

26th June 2024

Dear parent / carer

I would like to share how impressed we have been with our Year 10 students and their commitment towards their mock exams. They are setting themselves fantastic foundations for Year 11 and their GCSE exams. We have also seen a significant proportion of students apply for tickets for the Sheffield College taster sessions next week, again encouraging a positive vision for their future education and careers.

Whilst the Sheffield College taster opportunities are independent of the academy, we want to share how they will fit with students' attendance to school and your part as parents/ carers in ensuring safe travel to and from the event.

We have received a breakdown of the ticket requests for the Sheffield College taster days on Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd of July so that we can register students at both the taster events and in school.

You will now be aware via Sheffield College of which sessions your child has been allocated to attend over the two days and the venue which they should be attending. Most students who have applied will have been offered one of the following four time-slots:

- Monday 1st July 10-12pm (Olive Grove / City Campus)
- Monday 1st July 1-3pm (Olive Grove / City Campus)
- Tuesday 2nd July 10-12pm (Hillsborough)
- Tuesday 2nd July 1-3pm (Hillsborough)

You will have also been notified via the college ticket whether the session is taking place at the Sheffield City campus, Olive Grove campus or Hillsborough campus, alongside the times to attend.

It is the parents' / carers' responsibility to manage students' travel to and from the sessions and students must attend the academy as usual with exception to these sessions.

If your child is attending a morning 10-12pm taster they are encouraged to attend the academy before and after the session. If your child is attending an afternoon session they are expected to attend the academy until 11:30 am. We will use the student lists shared by the college for each session to manage students' permission to leave the site for tasters.

When students arrive at the taster session, they will be met by a member of Outwood Academy City staff at the campus entrance who will register them and share their attendance with colleagues at the academy.

Should your child be unwell or unable to attend the trip, normal attendance procedures apply and parents/carers should let the school know by calling the above number. Also, should parents wish to withdraw consent, students are expected in the academy as normal.

This is a fantastic opportunity for students in setting their personal milestones over the coming years. We hope they can access this support whilst also maximising their attendance at school around the sessions. Lessons will continue at the academy throughout the two days and students are expected to adhere to the usual uniform expectations and academy standards.

As always please do not hesitate to contact the academy if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Emily Rosaman". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

Ms Emily Rosaman
Principal