

End of Term Newsletter *Summer 2022*



Principal's Message:

It has been a brilliant end to the term, with some fantastic events in the final week. It has been such a privilege to celebrate our Sports Personality of the Year, ACE Awards, Sports Festival and ending with a fantastic Culture Day.

It was such a lovely way to end what has been a long and difficult year, for many of us, in such a positive way.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Academy. I wish you and your families a wonderful summer break, ready to return for a fantastic start to September, on Monday 5th September, at 8:15am.

Stay Safe and enjoy the summer!

Skidmore's
Final Thought

Staffing Updates:

As we move towards the new term it has been brilliant to have Mr Palmer and Mr Middleton join us, as new Vice Principals.

Mr Middleton joins us with a wealth of experience within the Outwood Trust, moving from Outwood Academy Bydales. Mr Palmer is new to the Trust and moves after a successful OFSTED at his previous school.

We also wish those staff who are leaving us a fond farewell as they move on to pastures new. With a notable mention to Mrs Elder who is taking retirement after 23 years in the Academy, alongside Mr Rhodes who moves to become Head of School at Outwood Bishopsgarth in September.



Mr Ian Middleton



Mr Chris Palmer

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Year 11 Ready!

Following on from the successful evening in the penultimate week of term our Year 11 students have been handed their '3 is the Magic Number' summer success pack. We are asking parents to support us, in keeping the brain working over the summer, with short 20/30 minute tasks to be completed each week in the core subjects of Maths, English and Science.

Students have been given an exercise book to complete the work in and copies of the work can be found in the Year 11 Google Classroom.

Your child will need to accept the invite for this classroom.

Little and often, changes habits and forms success!



Learning Managers:

As we wish Miss Robinson well as she leaves for maternity leave, there are some staffing updates within the Learning Manager team, and we welcome Miss Southall to the team.

For September Year 10 will be supported by Miss Southall. For all other year groups, Learning Managers will move up a year with their year groups.

Online Safety:

We have had some information shared from CEOP, aimed at offering support to parents and carers over the summer break.

#CEOPSummerSafety

Over the summer CEOP will be covering a different online safety topic each week on their social media channels, helping parents and carers to learn more, talk to their children and take action together. Posts will support parents and carers with articles, activity sheets and videos on the following topics:

- Cyber security
- Social media
- Gaming
- Live streaming
- Sharing images online
- Watching videos online

For more information, you can find CEOP on social media at the following locations.

Twitter: @CEOPUK Facebook: Click [CEOP](#) and follow the #CEOPSummerSafety to stay informed.





Uniform:

As parents and carers approach the summer, when families usually buy and replace uniform, please can we provide a reminder of uniform expectations:

- Plain black shoes (must be polishable) – no trainers, boots, pumps or canvas shoes will be allowed
- Socks/tights- they must be plain black
- Jewellery- No jewellery is allowed except a wrist watch and a Medic Alert necklace or bracelet. Smart watches are not allowed in the Academy. No rings or ear piercings
- Outwood tie- must be worn at all times
- Bag- all students need a bag that can fit in a planner and an A4 workbook. All students must have their planner with them.
- Hair colour- must be a natural hair colour
- Nail polish and any type of false nails (including clear gels, acrylics, extensions, etc) are not allowed.
- No hoodies, coats or jackets to be worn inside school

Should you be unsure, or required further details on our uniform policy, details can be found here:

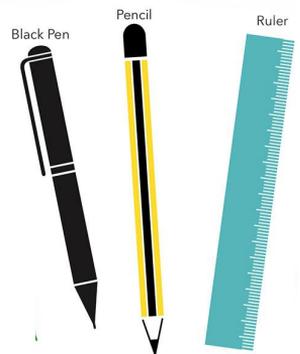
<https://www.acklam.outwood.com/uniform>

Equipment:

Being equipped is the key to success at school and in preparation for the new term, the basic expectations that all students should arrive to school with, every day, are:

- A planner - which is provided by the Academy and students will receive this in September.
- A pen
- A pencil
- A ruler
- A bag - that can fit their planner, pencil case and an A4 workbook.

Pupils **must** also bring a suitable bag to school everyday to carry their equipment, planner and text books.



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Lateness:

We want all of our students to be punctual to the Academy to avoid missing learning time.

If a student arrives 5 minutes late on a daily basis, that results in 3 days of learning lost in the academic year.

If a student arrives 30 minutes late on a daily basis, that results in 19 days of learning lost in the academic year.

From September the time a student will be recorded as 'late to school' will change, due to a change in DFE guidance. All registers must now close 30 minutes after they open, ours will therefore close at 8:50am and anyone signed into school after this point will be classified as 'late to school.'

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

≤90%

**PERSISTENTLY
ABSENT**

At 90% you have missed almost 100 lessons in a year. Attendance at 90% each year means that by Year 11, you will have missed out on 6 months of learning.

>90%

<93%

**IMPROVEMENT
REQUIRED**

92% equals 3 weeks of lost learning every year. Between Year 7 and Year 11, this means 15 weeks lost in total.

≥93%

<96%

**COULD BE
BETTER**

95% means a half-day missed every 2 weeks. In a year, that's 43 lessons to catch up on.

≥96%

<100%

**VERY
GOOD**

At this level, you give yourself the best chance of achieving your potential. 96% equals 7.5 days absence in a year.

100%

PERFECTION

School Lunch Prices:

From September, there will be a slight Increase in lunch charges, with a main meal moving to £1.75 and a meal deal (meal and a drink OR dessert) moving to £2.25.

We have maintained current prices for a significant period of time, however, the cost of providing school lunches in the current climate is ever increasing.

For those who receive free school meals the amount credited to your child's account will be adjusted accordingly. Please could I also take the opportunity to encourage you to apply for free school meals if you may be eligible, or become eligible. For further information and to complete applications, please click the link below:

<https://www.middlesbrough.gov.uk/benefits-and-council-tax/free-school-meals>

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Additional Support this summer?

Should any of our students, or families need some additional support over the summer, then please utilise the Academy 'Mental Wellbeing' page of our website. It can be found here:

<https://mentalwellbeing.outwood.com/>

Or alternatively by clicking the 'Green Button' on the front page of our website. This page gives links to key agencies who may be able to support, in addition to further websites which include additional guidance and support.

Y6 Transition 2021

Mental Wellbeing

Contact Us

Year 7 Uniform Collection:

For all new Year 7 students, uniform collection will take place on Monday 8th August 2022. With the returns event running on Monday 15th August 2022.

All Year 7 students will need to collect their uniform from school, however, if there are any issues then please attend the returns event so we can rectify any issues.

Timings for the events can be found here: [CLICK ME](#)

GCSE RESULTS -

Thursday 25th August 2022:

GCSE Results will be available for collection at 10am for Year 11 students.

Any students in other year groups receiving results, can collect these from 11am.

Should you have any questions regarding collecting of exam results, please email

l.carroll@acklam.outwood.com

Academy Events:

The Academy has ended the Academic year in such a positive fashion, with some amazing events.

- ACE / Sports Personality of the Year Awards
- College Taster Days
- Year 11 Prom
- Gypsy and Traveller Month Celebration
- Sports Festival
- Culture Day

We hope you enjoy the pictures on the final page and they give a flavour of the amazing events and celebrations we have had in final weeks of term.

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Academy Events

