



Outwood Academy Bishopsgarth

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Dear Parent/Carers,

I am writing to you all ahead of the return to ensure that your child has a successful start to the year. Whether they are starting secondary school for the first time or entering their final year of school, ensuring that the first few days go without any issues or challenges will set the tone for the year ahead. We have had an excellent time celebrating our improved exam results this summer, and wish all of our departing Year 11 students success in their next steps.

If you have passed the Academy you will have noticed that there are significant works taking place to support the new housing development on Harrowgate Lane. Onsite parking is limited, could parents/carers collecting children please only park in allocated spaces on the Academy site, and allow Academy staff to enable students to leave the site safely. I would be most grateful if you are able to arrange with your child to meet them close to school when collecting them at the end of the day.

Students will be expected to attend promptly at **8.20am** in full uniform on:

Tuesday 3rd September - All Year 7 and 11.

Wednesday 4th September - All remaining year groups will join Year 7 and 11.

On their first morning all Year 7 Students will assemble in the dining hall at 8.20 a.m. All other Year groups will attend their morning registration with their normal tutor group.

Please can I take this opportunity to ask for your support in helping your child get off to a good start to the year. Could you ensure the following:

1. If there are any issues with uniform ahead of your child's return please email enquiries@bishopsgarth.outwood.com providing details of the child's year group.
2. A reminder that NO piercings are permitted, and that the uniform should replicate the information provided to you last summer.

3. Please do not try to contact your child at school. Mobile phones are not permitted to be used once across the purple line. Should you wish to get a message to your child please contact reception on 01642 586262. If your child urgently needs to contact home we will arrange this with them on an individual needs basis.

Finally, you will have heard a lot of news around attendance over recent weeks. It is important that you familiarise yourself with this one page summary of the new guidance that is [here](#).

What we know is that students who attend school regularly will do well over their time at school. Those who fall into persistent absence (an attendance rate of one day off per fortnight) often fall behind their peers quickly. It is also vital to ensure that your child returns on their allotted day, regardless of the return date of any siblings you may have in other schools that return on a different day.

Please help your child to have the best possible chance of a successful future by ensuring they attend school regularly, and working with the attendance staff if you have any concerns sooner rather than later.

I look forward to seeing many of you at upcoming events this year, and thank you in advance for the support you give to ensure we can help your child have the best possible start in their life.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Rhodes', written over a horizontal line.

Mr Jason Rhodes
Principal