

# Newsletter

## 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.

## Wellbeing Surveys

have been designed and posted into Year Group Classrooms for students to complete. This will be on a weekly basis, so we know how they are getting on. Thank you to the Tutor Team and Tech support for the work they are doing for our students every morning: great way to start the day!

## Quality Mark

We have been awarded the Inclusion Quality Mark. A true testament of the passion and amazing work which everyone does every day (including during lockdown) to support all in our academy. We are immensely proud of this.



## Website

On our website there is now a link underneath the main menu for anything Covid-19 related. All letters, documents etc are now on here. We will also post anything we feel will support students to learn at home. We have also added to the site a troubleshooting top tips document, a link to a dedicated support site (<https://homelearning.outwood.com/>) plus all the weekly overviews for online learning for the following week including a whole academy overview. However, if you have any issues please make contact with us.

[freeston.outwood.com](https://freeston.outwood.com)

*Thank you* to all parents and carers for their feedback on our Jan survey.



Of those who responded to the question, **94% feel that our remote learning provision is good or better.** We are exceptionally proud of this. In addition, we strive to make contact with all parents where a comment has been raised or a query.

## 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.

## Information Sites

Over the last year we have been aiming to pull together a wealth of support mechanisms for parents/carers and our young people. To make this easier for you we have pulled all of these together, the link is here: <https://tinyurl.com/y4pwhzqa>. If you feel there is an area where we could support further please get in touch with us.



## Options in Year 8

Students as they move from Year 8 into Year 9 at Outwood Academy Freeston, have their first main point of choice within their 5 year educational journey with us. The use of Year 9 in this way is one of the hallmarks of our curriculum. This, along with the permanent, supernumerary subject specialist directors of English, maths, science, humanities, modern foreign languages, computer science and the arts, who work across all of our academies, are key to helping the teachers within each academy to add the maximum value that we can, to your child's education. In addition to these important subject specialists, we also deploy specialists in Special Educational Needs & Disabilities and Attendance; regular attendance, especially throughout Years 9-11, is critical to your child's success.

## Daily Live Lesson Schedule



All Information is posted in Year Group Classrooms, on our website and on twitter. When being taught remotely, we set meaningful and ambitious work each day in several different

subjects. We aim to provide remote education that includes either recorded or live direct teaching and should be of equivalent length to the core teaching pupils would receive in school. If you have any questions, please get in touch with us.



## New E-Badges

Students have enjoyed earning their new E-Badges and continue to collect them in their own personal slide deck.

## Reading

Our students now have access to 'myON'. This is an online reading platform that provides access to over 5000 titles and links with their accelerated reader data.



We already have a total of 16 millionaires - 10 more than this time last year! **Please get in touch with Mrs Walsh or Mrs Hartley for more information about 'myON'.**

## Careers and Progression

All Year 11 students will have had their initial careers meeting by February half term. Following on from that many students have already applied for their next steps. Lots of these students will now go on to have interviews to ensure they are applying for the correct course at the right level. **Please get in touch with Mr Daniels for more information about careers and progression.**

Students are encouraged to log on and fully participate in their online learning. Each year group has been provided with a full online timetable. We appreciate that sometimes your children share devices, please get in touch if we can help in any way.



Students who achieve 100% attendance to their online lessons, will be awarded virtual certificates.

## Attendance Matters in Blended Learning



Praise Postcards handwritten from Mrs Allott, acknowledging the amazing work our students are continuing with throughout these unprecedented times. Weekly updates also in Mrs Allott's Principal Blog; please see our website for more details.

## Virtual Parents Evening - Dates for your Diary

- ★ **Y7 & Y8** with your Child's Tutor  
23rd February 2021
- ★ **Y9 & Y10** with Subject Teachers  
9th March 2021
- ★ **Y11** with Subject Teachers  
23rd March 2021

Tuesdays - 3:30pm to 6:30pm

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

## Parents' Evening

COVID-19 operating procedures within academies have affected Parents' Evenings this academic year. The parents evenings will all be virtually and will be 3.30-6.30. Y7 and 8 with Tutors and Y9, 10 and 11 with Subject Teachers. Each appointment will be for 5 minutes and via the new parents evening system. All of this information is published on our website and a text and email sent through to you.

**Please ensure we have your most up to date contact details.**



Watch this space!

# New

Outwood Academy Freeston  
Facebook Page  
coming soon....

Keep in contact with us at

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