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Dear Parent / Carer

I hope that this letter finds you well and that your preparations for Christmas are underway. We break up for the Christmas break on Friday 22nd December.

It has been a busy but brilliant term with many highlights across all year groups. I hope that you have been following our academy twitter @oahaslandhall with weekly updates of the fantastic achievements of our students and their learning experiences.

It is with great pleasure and immense pride that we could inform you of the results of our recent Ofsted inspection which took place on the 8th and 9th of November 2023. The inspectors concluded that Outwood Academy Hasland Hall is GOOD in all areas (Quality of Education, Behaviour and Attitudes, Personal Development, Leadership and Management), this results in an Overall Effectiveness of GOOD for the school. You are able to read the report at <https://www.haslandhall.outwood.com/posts/7812>

All year groups continue to make fabulous progress, with their own priorities. Year 7 have settled into the academy and have earned their bronze awards in the ACE programme, and are now ready to complete their silver accreditation next term. Year 8 are preparing to start their route to residential. Year 9 are in the process of selecting their key stage 4 GCSE's and vocational pathways and Year 10 have made a fantastic start to their GCSE and BTEC qualifications.

We are extremely proud of how Year 11 completed their mock exams and their ongoing commitment to GCSE preparation and revision. With just 71 days from January until the summer examinations they are working very hard in their lessons and engaging with additional study and revision associated with exceptional outcomes.

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In this final week before the Christmas break we will be hosting our Praising Stars release day. This has become a highlight in the calendar. Each half-term students receive their Praising Stars certificates and celebrate their effort and predictions, and are rightfully rewarded. I hope that you're able to share these celebrations at home as they bring to you their certificates or you access via the new Outwood portal on your mobile devices.

We are always proud of our students, your children, but at several points this term there have been points where their maturity and character has really shone through. In November we paid our respects as part of remembrance, it is such a moving event to witness the whole academy community stop, fall silent, and pay their respects. With students in military and service uniforms participating in parades.

Education and learning has extended outside of the classroom. We have seen a big uplift in the numbers of students attending enrichment activities beyond 14:30, and the new calendar of clubs and activities will be coming out to you in readiness for January 2024. Students have successfully competed in sporting fixtures and we've many future superstars and champions in a range of sports, some already competing at international levels. Students have visited numerous places to bring learning to life and raise aspirations; to name a few, year 10 have been experiencing university and college life, students have experienced music in the studios at London, the choir have performed in the local nursing home, with students enjoying a trip to the theatre. We are currently planning our next Skiing trip and an expedition to Cambodia!

I expect next term will be as equally busy and rewarding as last term and I look forward to again welcoming parents and carers into the academy to share the progress of students. This last term we welcomed many of you through our celebration events, transition & exam preparation evenings and the year 9 and year 11 parents evening. Next term we'll be hosting the year 9 guided pathways evening on Thursday 18th January, Year 8 parents evening on Thursday 1st February and year 11 information evening on Tuesday 13th February.

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The Christmas break for many is time to relax and spend time with family and friends, but we also want to ensure everyone has access to support services should anyone have concerns for a young person. You can access support via our academy website at <https://www.haslandhall.outwood.com/mental-wellbeing>

We return to the academy on Monday 8th January, with students as always on site by 8.15am. I am sure you will support us in ensuring that students return for a positive new year, prepared and ready for learning.

Have a wonderful Christmas and a happy new year from us all at the academy.

Yours sincerely

Ian Cooper
Principal

