

30th June 2022

Dear Parent / carer

I hope this letter finds you well as we head into the latter part of the summer term and towards the end of the academic year.

This week has seen the final year 11 and Post-16 exams and we're at the point of waving a fond farewell to these year groups, whilst looking forward to celebrating their outcomes with them later in the summer.

With these year groups out of the Academy it offers us the opportunity to roll out our 2022-23 timetable from Monday 4th July; in essence enabling the current year 7, 8, 9 10 and 12 to graduate into their next year group before September.

This brings several benefits to students - they can start working with their new groups and teachers before the summer break for a smooth transition in September, it ensures we are maximising every minute of learning, and it provides a fresh thirst for learning at the end of the academic year.

We have led assemblies with year groups so that they understand the process and on Monday morning they will go directly to their tutor groups to help them prepare for their new timetables and assist them in being ready for the new academic year. By period 2 they will be accessing their new timetable as if it were September.

Lunchtimes from Monday until the end of term will be as follows

New Year 8	12:30
New Year 9	13:00
New Year 10	12:30
New Year 11	12:00

As always we really appreciate your support in ensuring that all students can meet our high standards and expectations that aid them in being successful learners and aligning with our community principles of being safe, responsible and respectful.

In preparation for Monday we would like to share the following reminders:-

- Students must be on-site for 8.15, the movement bell for lessons will sound at 8.20 with lessons commencing at 8.25
- All students should have the following basic equipment for learning; a pen, pencil, ruler and academy planner
- All students must have a school bag every day, which is sufficiently large to be able to hold an A4 workbook, an academy planner, their PE kit and their basic equipment

- Students must wear the academy blazer, tie and school trousers or skirt. This must be accompanied by a white shirt and plain black shoes, please ensure there no trainers, boots, pumps or canvas shoes
- Noticeable make-up is not allowed, any make-up must be discreet. False eyelashes are not to be worn, this includes semi and permanent lashes. Nail polish and any type of false nails are not allowed. No jewellery is allowed and will be confiscated, except for a wrist watch and/or a Medic Alert necklace or bracelet. Smart watches are not allowed in school. If a student is thinking about having their ears pierced, or any other piercing, this should be done at the start of the summer holidays as students will not be allowed to wear earrings or any other jewellery including clear inserts.
- Chewing gum is strictly prohibited and we request that students do not bring energy drinks, fizzy drinks, sweets or large bags of crisps into the Academy.

Items of uniform with the Outwood logo can be purchased via Trutex <https://www.trutex.com/>. You can also access Trutex Preloved uniform via the website using the code LEA00980SC.

On occasions we understand that some students may not meet these high standards and expectations and it is our duty - with your support - to educate them on how and why these standards are important in representing our community, supporting their future life chances and ensuring our focus can be on high quality learning experiences to achieve great outcomes. Consequences can/will be applied for misdemeanours in meeting standards and expectations.

Adults including learning managers, senior leaders and teachers are always available at the start of the day, on the gates, in the dining room and at the Student Information Desk should a student require help or support. We carry a small amount of uniform, temporary planners and basic equipment to help students be prepared for lessons.

Whilst we are nearing the end of the academic year we certainly have a very busy calendar. Students participating in a vast array of activities in and out of the classroom including; several sporting fixtures, sports days at the Keep Moat and on the academy site, humanities trips to Sheffield, Hornsea and Blencartha, the Duke of Edinburgh expedition, OGAT Performer of the Year, OGAT Artist of the Year at the Hepworth Gallery, Post-16 university trips to Hull and Sheffield universities, summer term praise and reward events, the summer celebration concert and students supporting our new year 6 into 7 students as part of their primary to secondary transition.

It is wonderful to see students adhering to school life more aligned to pre-pandemic times and taking part in active and creative experiences alongside their regular studies.

The last day of the summer term is Wednesday 27th July 2022.

If you have any questions or require further support at any time please do not hesitate in contacting the Academy by contacting our academy reception. Alternatively email enquiries at enquiries@adwick.outwood.com.

Yours sincerely

Mr Andy Scruby
Principal