAFEGUARDING
CHILDREN
PARTNERSHIP



PURPLE PRAISE



Star Students

Every week in the Academy, staff nominate a star student each. This can be for outstanding achievements and progress or improved attitude and effort. These students attend a celebration event with hot chocolate and games on a Friday and receive a letter home.



Overall Star Student

An overall star student winner is picked from all the nominations received each week. This student then receives a visit from a member of the Senior Leadership Team, who brings doughnuts for the winner and their classmates. Our personal highlight is to see the praise and gratitude that the students show to the winner.



ADWICK RAINBOW

Rainbow Certificates

Students are awarded purple praise stickers in lessons. These are put into their planners and are counted and recorded each week in tutor time. At the end of last half term, we presented certificates for those students who had achieved their red and orange award for gaining 20 and 40 purple praise stickers. Our aim is for all students to achieve the purple award by the end of the academic year.



DRIVING LESSONS

Progress 8 Postcards

All students in years 10 and 11 who scored a positive progress 8 score on their Praising stars 1 were awarded a postcard. Students were asked to get their parent or carer to return the postcard with a positive comment. All students who returned postcards were entered into a prize draw and 16 lucky students won driving lessons. By the end of the experiences, students had mastered reverse parking, emergency stops and our very own mini roundabout. A huge thank you to Neil for always being so wonderful with our students. Watch out for the next prize draw for Praising Stars 2!





AWARD WINNER

Pearson New Teacher of the Year Award

Mr Simon Wheatcroft

We are extremely proud to share that computing teacher Mr Simon Wheatcroft has received the award for 'Outstanding New Teacher of the Year' at the National Pearson Teaching Awards. As an inspiration to the entire school community, it was a joy to see Mr Wheatcroft receive a student guard of honour and rapturous applause as the result was announced in a special assembly. Whilst Mr Wheatcroft has had many personal achievements including, being the first blind person to run solo in the 4 Deserts Marathon in Namibia, this award is credit to his unrivalled passion to ensure all students can reach their full potential and how barriers are only there to be broken. Congratulations and thank you Mr Wheatcroft from us all.



PRAISING STARS 1

Movie Night

The top 20 students in the year group for positive praise points were invited to a Halloween themed movie night on Monday 31st October. Students enjoyed drinks, popcorn and nachos in the hall.



Release Day Celebrations

We ran our first Praising Stars Release day of the year on the 19th October. It was a wonderful occasion with over 300 students taking part. Students shared what they were proud of with members of staff and their peers. Students discussed their effort grades, any increases in subject attainment and positive progress scores. It was a brilliant celebration and lots of prizes were won.



Pizza with the Principal

Every half term, the students with the best effort grades are invited to enjoy 'Pizza with the Principal'. Students have the opportunity to enjoy takeaway pizza and are awarded certificates for their achievements.



DUOLINGO LEAGUE

Languages competition

DUOLINGO LEAGUE FINALISTS	
1 SAMYI W	11 MISS BRANNAN
2 MISS CARTER	12 ABBIE M
3 MR HARD	13 TIA B
4 GRACIE C	14 MISS ATKINSON
5 MISS SHORT	15 BREANNA C
6 JESS S	16 MIA F
7 MR REED	17 SOPHIE C
8 MISS PEPPER	18 LIAM H
9 KARA G	19 EILEEN A
10 MRS SHIFFEN-LAING	20 DAISY B

This year, to celebrate The European Day of Languages, we launched our first ever Duolingo League. Students and staff were invited to join our leaderboard on the Duolingo app by learning a language of their choice. The more time spent on this incredible app earned our participants more points and developed their language skills. The Duolingo League ran for 4 weeks before we announced our final top 10 and rewarded our fabulous linguists with various goodies. Amazingly, some of our students and staff have continued to use this app to further improve their language learning.



Duke of Edinburgh

The Duke of Edinburgh Award continues to provide students with skills and experiences that will assist them in future employment and life. Our previous cohort of students took part in a range of activities ranging from community litter picks, to assisting in our academy library and volunteering in local charity shops. We are currently recruiting our next cohort of Y9 students who wish to take part in the programme which will culminate in their camping expedition in the summer months.



ENRICHMENT

Maths Headingley Trip

In September, a group of aspiring sports people and mathematicians were invited as VIP guests of The Right Honourable Lord John Mann, member of the House of Lords and OGAT Trustee, to Headingley, for the Yorkshire versus Essex cricket match. They were also joined by cricket legend Dickie Bird as they put their maths to the test as part of a game analysis task.

Enrichment Highlights

Last half term, students attended 1800 hours of enrichment. Our learning experiences do not end when the bell rings at 14:30, they continue in a wide variety of ways. Students have the opportunity to participate in clubs such as gaming, robotics, maths murder mystery as well as the homework support and intervention sessions. Our PE clubs have been our best attended so far; the department is a flagship for enrichment here at Adwick. Keep a look out for the weekly attendance figures highlighting the best tutor group in each year. You can find these displayed on the screens around school along with the Term 2 Enrichment Programme.



RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS



In a world where you can be anything.

Be Kind



Random Acts of Kindness

Our Academy encourages everyone to be kind, share knowledge and lead by example. We promote the international Random Acts of Kindness (RAK) movement encouraging all to be kind to each other and nominate each other for Random Acts of Kindness. From holding doors open for each other to support provided in lessons, our students work extra hard to be especially nice to each other. We recognise and praise Random Acts of Kindness and our RAK Trees evidences the kind acts of our students and staff to each other and within our community.

'Bee' Kind

Our first 'Bee Kind' event took place in October and it was an absolute pleasure to celebrate with all the students who had received nominations in half term one. We listened to all the reasons for nominations and enjoyed cupcakes and hot chocolate.



Would you like to tell us about a random act of kindness that your child has done? Scan the QR code to send us a nomination

READING



*Reading is a
passport to
countless adventures
Mary Pope Osborne*



Year 7 Literacy Evening

In October we held our year 7 literacy evening where parents had the opportunity to meet key staff involved in the reading programmes, find out about the meaning of reading ages and accelerated reader programme and the interventions we offer. We had some book themed refreshments and lots of activities for families to get involved in including a scavenger hunt, book in a box and a book themed quiz. Our favourite part of the evening was seeing families reading together. Thank you so much to everyone who attended the event.



Lending Library

It is so important that we create role models for our students when it comes to reading. This is why we have created a parent and staff lending library. The book case is located in visitor's reception and you are welcome to borrow books any time. All we ask is that you return them when you have finished reading them. Donations are always welcome.



The Library is open before and after school for students to access . The library opens at 7.45am and closes at 3.30pm. Library passes are also available for lunchtime access

READING



Accelerated Reader

Students are issued with a library book which is appropriate for their reading age. Students can quiz on their book which then tracks the number of words that they have read. Rewards are given for 100,000, 500,000 and a million words read. Students also have a Harry Potter themed loyalty card when they achieve 100% on their AR quiz. There are thousands of books on AR so your child can search for any books they read at home and quiz on these too! We also have a 'Starbooks' loyalty card for students who read during social times. In addition, MyOn is an online library service where your child can access lots of fiction and non fiction books.

Books for Wellbeing

Books can play a powerful role in supporting your child as they navigate their way through difficult experiences. We have introduced a number of books into the library with themes on anxiety, grief and self esteem. We also have books that offer valuable messages of hope or understanding during a significant life change or a family illness. Please speak to a member of the inclusion team or LRC to locate these valuable resources.



*Reading is a gateway skill
that makes all other
learning possible*

Barak Obama



More information on Accelerated Reader and myOn can be found by scanning the QR code

CAREERS



Careers Fair

The Academy hosted its annual Futures Fair this half term where all students had the opportunity to meet with a range of local universities, apprenticeship providers and specialist post 16 providers. Students were able to talk with representatives about the benefits of their organisation and the requirements to pursue that pathway. It was fantastic to see students being inspired about the variety of careers that are available in the local area.



HERAS Mock Interviews

As part of our new partnership with local company HERAS, Year 11 students took part in a mock interview experience. Students were able to work with the recruitment team to simulate how a job interview would be conducted. All students who took part were provided with feedback from the recruitment team about the strengths of their interview and tips on how they could improve further. This activity will provide students with valuable knowledge to take with them to future interview situations.



More information regarding careers can be found by scanning the QR code. Your child can request a careers appointment by completing the form in their personal development classroom

*If you can dream it,
you can do it*



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A form for student concerns can be found by scanning the QR code

*Outwood Academy Adwick is an Anti
Bullying Community*



Bullying, unkind behaviours or hurtful comments will not be tolerated in our academy. We recognise that at times our students will need people to speak to and reach out to. Any member of staff in the academy can support. This could include form tutors, teachers, learning managers, SLT or the safeguarding team. Students can use the 'Don't Worry Bee Happy' box in SID, speak to anti-bullying ambassadors or seek advice, support and help from the personal development Google classroom made available. All resources will be made available for students and parents to access at home as well as in the Academy.



Hi there!



PARENT VOICE

Samatha Saunders, your elected parent academy council member, spent the day experiencing 'a day in the life of the academy'. Samatha had the opportunity to walk the site with Mr Scruby, gaining a valuable insight into lessons & social times whilst getting to know staff and students. In Samatha's words; "I recently took advantage of an invite from Mr Scruby and the team to visit the academy to be immersed in 'The Adwick Way'. It was a valuable insight into our students learning and the respectful nature that is encouraged throughout the academy and the way in which this was demonstrated by the whole academy staff.

I had the opportunity to observe a science lesson which I found particularly inspiring. The students' teacher had taken the whole class outside to the courtyard and they were 'being' particles. Starting off imitating a solid and moving through to a liquid and gas. The students' faces were engaged, and you could see the joy. Whilst this was happening Mr Scruby and I were observing with a student who was having a difficult day and it was brilliant to see the respectful way in which Mr Scruby and the whole staff spoke to and helped the student to really engage them with their learning.

The students were very welcoming towards me and it was lovely to see them laughing with their friends in break and social times, particularly given the isolation we all felt at some point over the last two years dealing with the pandemic. Thank you to Mr Scruby and the team for the warm welcome and mostly to the students for their resilience and commitment to learning."

We have had a fantastic start to the academic year by putting in place an academy wide system to collate feedback, ideas and concerns from all tutor groups, in all year groups. We ran our first litter pick in week 5 of half term one and are looking forward to doing this again soon. We have expanded the student voice body in all year groups. We look forward to holding our first community cooking evening scheduled for Wednesday 23rd November. We have made sure that there is parity in the representation of year groups within the Parliament itself. The Student Parliament now regularly present to SLT. We have 2 co-Prime Ministers this year which is working well to spread workload and utilise the different skill sets of both students.

STUDENT VOICE

Coming up this half
term

Creative Arts Christmas Concert
Anti-bullying week
Positive noticing day
Restart a heart
EPIC Child Exploitation prevention
Student Voice Family cooking
Half-term Praise Celebration

POST 16

The Post 16 Evening took place on Tuesday 1st November. The event was attended by around 100 students along with parents and carers from both Outwood Academy Adwick and Outwood Academy Danum. All students received an assembly about Post 16 and the subjects on offer delivered by Mr Scruby and Mr Tweedale. Students then got the opportunity to speak to specialist staff about the A Level & BTEC Level 3 courses that are on offer at Post 16 Doncaster. A very exciting opportunity has also arisen in Post 16 Doncaster as we will offer for the first time T Level in Health. The response to Mr Kanwar's presentation was very positive and set to be an extremely popular option for our future Post 16 students.



Assemblies

LAST 1/2 TERM

Welcome Back

Mr Scruby

Enrichment

Mr Taylor

Know Your Numbers

Miss Bawamia

Reading

Mrs Smith

Mental Health

Mrs Richardson

Careers

Mr Longden

Praise

Mr Catterall &
Mrs Smith

Assemblies

THIS 1/2 TERM

Self Discipline & Positive Behaviour

Mr Scruby

Remembrance

Mr Tweedale

Anti Bullying Week

Mrs Gray

World GIS Day & Geography Careers

Mrs Bowers

Importance of the Full EBacc

Miss Bawamia

Food Bank

Mrs Perry

COP27 Climate Change

Mrs Kohel

Praise

Mr Catterall &
Mrs Smith

Uniform Expectations

We are proud of students and how they represent their community. We pride them on being smart and ready to learn each day, skills that they will take into the world of work.

We really value your support in ensuring their uniform meets academy expectations and that they are prepared everyday with their tools for learning; school bag, planner and basic equipment. Please contact the academy and encourage your child to speak to adults if they require support in meeting these expectations.

Additional items can be purchased via your personal iPay account or by contacting the school office or a Learning Manager.

The Adwick Way

The 'Adwick Way' specifies our collective consistencies. These consistencies allow students to get the most out of each and every lesson which, inevitably has a positive impact on their progress. Our routines ensure that no time is wasted. Collaborative learning, expert questioning, purposeful feedback and engaging starter activities are well planned by teachers in order to ensure that students are engaged from the very start of the lesson.

Students are provided with opportunities to work as a collaborative team in order to develop their critical thinking and self esteem and students are regularly provided with purposeful feedback that impacts on their future learning. Our staff receive weekly CPD so as to constantly develop their expertise in 'The Adwick Way'.

Life Curriculum Overview (Term 1)

Y7- Introduction to Life and Staying Safe- What is life all about and why is safety important?

Y7- Introduction to RE - What are the 6 major religions and faiths?

Y8- Life in Modern Britain- What is life like in Modern Britain?

Y8- Ultimate Questions- What more can be questioned about life as we know it?

Y9- Democracy in Britain- How is our country governed and run?

Y9- Relationships- What are healthy and unhealthy relationships?

Y10- Philosophy and Ethics- How do ethics and philosophy influence our lives?

Y10- Evil and Suffering- What is evil and how do we overcome and identify it?

The Ace Programme

The ACE (Academy, Conduct and Expectations) programme has been reimaged for this academic year and we are excited to let you know how it will work for your child between now and Christmas. Year 7 students have successfully completed their bronze award and have achieved awards for being responsible, safe, respectful and extraordinary. We are now focusing on their silver award. Has your child go what it takes to achieve this?

Celebrations for students achieving their silver awards will take place in January 2023. A celebration will take place January 2023 to celebrate any student who achieves this award.