

Dear Parents / Carers

I am writing to provide a Year 11 update as we head into this final half term before the summer exams. It was wonderful to see so many students attending the booster sessions in the academy over the half-term break, and to see parents and carers with students at our revision evening a couple of weeks ago. It is pleasing to see our community coming together to do the very best for our young people to ensure they're well prepared for their exams and the next steps in their bright futures.

I hope that you have managed to review your child's Praising Stars 3 certificate that was shared just before the end of the half-term. Your child received their certificate detailing their effort and predicted grades in each of their subjects, the certificate can also be found on the Outwood portal via your mobile device. [Portal.outwood.com](http://Portal.outwood.com)

Over the next two weeks Year 11 students will complete their mock examinations. This is an important milestone in experiencing how exams will operate and importantly for us to review their performance and target our final weeks of teaching and intervention to their personal needs. There is an overview of the mock exam timetable at the end of this letter, but all students also have their own personalised version, which has been shared with them and posted home.

With now only 46 school days until the first whole year group exam it is vital that we support students in forming good habits that evidence success:

- 100% attendance - as every second of teaching and learning counts
- Punctual arrival to the Academy; on site by 8.15am every day - exams cannot wait
- Absolute focus in every lesson
- Attend targeted after school sessions; they have been designed to fill the gaps students are missing and reinforce topics that students need
- Complete the weekly out of school tasks - Mathswatch, Science GCSE-Pod, English daily questions, and many more activities across their examined subjects
- Have a revision plan - timetable revision at home as well as the sessions in school; we will support building a revision timetable in school.

We will share with you again an updated personalised after-school timetable (14:30-15:30) for your child. The targeted sessions on this timetable are the sessions that your child's teacher feels are vitally important, and will cover topics they know will make a difference to them personally in the summer, so they are expected to attend. Alongside these targeted sessions students can voluntarily access additional after-school sessions (14:30-15:30) almost every day, in all of their examined subjects.

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It is also fantastic to see that following the professional theatre performance of A Christmas Carol at Adwick, so many students have signed up for the visit to Birmingham to see Blood Brothers. A great experience and a brilliant opportunity to prepare for the English Literature exam.

Students also have access to our online Outwood masterclasses and revision resources at;

<https://www.outwood.com/revision-masterclasses>

We want all students to have a vision of their next-steps; students have been working with specialist careers advisors looking at their career pathways in applying for 6th form, apprenticeships and college places. We recognise that places are limited in certain areas and we want to ensure your children are well prepared with applications and clear next steps.

Our sixth form has more applications than ever, with the introduction of T-Levels in health, students are already studying and working directly in the industry from the beginning. The next cohort will have the opportunity to study in our unique onsite at Adwick half-a-million pound Health education facility, opening September 2024. One of the first of its kind in the country and one of the most direct routes to working in the health industry after school. This is just one area of sixth form, alongside a range of A-Level and vocational courses. For more information, please visit <https://www.post16doncaster.outwood.com/>

Outwood Academy Adwick 6th form applications can be found here; [6th form applications](#)

National apprenticeships can be found here; [National apprenticeships](#)

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For many, a key part of the Year 11 vision is their prom, a rite of passage following their exams and the finale with the year group; coming together to celebrate their hard work. The venue and the date have been set and our student prom committee are busy planning the decor and other arrangements. With this rite of passage comes an agreement that students are rewarded with their prom for their efforts in Year 11, with a set criteria they must meet to be able to purchase their prom ticket.

Importantly the prom criteria is set purely upon the qualities and expectations that will support them in forming good habits and being successful in their summer exams. This is detailed in their prom passport, which records their progress against the criteria and celebrates their hard work. The prom passport and criteria to attend prom includes:

- Maintain good attendance to school
- Punctuality to school and all lessons
- Behaviour and attitude to learning and social times
- Attendance to targeted sessions- breakfast and lunch clubs, after school enrichment activities and holiday boosters.

As you'll be aware, we always want to recognise students' hard work and offer praise initiatives, such as driving lessons, helicopter rides and smaller tokens of gratitude for student effort. We have shared with Year 11 students a series of rewards as part of their milestones to the prom, including a trip to Xscape for those meeting the prom passport criteria in the coming weeks.

Please encourage students to get their enrichment report cards signed. Each student will require 25 signatures to attend the rewards trip and there are only 120 places available so it will be first come, first served. Students can also speak to Mr McLaughlin if they require a new reward card or are missing any signatures that need to be back dated.

Students will understandably be nervous over the coming weeks and we want to support, reassure and prepare them the very best that we can. There is a list of key colleagues below for if you need to make contact with the academy at any time by telephone or email. We also plan to invite students, parents and carers into the academy again before the exams to further share revision strategies and answer any questions. We have also further invested in external support for our most vulnerable who may require support with exam stress and deeper pastoral support, please continue to speak to us when you have concerns.

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It has been a privilege to work with this year group for almost 5 years, and like you we're committed to ensuring they can attain their potential, achieve fantastic results in the summer and go on to their chosen next steps.

Like you, we will also continue to be obsessive about checking they're on the right track, with no stone left-unturned, be it completing their weekly Mathswatch, GCSE-Pod, English daily questions or attending their after-school boosters, because we know added together it will make a difference in the long-term. And we thank you for your support.

<b>Outwood Academy Adwick Year 11 February mock exams</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Morning</b>	<b>Afternoon</b>
Tuesday 20th Feb	Biology	Geography
Wednesday 21st Feb	English Literature	Spanish
Thursday 22nd Feb	Maths Paper 1	History
Friday 23rd Feb	English Literature	Enterprise Computer Science Product Design
Monday 26th Feb	Maths	Geography Enterprise
Tuesday 27th Feb	Chemistry	History
Wednesday 28th Feb	English Language	French Computer Science
Thursday 29th Feb	Maths	Spanish French IT
Friday 1st March	English Language	Physics

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns, and we look forward to celebrating as a community on results day in the summer.

Yours sincerely,



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