

# Principal's Blog

Friday 26th February 2021

## STAYING IN TOUCH WITH OUR HEALTH

We have had a great first week back. Our **first live virtual parents evening** took place with Year 7 and 8 parents meeting with their child's form tutor. These continue in March with Y9 - Y11 meeting with subject teachers. We hope that this method is retaining that important opportunity for you to find out about your child and their progress.

We now know that we will be **returning week commencing the 8th March**. We are currently confirming the plan of how we will do this and conduct the tests for those with consent. I hope to be able to write to all parents early next week with the full schedule. We will of course be ensuring that the tests and our return are as safe as possible. Our risk assessment is currently being updated to reflect the required changes and this will be shared with you as normal on our website. We aim for this to be available from the 5th March at the latest.

It is important that all students are **ready for our return** with regards to having plenty of masks, their planner and equipment and uniform. If you have any concerns please make contact with us.

**Wellbeing Hampers** - our students have shown amazing resilience during the latest national lockdown but with the reopening of schools across the country, this now presents a new set of challenges to overcome. One of the major tests students have had to face is managing their wellbeing at home. As an Academy, we recognise the importance of looking after your wellbeing and so have created a number of wellbeing hampers to help support our most vulnerable students. The hampers include fun activities, healthcare products and stationary to prepare students for their return to school. We are looking forward to welcoming our students back from the 8th March and continue to ensure the health and wellbeing of everyone at



Outwood Academy Freeston remains at the forefront of everything we do.

**Healthy Wakefield Charter Mark** - we have recently been awarded the Healthy Wakefield Charter Mark for our pledge to promote the positive health and wellbeing of our students and staff. Through the delivery of wellbeing sessions, to celebrating Children's Mental Health week and the resources available to students, staff and the community, we are thrilled to receive the Charter Mark for our commitment to positive health and wellbeing.

A recent parent survey identified that **Facebook** would be a facility you would like us to use to share the work of our amazing young people and give updates. This is now available for you, there is little on there at present but we will add more to this over the coming weeks.

Information Site to access support can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/y4pwhzqa>



Virtual Parents Evening - Dates for your Diary

Tuesdays - 3:30pm to 6:30pm

- ★ **Y9 & Y10**  
with Subject Teachers  
9th March 2021
- ★ **Y11**  
with Subject Teachers  
23rd March 2021

Look out for a text/email explaining how to book your appointment time.

## Guardian Summaries

We often receive from parents questions about how they can further support their child. One method is by signing up to **Guardian Summaries**. A detailed support area for this is here <https://classroom.freeston.outwood.com/home>. Guardian Summaries will allow you to see what work your child has been assigned.

## Wellbeing for all is vital

A reminder that there is the green button on our website taking to [Mental Wellbeing - Outwood Academy Freeston](#) and our own support site [Mental Wellbeing Resource Site](#), please use these and share with others.

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