

OUTWOOD POST-16 DONCASTER

**SPRING 2023
NEWSLETTER
ADWICK EDITION**

A MESSAGE FROM MR TWEEDALE

YEAR 13

I hope you are all well! Unbelievably, we are at the exam season again, how time flies! The next 9 weeks are going to be important for Y13 students and for Y12 students that are sitting life changing exams.

I have been immensely proud of our Year 13s and Year 12s who have already sat exams and in most cases they have shown the maturity and commitment that will see them secure excellent outcomes. To offer support to students both Adwick & Danum have run sessions over the Easter holiday. These sessions were well attended by Post 16 students with 75% attending the sessions offered.

We will be also utilising [Wednesday mornings and Thursday afternoons](#) to offer extra revision sessions as well as pre and after school enrichment sessions and half term holiday boosters. It is very important that students attend the sessions in order to maximise their opportunities for revision.

I am also very pleased to announce that almost all students in Year 13 have offers of places at a University and that the non-University students are also getting offers for Apprenticeships and employment opportunities.

We are committed at Post 16 to ensuring all leavers have a **positive destination** and so if your student has not secured a destination for September we will work tirelessly with the Careers team to ensure they have before leaving in August.

Finally, I am happy to announce that we have secured a date for a Y13 Leavers Meal to take place. The meal will be on **Friday 14th July** at the **Relish Bar & Grill Restaurant** in Doncaster. Miss Dennett will be in touch with a food pre-order form. I am very much looking forward to celebrating with Year 13s their achievements over the past 7 years with us at Outwood Academy Adwick.

Y13 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

WEDNESDAY 3RD MAY - CORONATION CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY - 9:15-10:25

THURSDAY 4TH MAY - FIRST POST 16 EXAM

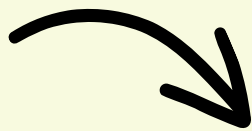
FRIDAY 23RD JUNE - LAST POST 16 EXAM

FRIDAY 14TH JULY - Y13 LEAVERS MEAL

THURSDAY 17TH AUGUST - A LEVEL RESULTS DAY



YEAR 12



Firstly, well done to all Year 12s that have achieved well in their exams this year. The progress for Year 12 is positive and Year 12 students have settled in well to Post 16 life.

Over the next few weeks we have some very exciting events taking place.

In Guidance all Post 16 students will in their guidance period have a coronation celebration assembly at 9:15 on Wednesday 3rd May. This will entail an afternoon tea, an assembly about the coronation and a Great British Quiz.

We have also launched on Wednesday 19th April the University application process. Y12 students received a talk by Lynsey McCabe from the Elephant Group. **The Elephant Group** is a charity that works with young people and schools to push the aspirations of young people to attend Top Third Universities and secure the best possible degrees. The Elephant Group will be working with students over the coming months to support their University Applications.



The Post 16 team will also be running trips to several Universities over the next few weeks. The first is a trip to the University of Hull on Thursday 22nd June. This will be an all day trip and will allow students to visit a University and get a flavour of University life.

Finally, students will be going on work experience from Monday 10th July to Friday 14th July. To support students we will be holding interviews with students and once the placement offers are in we will be organising a visit by students to their placements to complete an induction and ready themselves for the work experience week.

Y12 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

WEDNESDAY 3RD MAY - CORONATION CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY - 9:15-10:25

WEDNESDAY 7TH JUNE - LAUNCH OF UCAS APPLICATION PROCESS

THURSDAY 22ND JUNE - UNIVERSITY OF HULL TRIP

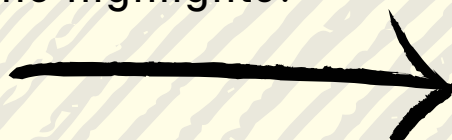
MONDAY 10TH -14TH JULY - WORK EXPERIENCE



**WHAT HAVE WE
BEEN UP TO**



It's been a busy Spring Term this year.
Let's recap the highlights!





UCAS APPLICATION DEADLINE

The 25th January 2023 was a very important day for University applicants - UCAS deadline day.

Congratulations to the Year 13s that successfully submitted their applications on time - lots of offers have already come through! Don't forget to make use of Open Days and Campus Tours!

If you have any questions regarding the UCAS process, such as accepting your firm / insurance choices, applying for student finance, or applying for accommodation, please speak to Miss Dennett or Mrs Corkan who will be able to support you. You've got this!

CAREERS ADVICE

Lots of Sixth Form students have utilised a careers meeting this term! Progress Careers offer 1:1 face-to-face or virtual careers meetings and are committed to helping students formulate their Post-16 pathways.

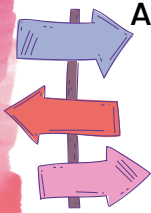


NO MATTER WHAT DIRECTION A YOUNG PERSON IS THINKING OF GOING IN, YOUR PROGRESS CAREERS ADVISER CAN HELP TO GUIDE THEM BY INFORMING THEM OF WHAT IS AVAILABLE LOCALLY TO HELP BROADEN THEIR HORIZONS AND RAISE THEIR ASPIRATIONS, SO THAT THEY CAN PURSUE THEIR DREAMS.



PROGRESS CAREERS

Not sure of your next steps after Y13?



Ask Miss Dennett or Mrs Corkan to book an appointment with Progress Careers

TREE PLANTING AT ADWICK



Y13 GEOGRAPHERS

The Queen's Green Canopy is proud to be creating a living legacy with over a million trees planted in Her Majesty's name across the nation - some Y12 and Y13 students were given the brilliant opportunity to contribute. **Everyone loved it!**



EASTER CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

We had a brilliant celebration of Year 12 & 13 achievements as nominated by subject teachers, as part of our Praising Stars 4 release day. We had a fantastic morning, bringing together students from both Adwick and Danum, enjoying live music, bacon butties, Mr Tweeddale's famous quiz, and a real sense of celebration!

A huge thankyou to those who attended and a big well done to all winners!



#FOREVER 19 CHARITY EVENT

A HUGE thank you to those who participated in the #FOREVER19 fundraiser - the Adwick community covered the distance of 498 miles on exercise bikes and rowers in order to raise money for Teenage Cancer Trust. A great team effort!



SUMMER EXAMS ARE HERE!

COMING UP NEXT TERM...

You should all have received a **Summer Exam Timetable** - make sure you are aware of the **time and location** of the exam (some may be at Adwick and/or Danum, and that you know your seat number.

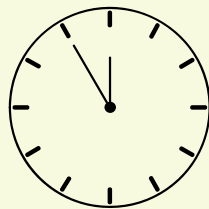
Please see Miss Dennett or Mrs Corkan if you have not received this, or if you have any queries about your exam entries.

Don't be late for the exam as you may not be allowed to sit the exam - ensure you are there at least 15 minutes before the exam is due to start. Set an alarm and have a back-up alarm (whether that's another alarm clock or a person willing to make sure you're up).

Ensure all digital devices (phones, smartwatches etc) are turned off and are kept in your bag.

Bring a bottle of water, and ensure you have had a good night's sleep beforehand!

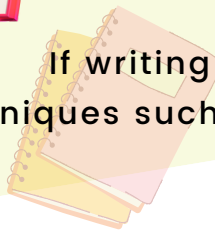
MISS DENNETT'S TOP TIPS FOR EXAM REVISION



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Little and often works best! Spending hours and hours revising without a break is not the most effective way - try using techniques which split your time into intervals, such as Pomodoro, which ensure that regular breaks are planned into your revision session.

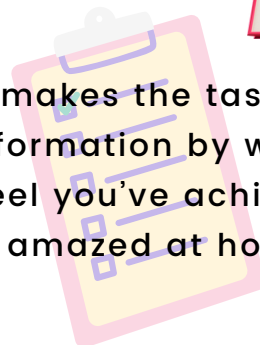
If writing out notes is not effective for you, try active revision techniques such as flashcards, mind maps, teaching a friend etc, to help you practise recalling the information.



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Breaking larger topics down into smaller ones makes the task of revision less scary - avoid overloading with information by working in smaller chunks. Also, keep a log of what you feel you've achieved - even if it's just ticking off a checklist. You'll be amazed at how far you've come!



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REMEMBER: Every subject is different and your teachers all have really good advice on how to maximise your time, so take on board what they're saying to you and incorporate it into your personal study.

GUIDANCE TIMETABLE

Week Commencing	Theme	Time of Assembly
Wednesday 19th April	Elephant Group Presentation	09:30
Wednesday 26th April	First Aid Training	09:30
Wednesday 3rd May	A celebration of the Coronation of Charles III	09:30
Wednesday 10th May	Work Experience Interviews	8:30-10:25
Wednesday 17th May	Work Experience Interviews	8:30-10:25
Wednesday 24th May	Praising Stars 5 Review	09:30
29/05/23 - Half Term		
Week Commencing	Theme	Time of Assembly
Wednesday 7th June	Launch of UCAS	09:30
Wednesday 14th June	Personal Statement Guidance	09:30
Wednesday 22nd June	University of Hull Trip Preparation	09:30
Wednesday 28th June	York St John Talk	09:30
Wednesday 6th July	Post 18 Apprenticeships	09:30
Wednesday 13th July	Work Experience	09:30
Wednesday 20th July	PS6 Celebration Assembly	08:45

