

Principal's Blog

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COMMUNICATION

XPRESSIONS

As an academy we are trying to save money from text messages to use on vital resources for young people. Every text message that we send out is a cost to the academy. We would love for every parent and carer to instead sign up to Xpressions - an app where we can update you for free instead of sending a costly text.



For this to work, please ensure we have your current mobile number and email address. Registration is then really easy using these details, here is how to do it: <https://parents.groupcall.com/setup/account-registration/> Thank you for helping us to save money and remain in contact with you as required.

HEARING YOUR VIEWS

We love to hear your ideas and views about the academy - what is going well and ideas for the future. Please contact us on our email address with any information or requests for support: enquiries@freeston.outwood.com

OFSTED also collect parent views on their Parent View site: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>

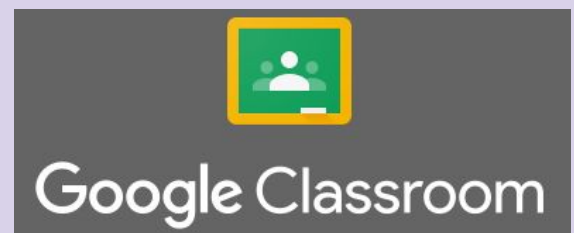
TWITTER

Follow us on our Twitter feed **@OutwoodFreeston** We tweet often about upcoming events and showcase the amazing work our young people are doing.



GUARDIAN SUMMARIES

Staying in touch with your child's learning is really important. We use Google Classroom for our online learning platform, students can access the in-academy lesson materials, supportive videos, demonstrations of techniques etc Students can also submit their work to the site and also receive feedback from their teachers. Students have a separate classroom for each of their subjects, a classroom for their year group and then there are additional classrooms for wellbeing etc



Parents, you can get involved too! 'Guardian Summaries' keeps you updated. Just complete the opt-in Google Form with your child and you can then select to receive daily or weekly learning updates. (Please note: this must be completed through their student Outwood google account).

These emails, known as 'Guardian Summaries', include information about missing work, upcoming work, and class activity including announcements and questions posted in the class stream.

Year 7 have this week in their IT lessons been receiving their log on to the system, over the next few weeks they will be ready to share Guardian Summaries with you.

For more information: [Classroom.freeston.outwood.com](https://classroom.freeston.outwood.com)
Google Form Quick Access:
<http://guardian-summaries.outwood.com>

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