

OUTWOOD POST-16 DONCASTER

**SUMMER 2023
NEWSLETTER
ADWICK EDITION**

A MESSAGE FROM MR TWEEDALE

Hi all, I hope that you're well! I can't believe I am writing this as another school year comes to an end. It seems to have gone in the blink of an eye and what a year it has been Post 16.

This year we have held visits to Universities, welcomed guest speakers into the Academy to meet our sixth formers and held several celebration events to mark the achievement of our Post 16 students. We have also run for the second year, work experience and the responses from businesses that welcomed our students is phenomenal. We had employers coming back to us saying they will offer our students a position in their businesses once they have completed their A Level. This says everything about the brilliance of our students.

We now look forward to the next big dates in our calendar, the 17 and 24th August. The 17th will be A Level Results Day and the 24th GCSE Results Day. It can be natural to feel quite nervous whilst waiting for the results from exams but I know that from witnessing the hardwork and dedication that students at Adwick have shown to their studies that all students should look forward to receiving their results. As has previously been the case, I will be in the Academy for both results days to support students in making their final decisions regarding the next steps of their journey through life.

Finally, this will be my last message as Post 16 Lead at Adwick. The worst kept secret it appears is now out. As I am sure you are already aware of four years as Post 16 Lead I am now moving on. The 4 years as Post 16 Lead at Adwick have been the years I have been most proud of in my life. Our Post 16 family has had many challenges. Covid 19 closing the school to deny students the chance of sitting their A Level exams, reopening the school with online lessons as travel to Danum was not permitted and all the aftermath of Covid that we have seen with Universities and employers having to adapt their operations which has certainly impacted upon our students. But as ever, the strength and determination of our students has shone through and the Post 16 results last year were some of the best the sixth form has ever had and all leavers went onto a positive destination.

This is something that really makes me happy and also incredibly thankful to have been given the opportunity to work with the young people of Adwick.

Farewell and thankyou!

REMINDER: A LEVEL RESULTS DAY 2023 - THURSDAY 17TH AUGUST

Come the big day, Adwick students can collect results in person from the OIE from 8:30am. Mr Tweedale, Miss Dennett and the Careers Team will be available to support throughout the morning.

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.

GOOD LUCK!

REMINDER: GCSE RESULTS DAY 2023 - THURSDAY 24TH AUGUST

Mr Tweedale and Miss Dennett will be available on GCSE results day to recruit Y11 students with moving into Year 12.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:



A LEVEL RESULTS DAY - THURS 17TH AUG 2023

INSET DAY (ACADEMY CLOSED TO STUDENTS) - MON 4TH SEP 2023

ACADEMY OPEN TO YEAR 7 AND POST 16 STUDENTS ONLY - TUE 5TH SEP 2023

ACADEMY OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS - WED 6TH SEP 2023

ELEPHANT GROUP LAUNCH AT UNI OF YORK - WED 18TH OCT 2023

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO



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

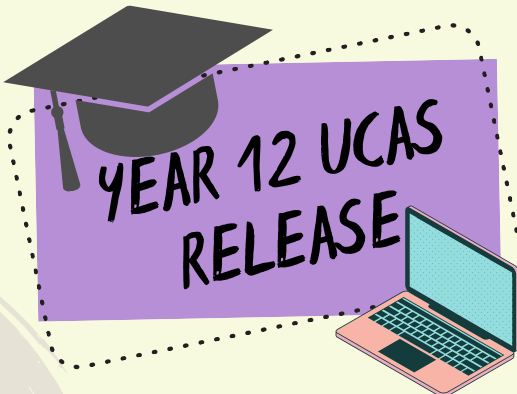
OGAT PERFORMER OF THE YEAR

Our brilliant A Level musicians put on a show at the OGAT Performer of the Year Awards in Wakefield!

Both Ben M and Nathan N went head-to-head in the rock category - it was a close call, but Ben M won the trophy! Congratulations to you both - what an incredible achievement!

WE ARE SO PROUD!





During our Guidance session with Year 12, we have released UCAS, the University Application process used by all University applicants.

Each Year 12 student has made an account, and has linked it to Outwood Academy Adwick/ Danum, meaning Post-16 Guidance staff can support applications and ensure everything has been answered correctly.

If you have any questions regarding the UCAS process, such as selecting which boxes to tick, official names of Level 3 courses, which University courses you are interested in, or any UCAS/ University questions in general, please speak to Miss Dennett or Mrs Corkan who will be able to support you. You've got this!



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

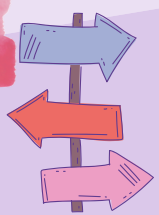


NO MATTER WHAT DIRECTION A YOUNG PERSON IS THINKING OF GOING IN, YOUR PROGRESS CAREERS ADVISER CAN HELP TO GUIDE THEM BY INFORMING THEM OF WHAT IS AVAILABLE LOCALLY TO HELP BROADEN THEIR HORIZONS AND RAISE THEIR ASPIRATIONS, SO THAT THEY CAN PURSUE THEIR DREAMS.

PROGRESS CAREERS



Not sure of your next steps after Y13?
Ask Miss Dennett or Mrs Corkan to book an appointment with Progress Careers



Check out the new Careers Information Bookcase in the Post 16 Centre! There are:

- University prospectuses
- HE advice
- Post-18 Apprenticeship information
- UCAS Application advice
- Careers in the Army or RAF
- ...and much more!



If you would like to speak to one of our specialist careers advisors, please let Miss Dennett or Mrs Corkan know. They will contact Progress Careers and arrange for a priority appointment and will support you in your next steps after Year 13!



We had a fantastic talk from an Engagement Officer at York St John University! The talk was surrounding personal statement writing - a valuable assembly for our future University applicants!



CORONATION CELEBRATION!

We had a brilliant morning celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III in May!

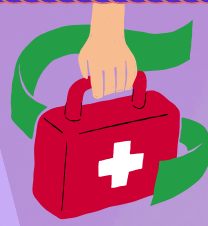
Our Post 16 students had an afternoon tea style celebration, and Mr Tweedale hosted a royal-themed quiz to celebrate the historic event!



YEAR 12 FIRST AID TRAINING



Back in May, our Y12 students took part in First Aid Training. Vital life-saving skills including CPR were taught, with students able to practice on dummy people. A very important skill to have!



HULL UNIVERSITY TRIP



Our Year 12 students had a brilliant time visiting the University of Hull in June for the 'This Is Hull' event! Lots of activities and talks surrounding Higher Education, including campus tours, VR Experiences and the opportunity to meet new people! The atmosphere on campus was fantastic!



JULY ROLLOVER & TASTER DAYS

APPLIED HUMAN BIOLOGY

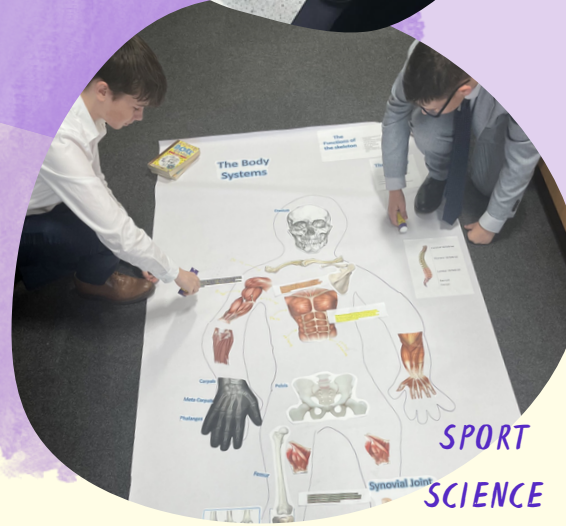


MEDICAL SCIENCE

Our Year 12 into Year 13 students rolled over their timetables on July 3rd and are now starting their Year 13 A Level course content. This is a fantastic chance for students to get a head-start onto the second year of their courses, as well as begin to think about next steps after finishing with Outwood Post 16 Doncaster.

During this time, we welcomed our future Year 12 students into both Adwick and Danum for their Y12 Taster Days - everyone had a brilliant time experiencing Post 16 life, as well as trying out their subject choices in preparation for September! Across Adwick and Danum sites, we had 65 students experience A Levels and Level 3 BTECs as a Post 16 students in subjects including Forensic Science, Criminology and Psychology!

Thank you to those who attended - we hope you found the days useful!



SPORT SCIENCE

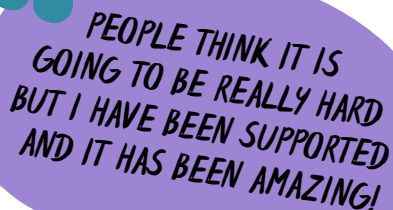


WORK EXPERIENCE WEEK

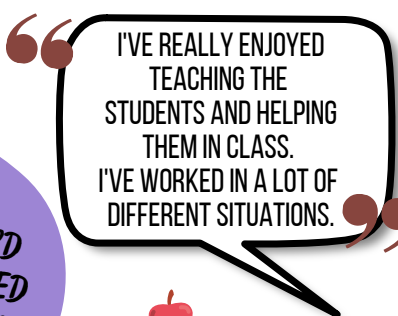
Our Year 12 students have spent a week out of the Academy and have taken part in work experience. Students could choose to arrange their own placement, or choose to be matched with an employer based on their A Level subjects, general interests and aspirations for future careers.

Students attended placements ranging from working in local Primary Schools, residential homes, and accountancy firms, to car garages, nurseries and even a Chartered Surveying company!

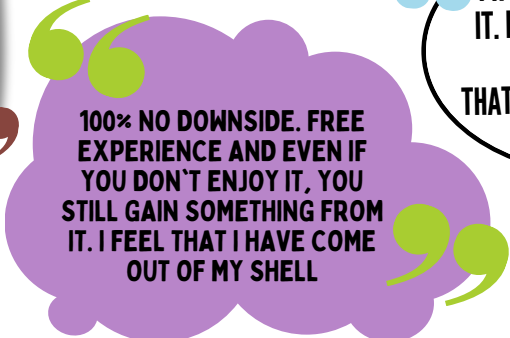
Here's a few comments from some of our students about how the week went...




PEOPLE THINK IT IS GOING TO BE REALLY HARD BUT I HAVE BEEN SUPPORTED AND IT HAS BEEN AMAZING!



I'VE REALLY ENJOYED TEACHING THE STUDENTS AND HELPING THEM IN CLASS. I'VE WORKED IN A LOT OF DIFFERENT SITUATIONS.



100% NO DOWNSIDE. FREE EXPERIENCE AND EVEN IF YOU DON'T ENJOY IT, YOU STILL GAIN SOMETHING FROM IT. I FEEL THAT I HAVE COME OUT OF MY SHELL



I HAVE REALLY ENJOYED IT. I HAVE EXPERIENCE IN SOMETHING THAT I REALLY WANT TO DO



YEAR 13 LEAVERS MEAL

Our Post 16 staff and Y13 students enjoyed a celebratory meal at Relish - we celebrated their incredible achievements across their 7 years at Adwick! Thank you to those who attended! See you all on Results Day!



Congrats!

