

Dear Parent / Carer,

Within Outwood Academies Trust there is a view of creating a positive and happy ethos and culture where our students behave well, have good manners, develop self-discipline and engage positively with their learning. In recognition of this, the Academy will be holding a graduation ceremony for all students in Year 8, highlighting the importance of Year 9.

The graduation ceremony which will take place on Tuesday 4th July. This will be a very special occasion for all of our students, parents and carers as we haven't been to do this over the last few years due to COVID and changes in the recovery curriculum.

The academy is currently finalising graduation plans for Tuesday 4th July and we would like to take this opportunity to ask you to **'Save the Date'**. There will be two ceremonies taking place in the main academy hall, an AM session starting at 9:00am (X Band) and a PM session starting at 1:00pm (Y Band). The students will have caps and gowns and will each receive a certificate and memento from the day. Further details will be sent out to parents and carers this week, which will identify which ceremony you have been invited to and whether your child is graduating. Please be aware photos are not allowed to be taken during the ceremony due to safeguarding. After the ceremony, there will be an opportunity for you to take any family photographs. Due to our hall capacity, we can only allocate 2 seats for parents and carers per student.

The graduation ceremony is followed by a Kingwood Trip for all those students who graduate. Students will be invited to **one** of the two days:

Monday 10th July **OR**

Thursday 13th July

This trip will allow students to participate in a range of team building activities for the day, including zip wires, high and low ropes, raft building and abseiling,

In order to graduate into Year 9, the current Year 8 students must show the required levels of maturity and effort to enable them to begin Year 9. We believe that all students have the right to an outstanding education without disruption or distraction and we monitor the progress and effort of all students through our robust Praising Stars system.

Clearly, the decision to prohibit any student from graduating and moving forward with the rest of their year group is a big one and this decision is not taken lightly. However, we

believe this can act as a motivational tool to ensure all students perform to the very highest standards and fulfil their potential.

Should you have any questions in regards to graduation, please feel free to contact Mrs Newsome on 01302 722237 or p.newsome@adwick.outwood.com.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'V Gray', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mrs V Gray
Vice Principal