

October 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Academy Newsletter**

We've had a busy start to the new term and I would like to extend a particular welcome to the Year 7 students who have just joined us and settled and immersed themselves into the culture of the academy. Weekly updates of the academy life can be found by following us on twitter at @oahaslandhall. We've noticed a surge of followers over the past week and it is by this forum that we will also be sharing key information alongside letters on the website.

All years have shown a real maturity and an eagerness to learn. One of our immediate focuses for school improvement has been the use of collaborative structures in our lessons. We are impressed to see how students have immediately responded.

At Outwood Academy Hasland Hall, excellent attendance and punctuality is our aim for every child. Evidence shows that those children who attend school regularly make better progress academically and socially. To help a child achieve full attendance, you play a critical role in helping us promote good attitudes towards attendance. Together, it is important we ensure that children are present at every opportunity and arrive on time. All students must arrive in their lesson ready to learn by 8.25am.

Please find below some further updates -

### **Parents' Evenings**

We are very keen to have long awaited face to face parents evening on the following dates. Further details will be given nearer the time.

4 November 2021 - Y7 Students Parent/Tutor meetings

11 November 2021 - Y8 and Y10 Parents' Evenings

30 November 2021 - Y9 and Y11 Parents' Evenings

### **Open Evening**

The school will be open to visitors on the evening of Tuesday 12 October between 4pm and 7pm. This is predominantly for the parents of children in Year 6 who are in the process of choosing a secondary school. However, all parents and students are welcome, there will be an opportunity to see displays, activities and meet staff in several parts of the school.

### **Term Dates**

Lots of useful information is also available on our school website, including term dates. Can we remind you that **Friday 22 October 2021** and **Monday 1 November 2021** are INSET days for staff and therefore school is closed to all students.

### **Breakfast Club**

We are pleased to announce that the school Dining Room is restarting the Breakfast Club. This will be available to students from 7.45am every morning where a small selection of breakfast items will be available to purchase.

### **Enrichment Activities**

You may have already noticed Autumn 2021 Clubs and Societies Timetable which has been published on the school website. These enrichment activities are proving to be popular and we hope the choice of activities will increase as the year progresses. If you would like to suggest an enrichment activity we can certainly look into providing it.

### **Year 11 Information Evening - Wednesday 20 October 2021**

Parents of Year 11 students will have recently received information regarding this key event. During the evening you will hear key presentations from subject directors on supporting your child through this important year. If you have not already done so, in order to help us arrange seating, please return the reply slip to indicate your intention to attend.

### **School Health Immunisations**

Can we please remind parents to visit the school website in order to complete the relevant consent forms, even if you do not consent to your child receiving the vaccinations offered.

### **Visits**

Following a difficult two years we are aware that some parents have not visited the academy site. In order to allay some concerns, parents had prior to the academy conversion, we would like to open our doors for visits. Please contact us through [enquiries@haslandhall.outwood.com](mailto:enquiries@haslandhall.outwood.com) should you wish to have a tour of the academy during the academy day. Please be aware that myself and my senior leadership team all have teaching commitments but we will try to accommodate any requests.

Thank you for your support in advance for this academic year. We look forward to seeing you in the academy and celebrating our young people's achievements together.

Yours sincerely



Mr Ian Cooper  
**Head of School**