

July 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we draw to the end of a very busy and successful first year at Outwood Academy Freeton we now find ourselves preparing for the new academic year that will begin in September. It has been an exciting first year where many changes to the environment, learning and curriculum have taken place. We have high standards and expectations of all students and staff and this is seen by visitors and the positive feedback received. I would like to thank all parents and carers for their patience and support in this time of change. We are really looking forward to next year in taking the academy from strength to strength.

### **GCSE Results collection:**

Students and staff have worked extremely hard during the year and we eagerly anticipate celebrating what I am confident will be the academy's best ever results. We look forward to sharing student's accomplishments with them in August:

- GCSE results for **Year 11** – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August between 10.00 and 12.00 in the Academy Sports Hall
- GCSE results for **Year 10** – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August between 11.00 and 12.00 in the Academy Sports Hall

Full details are available on our website.

### **Arrangements for September 2019**

- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – INSET day, Academy closed to students
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – INSET day, Academy closed to students
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September - **Year 7 and Year 11 only** to arrive at the Academy between 8.00am and 8.20am (Years 8, 9 and 10 are not expected in on this day)
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September – **all year groups** in the academy

**Year 11 enrichment sessions** every week for the new academic year will be as follows:

- Monday 2.30-3.30pm – Maths
- Wednesday 2.30-3.30pm – Science
- Thursday 2.30-3.30pm – English

Please encourage your child to attend these sessions, they are vital in supporting learning, practice and confidence in readiness for in-year assessments, the mock exams in November and March and the final exams which start in May.

A full enrichment programme for all year groups will be available in September.

### **Expectations for all students:**

All students to please ensure they have their bag (large enough for an A4 folder) and basic equipment (pen, pencil, ruler etc). Students will receive their planner on their first day of return which then must be brought into the academy every day.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you of our uniform expectations:

- Full Academy uniform is expected at all times including uniform for PE
- 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 (no canvas / plastic / trainers / boots, etc)
- No jewellery except a wristwatch (smart watches which connect to the internet/record media etc are not allowed)

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- Make-up must be very discrete, eye brows of normal shape and colour, fake eye lashes are not allowed
- No nail varnish or false nails, hair must be a natural colour
- Chewing gum, fizzy pop (including energy drinks), big bags of sweets and crisps etc are now NOT allowed on site. We are aiming to be a healthy eating site. Students may wish to bring a refillable water bottle – there are water stations in the dining room where free fresh water can be accessed.

In September, on the first day back for each year group, students will receive training on our behaviour policy. A copy is available on our website for you to read. The overarching aim of our behaviour policy is to promote positive behaviour, to ensure our students grow into safe, respectful and responsible citizens and to allow them to learn in a calm environment.

***Be safe, be respectful, be responsible.***

**Uniform collection for new Year 7**

Will take place on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August between 10am-2pm in the Sports Hall**. Trutex will be available at the session with spare items if students need to swap sizes. If you would like to purchase additional items please do so via the Trutex website: <https://www.trutex.com/>

**INSET Dates** (students will **not** be in the Academy on these days):

- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Please also note that the May Bank Holiday is Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020 to coincide with VE Day  
*Attached to this letter is a full list of key dates for your diary.*

**Attendance to the academy is vitally important**

Please **do not** book holidays during term time as this will be counted as an unauthorised holiday and may incur a fine. Students must be in the academy unless they are too ill to leave their home or we have been informed of a prior appointment.

**Student Absence:**

Positive attendance is critical for your child to succeed. If you know that your child is going to be absent, please telephone the Academy before 08:30 where possible.

**Visiting the Academy:**

Visitors are always welcome to visit and tour the Academy. However, to speak to someone specific, please contact us and make an appointment. The member of staff you wish to speak to may not be available.

I look forward to seeing students engaging fully with their learning and progress in September and to us together working positively to ensure the very best for all students in the academy.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very happy summer break. Let's hope the sun continues to shine.

Yours faithfully,



Lisa Allott  
Principal

### Outwood Academy Freeston – Term Dates 2019/20

Day	Date	Information
Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2019	Term starts for staff (Inset day)
Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2019	Staff Inset day
Wednesday	4 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	Y7 & Y11 Return to school
Thursday	5 September 2019	All students return to school
Tuesday	24 <sup>th</sup> September	Y11 Revision/Information Evening
Thursday	24 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	Break up for half term (2.30pm)
Friday	25 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	Disaggregated training day
Monday	4 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	Students return to school
Tuesday	12 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	Y7 & 11 Parents Evening
Tuesday	12 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	Y10 Parents Evening students completing Y10 exams 2020
Thursday	19 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Break up for Christmas (2.30pm)
Friday	20 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Disaggregated training day
Monday	6 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	Students return to school
Tuesday	4 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	Y7 & 11 Parents Evening
Tuesday	14 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	Y8 Guided Pathway Parents Evening
Friday	14 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	Break up for half term (2.30pm)
Monday	24 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	Students return to school
Tuesday	25 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	Y9 & 10 Parents Evening
Tuesday	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2020	Y8 & 11 Parents Evening
Friday	3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2020	Break up for Easter (2.30pm)
Monday	20 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	Students return to school
Friday	8 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	Bank holiday – Anniversary of VE Day school closed
Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2020	Break up for half term (2.30pm)
Monday	1 <sup>st</sup> June 2020	Students return to school
Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2020	Y11 Prom @ Rogerthorpe Manor
Monday	6 <sup>th</sup> July 2020	Y8 Graduation Ceremonies
Tuesday	7 <sup>th</sup> July 2020	Y8 Graduation Ceremonies
Wednesday	8 July 2020	Y8 Graduation Ceremonies
Friday	10 <sup>th</sup> July 2020	Y8 Graduation Outward Bound day
Friday	17 <sup>th</sup> July 2020	Break up for summer (2.30pm)
Monday	20 <sup>th</sup> July 2020	Disaggregated training day

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