

September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

On behalf of all the staff at Outwood Academy Hasland Hall, I would like to welcome you all into our new academic year. We welcomed 172 new year 7 students into the academy. I have been incredibly impressed with all of them and very excited to see how they develop over the next few years. We know that if our students understand our expectations then they will thrive and do well - the year 7 students have engaged exceptionally well with our ACE programme and their attitude to learning in every single lesson has been outstanding.

I have outlined below ways in which we can communicate with each other at the academy:

Online Communication with Staff

As many of our staff are student facing throughout the day with the majority of our teachers in front of a class for 22 periods a week, the most convenient way to communicate is via email. Please email our enquiries@haslandhall.outwood.com and mark it for the attention of the relevant staff member. We aim to respond to all communication received in this format within 48 hours, but please bear in mind that this may vary if a staff member is absent for any reason.

Our advice for improving this flow of communication is as follows:

- If the issue is pastoral, please contact their form tutor in the first instance, this member of staff has daily communication with your child.
- If the issue is academic, please contact the class teacher.

In addition, each year group has a Learning Manager, these are key colleagues who can be contacted should you require further information.

Year 7 - Mr. Sketchley, Year 8 - Mrs Lloyd, Year 9 - Mrs Boden, Year 10 - Mrs Evans, Year 11 - Mr. Fletcher.

SEND

Our SENDCO is Mrs Linley and is your first point of call. You can contact Mrs Linley on (01246) 273985 or by using our enquiries email.



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Social Media

The school has a Twitter account with over 800 followers. This is where current information is shared about what has happened in school on a weekly basis and also showcases the exceptional work and achievements of our students. It is also used to communicate messages to parents/carers. The account name is [@oahaslandhall](https://twitter.com/oahaslandhall) many of our departments also have Twitter accounts and can be located by a simple search on Twitter.

Written Communication

We use texts as a quick way to share information with you. This can be reminders about key events happening in school, attendance matters and links to letters. Please note that all texts will go to first named contacts on our system. Copies of key letters can also be found on the website at the bottom of the home page and is titled 'Updates from the Academy'. Please check weekly for updates and calendar dates. If you have not been receiving text messages please contact reception to make us aware.

Telephone Contact

When you call the school the voice recording takes you to the most frequent extension numbers e.g. attendance. If you know the appropriate extension number, dialling this at this point will take you directly to the area of need.

Student Planner

We work hard to ensure that the Student Planner involves lots of information that is useful to not only students but also to their parents/carers. If you have not already done so then please have a look at the Planner.

What we teach your child

There is a vast amount of information on our website <https://www.haslandhall.outwood.com/> . You can find out more about what we teach in each year group in each subject on the subject overview page <https://www.haslandhall.outwood.com/subject-overviews> .

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A list of Directors' names is open to inspection at our registered office.

How your child is getting on

Praising Stars reports provide you with information on how your child is getting on in all of their subjects. The reports give you effort and attainment grade information along with any homework or attendance concerns and requests to see parents/carers at Parents' Evenings.

Careers Information

Our website has links to Progress Schools who provide independent advice and guidance for all our students. The direct link is here <https://progress-education.org.uk/outwood-hasland/>.

Mobile phones

Mobile phones should not be used on school premises and children will be required to turn them off and put them in their bag. If you need to communicate with your child during the school day please contact reception and we will get a message to them.

In addition, we strongly discourage children from having a presence on social media. Most of the popular social media sites require children to be aged 13 before they can register. We are finding an increasing trend of issues relating to children's engagement with these platforms. Not only do these issues come back into school and disrupt learning but they also have a significant adverse effect on children's mental well being.

Attendance

If your child is due to attend an appointment or they are absent from school please notify us by calling the attendance team on (01246) 273985 Ex.1.

It is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat.

Worry and mild or moderate anxiety, whilst sometimes difficult emotions, can be a normal part of growing up for many children and young people. Being in school can often help alleviate the underlying issues. A prolonged period of absence is likely to heighten a child's anxiety about attending in the future, rather than reduce it.

Parent Portal

We have launched our Parent Portal. This will enable you to see key information (including historical information) for your child including all praise logged by teaching and support staff and all attendance information. It will also have links to useful websites that you can use to support your child. We will continue to develop the portal in consultation with parents/carers. Initial access and set up for the portal will be via your email address. If you have any issues logging onto the portal please contact our data officer at h.challenger@haslandhall.outwood.com

How to sign in

1. Visit portal.outwood.com or use the QR code from your phone/tablet
2. Enter your email address
3. Receive a "magic link" by email
4. Tap on the magic link to access the portal

No separate account or password is needed—only access to the inbox for an email address we have on file.



QR code for print documents (click to download a high-resolution copy)

Yours faithfully



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