

Principal's Blog

14th July 2023



EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT TEACHER SERVICE - SUMMER HOLIDAY SUPPORT

For parents who have worries about their child's return to school in September, the EIT's (Education Improvement Teachers) will provide strategies on what parents can do to try to help their child and provide advice on what could be done to help.

The "Call an EIT" service is available for parents and carers throughout the school summer holidays.

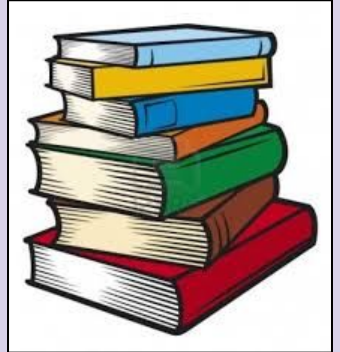
[Full details are on our website here.](#)



READING AND LITERACY NEWSLETTER

Our final literacy newsletter for this academic year has now been released. Read about our July Reading Challenge, Summer Book Bucket List and the huge amount of reading praise.

[Read in full here.](#)



YEAR 6 TRANSITION DAY AND EVENING

Year 6 students came to our academy on Tuesday for the first time all together. It was an absolutely brilliant day, their behaviour and enthusiasm was fantastic and a real credit to their families. We were so proud of them.

In the evening, families came to collect their free uniform bundle, please remember that any items can be swapped in the academy on **Thursday 27th July 10.30am - 3.45pm**. Please leave tags on any clothing you will be swapping and remember there is nowhere to try on items in the academy.

We were then packed out for an information session lead by the Principal reminding families of what will happen on the first day in September and what to expect in the coming months. [A copy of the presentation can be found here.](#)

Thank you to everyone who joined us.

YEAR 10 VISIT PONTEFRACT NEW COLLEGE

A huge thank you to Pontefract New College for welcoming the vast majority of our Year 10 students to the taster day. Students had a fantastic time sampling lessons and getting to know what college life would be like.



STUDENT VOICE CONFERENCE

Outwood Grange Academies Trust are pleased to announce that we are hosting a follow-up event for the Student Voice Conference last December. We will continue to focus on 'Climate Change and Sustainability' because as a Trust, this is something which we take very seriously.

The Conference will provide an opportunity for students to contribute to the development of the Trust's Climate Change and Sustainability Strategy and share the progress they have made since the last Conference. We look forward to being involved in this.

[Full details are here.](#)

DUKE OF EDINBURGH UPDATE

Duke of Edinburgh assemblies have been carried out this week, to engage and enthuse current Year 9 and Year 10. Our Year 9's will be able to start their Bronze Award from September and any Year 10 student can sign up to do their Silver Award. Both are great opportunities for our students to get involved in the community through their volunteer/physical/skill element of the award. But also the expedition award to experience the outdoors and camping with their peers.

The current Year 10 students who are carrying out their Bronze Award have completed their skills day in school and are now gearing up to do their expedition walk on the 13th July. This walk involves walking to Nostell Priory and back without the aid of staff, just maps and instructions. This will be a great opportunity for them to work independently and learn new skills.



YEAR 9 GRADUATION TRIP

Our amazing Year 9 students have now graduated and are ready for the trip, this year this will be Alton Towers - as chosen by the students. This will take place on Wednesday 6th September and we wish students a fantastic day.

