

21 July 2022

Dear Parents / Carers

We are now fast approaching the end of the academic year. A quite incredible year; our first full year without significant disruption for some time, but with its own challenges. With the continuation and recovery from the pandemic and most recently extraordinary weather.

In spite of the challenges, students and staff have again worked in partnership to produce fantastic academic outcomes and enjoy the important wider curriculum and enrichment opportunities that our academy community brings.

Importantly I would like to thank all parents and carers for supporting our young people and our academy. It has been wonderful to bring our wider community back into the academy and have more personal contact. It has also been great to share students' work via our social media channels and praise systems, and then hear your responses and the pride you have for our young people and their efforts.

Just in this last half-term there has been a wealth of events beyond the regular curriculum that I'm glad we have been able to re-introduce - including; the Year 11 prom, Outwood performer of the year, Outwood artist of the year, sports days, a summer showcase, Year 6 transition, Year 12 taster days, work experience, robotics finals, geography field trips, student voice community litter picks and many more events that make our academy special.

We now eagerly await the summer results days to celebrate our students achievements and support their next steps in education, training and the world of work.

Our last day of the academic year is Wednesday 27th July, with students leaving for their summer break at 14:30pm.

There is a staggered return to school in September;

Monday 5th September 2022	INSET day - closed to students
Tuesday 6th September 2022	School open to Year 7 and 6th form students
Wednesday 7th September 2022	School open to all year groups

Students must be on site by 8.15, in readiness for the movement bell at 8.20 and then lessons to commence at 8.25. Students who arrive late will be issued with a C4 detention. We strive for excellent attendance of all students, at least 97% and recognise the close correlation of great attendance and excellent outcomes. If for any

reason your child is absent it is important that parents / carers contact the academy by 8.25. We have a range of fantastic reward initiatives for excellent attendance.

By rolling out our new curriculum timetable on the 4th July 2022 students are already working with their new timetable and teachers and are very well positioned for the 2022-23 academic year.

With the start of the new academic year we will continue to drive standards and expectations to ensure all students have access to the very best education and experiences in school. This is built from our core principles of, be safe, be respectful, be responsible.

We will again work together to support these rules and expectations that will support them to be successful now and in their future and enable them to learn in a safe, calm and purposeful environment.

Uniform is almost exceptional at the academy and almost all students take pride in looking smart and in-line with our expectations, please support in ensuring;

- Full academy uniform at all times including uniform for PE (the full uniform policy can be found on the academy website)
- Plain black socks when wearing trousers
- Plain black tights (at least 40 denier) when wearing a skirt
- Plain black, below the ankle, polishable, sensible school shoes free from embellishments and decorations (no canvas / plastic / trainers / boots, etc) please see our Uniform Policy for further clarity
- School bag, large enough for their planner and A4 textbooks
- Students will receive their planner on the first day and must have it with them at all times
- Pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, whiteboard pen and highlighters in a pencil case

Please also support your child in adhering to the following expectations

- No jewellery except a wristwatch (no smart-watches)
- Items such as earrings, nose studs, rings, bracelets, necklaces and other jewellery (including clear inserts) are not allowed for health & safety and will be confiscated and a sanction issued if seen.
- Make-up must be very discrete, eyebrows of normal shape and colour, fake eyelashes are not allowed and students will be expected to remove them
- No nail varnish or false nails
- Hair must be a natural colour and style
- Skirts must be worn correctly and not adapted e.g. rolled over
- Chewing gum, fizzy pop (including energy drinks), big bags of sweets and crisps etc are NOT allowed anywhere on site.
- We are a no mobile phone site. They must be switched off, kept in bags and not seen. They should not be in students' pockets. If seen they will be confiscated and must be collected by an appropriate adult.

We recognise that at times it may be difficult to make contact with the academy, and our learning managers and inclusion leads are a fantastic source of support and guidance for our young people and their families. They can be contacted by the following email addresses

Year 7 Learning Manager: Miss E Addy - [e.addy@adwick.outwood.com](mailto:e.addy@adwick.outwood.com)

Year 8 Learning Manager: Mrs P Newsome - [p.newsome@adwick.outwood.com](mailto:p.newsome@adwick.outwood.com)

Year 9 Learning Manager: Mrs S Mann- [s.mann@adwick.outwood.com](mailto:s.mann@adwick.outwood.com)

Year 10 Learning Manager: Mrs L Barnes - [l.barnes@adwick.outwood.com](mailto:l.barnes@adwick.outwood.com)

Year 11 Learning Manager: Miss K Gorton- [k.gorton@adwick.outwood.com](mailto:k.gorton@adwick.outwood.com)

Post-16 Assistant Principal: Mr Nick Tweedale - [n.tweedale@adwick.outwood.com](mailto:n.tweedale@adwick.outwood.com)

Safeguarding and Lead Learning Manager: Mrs S Richardson -

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Inclusion Manager: Mrs J Simpkin - [j.simpkin@adwick.outwood.com](mailto:j.simpkin@adwick.outwood.com)

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I wish you all a safe and relaxing summer and look forward to working with you and our young people again after a very well deserved summer break.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Scruby', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Andy Scruby  
Principal