

5 March 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am delighted that your child has been allocated a place at Outwood Academy Acklam from September 2024, and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a warm welcome to our school community. It is also fantastic, that once again, we have received a record number of applications and the number of places allocated means year 7 next year will be full! I understand that you want the very best for your child and we will aim to build a close, friendly and effective relationship with you that will directly benefit your child's education.

At Outwood Academy Acklam we are determined to raise standards and in turn transform the life chances of our young people. It is our aim for every young person to reach their potential and be the best that they can be in all aspects of their life.

At this stage, we are not yet in a position to give further details of the transition program, but will write to you shortly to outline these in the near future. It very much is our intention to get our new students into the Academy, spend time with their peers and form tutors and start to experience a typical Year 7 timetable at the school. The opportunity to help students get used to the routines of the school, and thus ensure they have established themselves with their new teachers and subjects before the summer holidays.. Each year, we also provide a full uniform, free of charge, to all new year 7 students. We will confirm the dates relating to uniform ordering in the near future.

During the next few months, our Transition Team - including Miss Williams(SENDSCO) Mrs Robinson (Assistant Principal) and Mr Marron (KS3 Pastoral Lead), - will be visiting primary schools to meet students and Year 6 teachers to gather helpful transition information.

**IMPORTANT: We would like you to complete a very short online form so we have a quicker means of communication with you from now on, rather than just by letter. It would also be very helpful if you could confirm via the online form, if your child will be taking their place at Outwood Academy Acklam that we have your correct details and that you are happy for us to text you in future when there is important information to pass on, including the transition and uniform arrangements.**

**The online form to complete is here: <https://forms.gle/EoRwD7ajCqoxM6JE7>**

**Please copy/type this into your internet browser.**

We have tried to make this as short as possible for ease of typing it into your mobile, tablet or computer!

If you have any issues completing this form, please email our enquiries email address:

[enquiries@acklam.outwood.com](mailto:enquiries@acklam.outwood.com)

Alternatively, send in a brief written note( if that is more convenient) to the school's address which can be found in the letterhead. You will appreciate we are completely full in Year 7, and so any information about students not taking up a place will be really helpful in terms of managing the anticipated appeals and the already quite long waiting list.

I encourage you to keep up with all the daily and weekly news at our school in the months ahead. You can follow us on Twitter: @OutwoodAcklam or our regularly updated Outwood Academy Acklam Facebook page.

Finally, on our website we will be updating our dedicated page for Year 6 parents and children here:

<https://www.acklam.outwood.com/transition>. It has information relating to last year's transition that may be helpful, but please continue to check this over the coming weeks and months as we update with more information specific to next year!

I look forward to meeting you and your child in the summer.

Yours faithfully



Graham Skidmore

Principal

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