

A MESSAGE FROM MRS FLACK & MRS GREGORY



It is with great pleasure to officially introduce our new Post 16 Lead (one of two) here at Outwood P16 Centre Doncaster, her name is Mrs Gregory and she has joined our Sixth Form from another Sixth Form in Doncaster. Mrs Gregory works closely with Mrs Flack .

Mrs Gregory would like to share a message with you:

"From the day I came to look around our Sixth Form and the wider Academy, I have been nothing short of impressed with the provision and the students we are lucky to have enrolled with us. Working at Outwood P16 Centre Doncaster & Outwood Academy Adwick is thoroughly enjoyable, rewarding and a true privilege. I am looking forward to what we can achieve together!"

A big welcome to Mrs Gregory!

Here at Outwood P16 Centre Doncaster, Mrs Gregory has P16 responsibility for our Adwick site in partnership with Mrs Flack who has P16 responsibility at our Danum site. Everyone has really gelled as a team including our new member of staff Mrs Oxley who is our P16 T-Level Work Placement Coordinator and our amazing P16 Learning Managers Miss Dennett (Adwick), Mrs Corkan and Mrs Chadwick (Danum).

We work hard to ensure the provision here at Outwood P16 Centre Doncaster is the best it can be and we take great pride in ensuring our students get all the support they need to flourish and to gain the qualifications and experience they need to go onto the future pathways they hold in their hearts.

The P16 students we have here at Outwood P16 Centre Doncaster are a real credit to us; they have been working really hard in their subjects and showing a real commitment to gaining wider experience for their chosen future pathways. We are excited to share many of these experiences and successes with you in the first Newsletter of this Academic Year.

This first term has been a busy one and we hope you feel the same level of pride as we do when reading our stories! Please enjoy the read and thank you for all of your continued support

MEET THE OUTWOOD POST-16 DONCASTER TEAM!

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OUR BRILLIANT POST-16 TEAM ARE HERE TO HELP YOU WITH ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE AS YOU MOVE THROUGH SIXTH FORM!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

CHRISTMAS BREAK : 21ST DEC - 7TH JAN. STUDENTS RETURN ON 8TH JAN

JANUARY EXAM SEASON: 9TH JAN - 19TH JAN

INTERNAL UCAS DEADLINE: MON 22ND JANUARY (LAST CALL FOR APPLICATION CHECKS)

UCAS DEADLINE: 31ST JANUARY 2024, 6PM

UCAS

FEBRUARY HALF TERM: 10TH FEB - 18TH FEB. STUDENTS RETURN ON 19TH FEB

EASTER BREAK - 29TH MARCH - 14TH APRIL. STUDENTS RETURN ON 15TH APRIL



WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO



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



Y12 ELEPHANT GROUP LAUNCH



25 of our "Top Third University" targeted Year 12's spent a day at the University of York. We heard talks from various universities who work with The Elephant Group - an organisation who support state school Sixth Form students in achieving their potential at Top Third Unis. Students in the group have access to Medicine and Dentistry webinars, Oxbridge interview techniques and how to boost your UCAS application.

We enjoyed a campus tour in the sun, a Q&A session with current students, learnt more about University life, and how to get the most out of your Sixth Form studies. Stay tuned for more Elephant Group updates across the year!

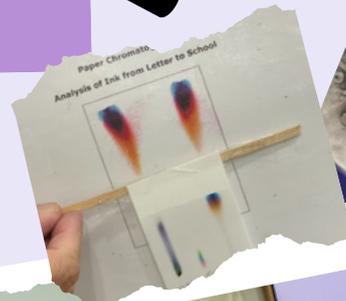


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Y13 FORENSIC INVESTIGATION CRIME SCENE WORKSHOP

Our Year 13 Forensic Science students took part in a fantastic Crime Scene Investigation workshop in October!

They analysed at a mock crime scene, where they followed all the procedures that would be done in a real crime scene. E.g., wearing PPE (personal protective equipment), taking crime scene photos, and conducting biological and physical tests, such as swabbing for DNA evidence and fingerprint analyses.



Elijah in Year 13 said "It was a really insightful experience, and has confirmed that I want a career in the field of forensic science". What a fantastic opportunity!



POST-16 ENRICHMENT



The Post-16 team have been working hard to offer a variety of enrichment opportunities after lessons, taking place at both Danum and Adwick sites.

A-Level Maths enrichment is taking place on Fridays at Danum with Mr Parkinson - free transport is provided!

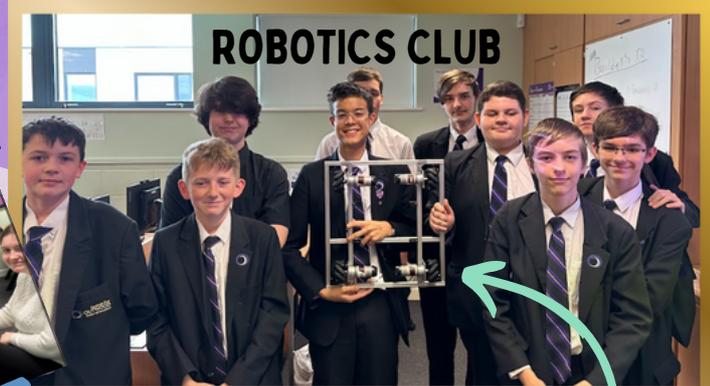
A-Level and BTEC Science homework/revision club is available at Adwick on Mondays with Mrs Pepper!

Speak to Mr Commander for Social Sciences enrichment!

AFTER SCHOOL A-LEVEL HISTORY



ROBOTICS CLUB



HUGE thanks go to Kyle in Year 12 who is leading on Robotics enrichment at Adwick with lower year groups!
Good luck with your robot!

GUEST SPEAKERS

We have had lots of guest speakers this term! We have heard from various apprenticeship providers, Next Step York programme information, NCS, and many more!

DRIVING AWARENESS ASSEMBLY

In November, all Year 12 had an emotional assembly on driving awareness. We welcomed Vicki, mother of Jordy, a Danum student who was killed in a car accident, along with 4 other Danum students.

Vicki spoke about the legacy left by Jordy, and emphasised the importance of driving safely, and explained how the consequences last a life-time. It was an incredibly moving assembly. Her final message to all Year 12 was to "stay safe" when driving.

Thankyou to Mrs Swiffen-Laing for organising.



SHEFFIELD HALLAM APPRENTICESHIP FAIR



Sheffield Hallam University

In November, Sixth Form students were invited on a trip to Sheffield Hallam University for their Higher and Degree Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair. For students who are not considering University, this was a fantastic opportunity to meet with employers who are offering full-time apprenticeships for Sixth Form Leavers.

Students met with employers who are offering apprenticeships in various fields, including: Architecture and Chartered Planning, Creative and Digital, Engineering, Artificial Intelligence, and Leadership and Management.

Huge thanks to Mr Commander and Mrs South for organising attendance at such an informative event!

UKMT SUCCESS!



Some of our awesome A-Level Maths and Further Maths Year 13s competed in the **UKMT Senior Maths Challenge** - a national contest. This is a tough exam paper involving 25 problems to solve. Every student attained a **bronze or silver award!** Well done to Poppy, John, Migle, Masha & Aymaan!

LAUNCH OF T-LEVEL HEALTH

MRS OXLEY SAYS...

"This term sees the launch of T-Levels Health. The T-Level Health is 80% classroom based study and 20% work experience. Students will be working in a care or hospital environment, allowing them to gain workplace experience and have the health science theory from classroom based lessons.



So far we have invited guest speakers in from Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals to talk to the students about what it will be like working in the different departments that are available to them on their placement there.



This last term has been very busy with the students having to gather evidence for their DBS and Occupational Health assessments. There has been lots of training for the care students, 12 in total which they have attended. There have also been lots of inductions into the Care and Health profession which the students have had to attend as a part of the experience of studying the T-Level in Health.

What have we got planned next? A hospital ward is being assembled at Adwick so that the students can practice what is being taught. Watch this space for more details on the new hospital ward."



"I think T-Levels are very helpful in opening opportunities for the future. They provide you with knowledge and experience for many job settings, while improving your communication skills"
- Gemma, Y12



"I have really enjoyed my course so far and i'm about to embark onto a new journey in Doncaster hospital for my work placement. This will hopefully lead me to be able to do my dream job of being a paramedic"
- Keisha, Y12



VISIT FROM DRI

POST-16 DONCASTER OPEN EVENINGS FOR YEAR 11

Both Danum and Adwick held successful Open Evenings for prospective Sixth Form students.

Year 11 students from schools across Doncaster were invited to learn more information about our fantastic Post-16 offer at Outwood! We showcased our fantastic range of A-Level and Level 3 BTEC/Vocational subjects that we have on offer, with 3 new courses being added for 2024 entry!

1:1 INTERVIEWS ARE ALREADY TAKING PLACE!

A HUGE THANKYOU to our inspiring Sixth Form Ambassadors who supported at both Open Evenings! You did an amazing job!

**Y11 STUDENTS
SCAN TO APPLY NOW!**



SUBJECT SHOWCASE

This part of the newsletter explores what goes on behind the scenes within each subject. We'll hear from teachers, students, and see what they have been learning about in their Level 3 subjects!

BTEC LEVEL 3 MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

This term, our Level 3 Mechanical Engineering students have been busy in the workshop, producing hammers as a part of an assignment.



WONDERFUL!

LET'S HEAR FROM THE STUDENTS:

"I am currently studying engineering in Year 12. I am finding the course very interesting and enjoyable so far. In the course, we vary from the production side to the schematic side and the Health and Safety.

Currently, we have been focusing on the batch production of 8 hammers as our third assignment; it is great! From this course we are thinking to go into a higher degree apprenticeship in companies perhaps like polypipe. However we could also go off to university to study even further in the computing sector" - Lucas, Year 12

"I am a Year 12 student currently studying engineering, I am finding the course very enjoyable so far, we are currently doing practical work on building 4 engineers hammers. After the course is finished, I hope to get an apprenticeship and earn loads of money!"

- Danny, Year 12

"Engineering has a fair share of practical and theoretical work, it is entertaining"

- Ashley, Year 12

SUBJECT SHOWCASE

A-LEVEL BIOLOGY



Miss Turner explained what the experiment involved:

We were measuring the rate of aerobic respiration in yeast cells by timing how long the dye methylene blue took to become reduced and turn colourless.

The reason this happens is that the dye accepts the electrons from the electron transport chain in the final stage of aerobic respiration.

We then repeated this at different temperatures to find the optimum temperature for respiration.

LET'S HEAR FROM THE STUDENTS:

"I think the course is really interesting as there are aspects of it for everyone no matter what area they enjoy. The teachers are extremely helpful and lovely to have a chat with. My favourite part is immunity as I hope to do microbiology at university"
- Mingle, Year 13

"BIOLOGY... IS AN EXCELLENT CHOICE IF YOU WANT TO PURSUE A CAREER IN MEDICINE, VETERINARY WORK, OR NURSING (AMONG OTHERS). THE CONTENT REMAINS CHALLENGING AND CONTINUES TO BE INTRIGUING THROUGHOUT THE COURSE, AND OVERALL, I WOULD SUGGEST YOU GIVE BIOLOGY A TRY! I CAN ASSURE YOU - YOU WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED WITH YOUR CHOICE." - JOE, Y13

WORK EXPERIENCE WITH ED MILLIBAND



One of our Year 13 students, Joe, had a fantastic opportunity to work with Doncaster MP Ed Milliband for a day during half term. Joe and Ed met with Farmers from Fishlake who are coping with the aftermath from the recent floods.

What an experience for a future Politics graduate! It will look amazing on your UCAS application! Well done for organising yourself!





YEAR 13 UCAS APPLICATIONS

For our Year 13 students, the UCAS deadline for applications is **31st January 2024**. This is the final date that any application can be received. Well done to our Early Entry Medicine and Oxbridge applicants, who had their applications submitted during October! Good luck!

UCAS

Our Year 13 students have been working incredibly hard during the Guidance sessions, which has involved crafting the perfect personal statement to support their application. The internal deadline for your application to be checked by us is Monday 22nd January.

Our fantastic Post 16 Guidance staff have done a brilliant job in checking all personal statements and applications before they are sent off! If you have any questions regarding the UCAS process, 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-18 pathways, whether this be university, an apprenticeship, training, or full time employment.



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 Careers Information Bookcase in the Post 16 Centres! 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!



MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM OUTWOOD POST-16 DONCASTER!

The team at Outwood Post-16 Doncaster would like to wish all staff and students a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

You have all worked incredibly hard this term - next term is a busy one, so please make sure you get lots of rest, as well as revising for exams in January! For those of you with January exams, you'll have received your exam timetable from your Learning Managers.

Seat numbers and exam information will be displayed on your timetable. Please take note of the location of the exam as per the timetable, as exams may take place at either Adwick or Danum.

Any questions, please speak to your LM!

See you in January!



✿ NEXT UP: SPRING EDITION... ✿