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Lead Principal's Message:
It has been an incredibly short half term in which we have packed in so much! We have had Year 10s having their first mocks in Science, two weeks of Mocks for Year 11 and the launch of our Praise League in Year 7.

In the next term we look forward to Year 8 and 9 Praise League launching and the Year 9 Path to Graduation, to mark the end of their Key Stage 3 time with us, as well as the start of the GCSE exams!

I hope everyone has a CRACKING Easter and an EGG-cellent time with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming back students on Monday 20 April!

Mr Skidmore

SCHOOL RETURNS:
Monday 20th April @ 8:20a.m.
We wish all of our families a wonderful break!

Bring It On! runs during the school holidays to offer free, fun activities and food to children and young people aged 5 to 16 years. We understand that the school holidays can be a challenging time for parents, and the HAF can help with this.

Organisations can sign up as 'providers' to offer activities for children. These activities might include:

- sport or physical activity, for example football, swimming, or table tennis
- creative activities, for example music workshops or putting on a play
- experiences, for example a nature walk or visiting a museum
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There are thousands of places for children from families in receipt of benefit related free school meals to book onto via this link
https://www.middlesbrough.gov.uk/children-families-and-safeguarding/support-for-families/holiday-activities-and-food-haf-programme/

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UNIFORM GUIDE

We believe that a smart uniform improves discipline, self-esteem and self-respect. Uniform focuses attention upon learning and away from distractions. So that all pupils have a sense of pride in their appearance, we ask that the uniform is worn appropriately and in its entirety, as described below.

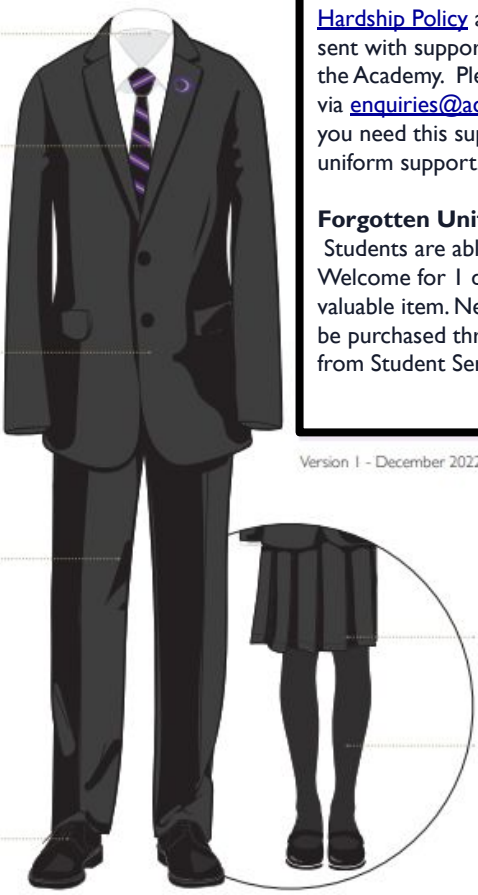
Shirt - school or plain white, long or short sleeved shirt with a stiff collar.

Tie - school clip-on tie available to buy from school, Trutex Direct and approved local uniform suppliers.

Jacket - black school jacket with school logo available to buy from Trutex Direct and approved local uniform suppliers.

Trousers - black tailored formal style trousers worn with plain black socks.

Shoes - plain black shoes free from embellishments and decorations. Heels should be no higher than 2.5cm/1 inch. No trainers, boots, pumps or canvas shoes. Please refer to the Uniform Policy for more information.



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Tunic Dress - tunic dress - black, with school logo available to buy from Trutex Direct and approved local uniform suppliers.

Skirt - black tailored formal skirt which sits on or just above the knee. Must be worn with black tights.

Tights - plain black, opaque (not patterned) and a minimum of 40 denier. Nothing else should be worn on top or under the tights such as additional socks.

Welcome HUB & Hardship fund

The Academy offers a Hardship Fund which can be accessed via our website: Hardship Policy all applications should be sent with supporting documentation to the Academy. Please contact the academy via enquiries@acklam.outwood.com if you need this support or wish to discuss uniform support.

Forgotten Uniform?
Students are able to loan uniform from Welcome for 1 day in exchange for a valuable item. New Ties and Planners can be purchased through iPay and collected from Student Services.

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NON-LOGOED UNIFORM GUIDE

Effective from 1 January 2023, secondary students will no longer be required to wear logoed trousers and skirts. Students will still be required to wear appropriate school trousers and skirts, as described in this guide.

Trousers

- must be plain black and in a tailored formal style;
- must **not** be cropped, tight/skinny fit, made of stretch or patterned fabric. They should **not** have decorative buttons, buckles or fashion belts;
- jeans, flares, cargo, bootlegged trousers, tracksuit bottoms, jeggings or leggings are **not** acceptable.

Skirts

- must be plain black and in a tailored formal style. Skirts may be A-line, pencil or pleated (twin, knife or box pleat);
- tight-fitting, tube skirts are **not** acceptable;
- must sit on or just above the knee;
- must **not** be made of jersey, stretch or patterned fabric;
- must be worn with a minimum of plain black 40 denier tights.

Uniform Support

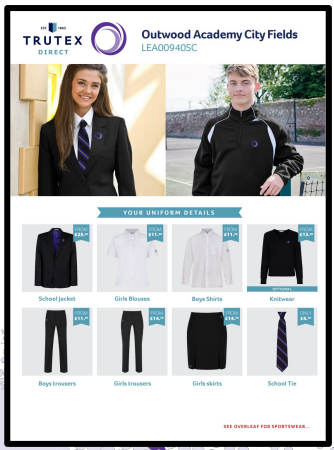
For any families who may be struggling on need support, please refer to our Hardship Policy.

Also we have access to our 'Preloved Uniform' should you require this service, please go to www.trutex.com and use the school code LEA00980SC.

Ordering Uniform:

Click the image here to go to the Academy page for our uniform supplier. Please remember to use the school code below:

School code - LEA00646SC



Year 11 Updates!

GCSE's

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Don't count the days, make the days count.

The Full Year 11 schedule for the exams can be found here on the website. Pupils will receive intervention sessions with hot breakfast on the morning of each exam and we will continue to post information about each exam on social media

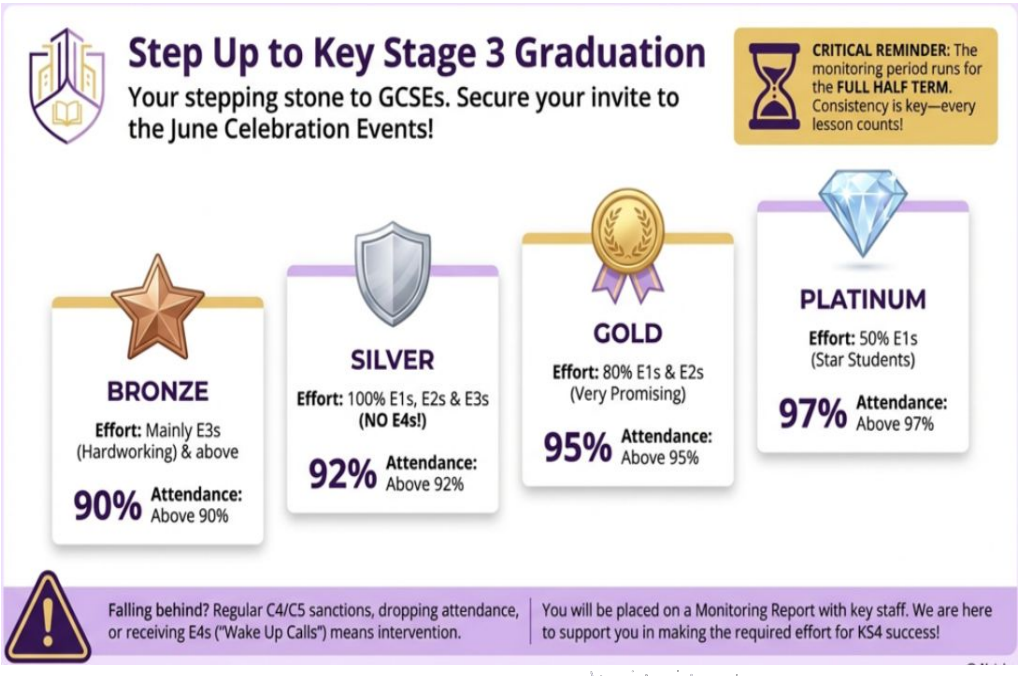
Year 11 - Final Push!

Today we had our Year 11 Praising Stars Assembly and the Year 11 students received their Mock grades. At this crucial time, it is so important that students absolutely make one last push to try and be the best that they can be!

Year 9 Updates!

Graduation

Our Year 9 students will make the transition to KS4 later this year, to celebrate their hard work and make sure they are ready for Y10 we are putting together a whole host of Graduation events. On the last day of term, all student received an assembly and letter outlining the graduation events and the criteria they need to attend to achieve. Details of which can be seen below:



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Attendance::
Be in to win! Our New Attendance Streak Competition Launches After Easter Get ready! When we return from the Easter holidays, we are launching an exciting new Attendance Streak Competition to reward your commitment to being in school every day.

How it Works: The more consistent you are, the more rewards you earn. For every five days of perfect attendance, your "streak" grows, earning you more vouchers to enter into our prize draws:

- **5 Day Streak = 1 Voucher**
- **10 Day Streak = 3 Vouchers**
- **15 Day Streak = 5 Vouchers**

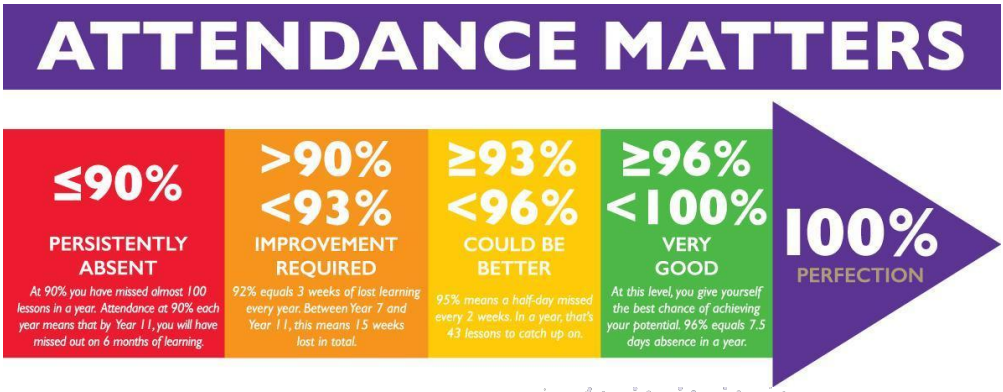
...and so on!

Choose Your Reward We aren't just giving away random prizes; you get to vote for the prize you want to win. Each voucher you earn allows you to cast a vote in one of our five £50 prize categories:

1. Gaming Voucher
2. High Street Shopping Voucher
3. Food Voucher
4. Experience Voucher
5. Tech Voucher

Keep an eye out for the voting station. Keep those streaks going from the very first day back to increase your chances.

Be in to win!



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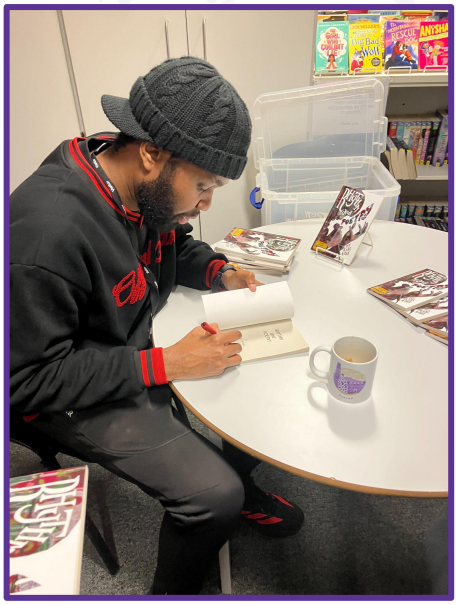
Fantastic Reading

Author Visit:

Year 9 were treated to a riveting rapping performance by Karl Nova. Some students were then taken for a VIP poetry workshop experience where each was given one of Karl's books which he signed and personalised for them. This was followed by a lunchtime meet n greet.



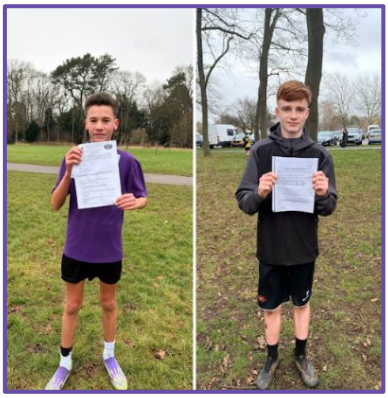
Top Readers:

Our top three readers in years 7, 8 & 9 received an Easter treat bag with a book, creme eggs and an Easter pen.

We now have an astonishing 20 word millionaire readers, 4 x 2 millionaire readers, one x 3 millionaire readers and one 4 millionaire reader!

Lexia and Miskin students were celebrated with Easter cakes, pens and certificates.

Sports Round Up



Cross Country!

We made it to the cross country finals and 2 of our students made the top 12! Well done boys!

Year 8 Football!

Our boys have been achieving well this term in the Town Cup!

U13 Girls Cricket!

Our girls team travelled to Richmond earlier this half term and did AMAZING and were cronwned 'NORTH YORKSHIRE CHAMPIONS'"

EVENTS!

World Book Day
This year to celebrate 'World Book Day' we saw some fantastic costumes, gave away free reading books and hosted a 'mad hatter tea party'

Love to Learn Week!
Students and staff spread the love around the school by sending notes, certificates and enjoying love themed cakes!

Anti-Bullying Ambassadors Lead the Way at Our Academy

We are proud to share that our dedicated team of Anti-Bullying Ambassadors have successfully completed their Diana Award training. This nationally recognised programme equips young people with the skills, knowledge and confidence to tackle bullying and create a safer, more inclusive environment for everyone.

As part of their ongoing commitment, the ambassadors are now working towards their first milestone – the 'Inclusive' badge. This involves a range of exciting initiatives aimed at promoting inclusion and kindness across the academy. Their action plan includes supporting staff through tailored CPD (Continuing Professional Development), offering peer support for students, and leading awareness-raising campaigns within the school community.

We are incredibly proud of the ambassadors' passion and commitment, and we look forward to seeing the positive impact of their work across the academy.

Student Voice Council Update

Three amazing Y11 students celebrated their success as *Out There Bronze Award* winners with an exciting trip to the Crystal Maze LIVE Experience. Lucas Mowbray, William Townsend and Ben Myers enjoyed a fun-filled day tackling challenges and working as a team, joined by Outwood CEO Lee Wilson. A fantastic reward for their hard work and positive contributions to student voice and the Out There project (Team name Student Voice FC) which saw them host a community football tournament.
Well done boys, we're very proud of your contributions to our school community.

Year 11 Revision

Holiday Intervention

Year 11 Revision Sessions will be running from Tuesday 7 - Friday 10 April.

Please see below a letter that has been sent home to parents regarding session days and times

Link to Letter

Important Dates!

- **Monday 20 April -** Students return to school following Easter holiday
- **Tuesday 28 April -** Year 7 and 8 Progress Evening
- **Monday 4 May -** Bank Holiday - School is closed
- **Thursday 7 May -** GCSEs Begin
- **Friday 22 May -** School closes for May half term
- **Monday 1 June -** Students return to school following May half term
- **Thursday 18 June -** Year 11 PROM!
- **Thursday/ Friday 25/26 June** - Year 9 Graduation
- **6, 7 & 8 July -** Year 6 Transition Days
- **Friday 10 July -** Sports Day
- **Monday 13 - Friday 17 July -** Culture Week
- **Friday 17 July** - Students break up for Summer!