

Dear parent/carer,

As Year 11 begins a very important year here at Outwood Academy Hemsworth, I wanted to share some key information about the year ahead as they prepare for their GCSEs and vocational examinations.

There will be a number of ways in which we will support your child, one of which will be guidance and support from key staff. As part of my role as Vice Principal, I am the SLT link to Year 11 and will support Vikki Swift in her role as your child's Learning Manager. Our aim is very clear: to ensure that every student can reach their full potential this year by providing support and, if necessary, removing any possible barriers to success.

It is important that, when necessary, we have clear and regular communication with parents and carers of Year 11. As part of this regular communication, you will receive termly updates on your child's performance via their Praising Stars report. In Year 11, these reports will be issued five times throughout the year and will be given to your child to bring home and share with you. Please keep a look out for these; they will be issued towards the end of each half term. You will also have the opportunity to speak with your child's teachers on the dates below. Our parents' evenings will again be virtual to support parents and carers:

- 3rd October
- 16th April

We will also keep you informed of any events taking place during the year which will give additional support to our year 11s. A confirmed date for your diary is Thursday 9th November: Y11 Information Evening and Post-16 Open Evening.

To support your child in getting ready for their GCSEs, all subjects will offer enrichment sessions. The majority of these will run after school from 2.30-3.30 but there will also be an opportunity for breakfast sessions before school starts. The days and times for each subject are currently being confirmed and I will share these as soon as possible. There will also be two periods of mock exams for Year 11. These will provide students an excellent opportunity to showcase their knowledge whilst also allowing staff to identify any gaps or areas for development to support their progress. This year the mocks will take place during the following weeks:

- 14th - 25th November
- 27th February - 9th March

We will share all important information in a number of ways: via text message, the academy website and social media. If, however, you need to get in touch with the academy about any of this information or any concerns you have, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Swift or I:

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Best wishes,



Gary Ives
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