

# Welcome Back Newsletter

## April 2024

### Principal's Message:

It was a busy end to the last term, with our Iftar Dinner, Year 11 Mocks Results assembly and results issued it was genuinely an egg-citing end to the term.

It was wonderful to welcome students and their families into the Academy for our second Iftar Dinner, as well as distributing lots of egg-cellent Easter themed prizes for the brilliant work that our students do each and every day.

This next half term is of crucial importance for our Year 11 students as they prepare for the start of their GCSE examinations. We will be continuing to offer Enrichment sessions for all years this half term, however, Year 11 students will have sessions offered to support with their revision in the final few weeks, all of which will count towards their Prom Points!

**Mr Skidmore**

### 2024 - Term Dates and Key Dates:

Monday 8 April 2024	Students return to school
Friday 12 April 2024	Eid Celebration meal
Tuesday 16 April 2024	Year 7/8 information & progress evening
Monday 6 May 2024	<i>Bank Holiday - students NOT in school</i>
Tuesday 7th May 2024	<i>GCSE Examinations begin</i>
Friday 24 May 2024	Last school day of the half term for students
Monday 27 May 2024	May half term begins

Monday 3 June 2024	Students return to school after May half term
Monday 24 June 2024	Year 10 Mock exams begin
Tuesday 16 July 2024	Year 10 into Year 11 evening and mock results
Friday 19 July 2024	Last school day of the year for students
Monday 22 July 2024	PD Day - students NOT in school
Tuesday 23 July 2024	Summer holiday begins

### Staffing Updates:

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Allinson has joined our Science Department - as Progress Leader in science, since our return after Easter.

We do, however, wish to say good luck and farewell to Mr Robertson and Mrs Craig, who have moved on to new schools. We wish Mrs Craig well in her promoted post in our other Trust School at Outwood Academy Bydales.

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## PLANNERS...

### Getting organised!

The planner is a really effective tool to ensure that students are organised.

Parents' Evening appointments are made in the planner, which for Year 7 and 8 parents is upcoming next Tuesday.

These are used as a tool for recording homework as well as being signed by teachers for permission to be out of lessons.

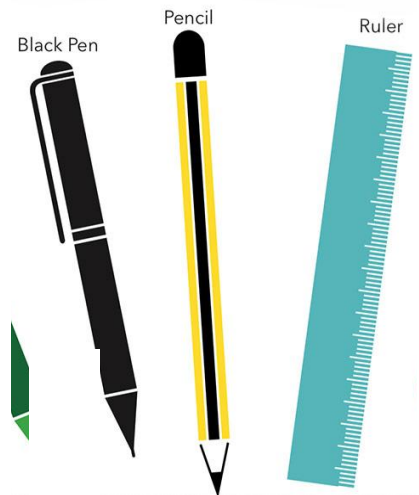
As of next week, students without a planner will be issued with a new planner and the cost of this - reduced to £1.50 - will be added to your iPay account. Can parents please support in ensuring that your child is bringing their planner into school each and every day.



### Equipment:

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

- A planner - which was provided by the Academy - replacements will be issued as above.
- A pen
- A pencil
- A ruler
- A bag - that can fit their planner, pencil case and an A4 workbook.



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## NEW BREAKFAST MENU



Every morning the Academy offers a **free breakfast**, from 7:45 a.m. this consists of **bagels and cereals**. As of Thursday 11th April, we will be widening this offer to include items that students can purchase.

These items will include (not all will available each day):

- Regular and Large Bacon Bun (80p/ £1.20)
- Regular and Large Sausage Bun (80p/ £1.20)
- Toastie (80p)
- Hash Browns (80p)
- Cheese Crumpet (70p)



To be clear, these are optional items and will be charged to your child's school iPay account. The same range of items are also available at breaktime as well.



In addition to the above, we will also be adding 'Radnor Fizz' a school food approved sparkling fruit flavoured drink to the offer of drinks available for 80p; these drinks are not available as part of the meal deals. Free drinking water is available in school, however, students will be able to continue to buy bottled water for 60p (500ml).

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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.
- As of September the time a student will be recorded as 'late to school' changed, 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.'
- Please can parents support the Academy in ensuring that all students arrive on site in good time.

## 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**

### REMINDER: Sprays in school

Please can we remind parents regarding rules of sprays in the Academy. There should be NO SPRAYS or AEROSOLS in the Academy. The use of such sprays could negatively impact upon students and staff in the Academy.



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## Uniform:

Having returned from the break, if there have been any unexpected issues with uniform, please find below a checklist of our expectations for uniform:

- 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

We do appreciate that there are times where, through no fault of anyone, that issues with uniform arise and sometimes families may indeed support to rectify these issues. We do hold a small stock of uniform items in school, and regularly will support with the loan of items to support in such instances.

However, should there be an issue with uniform, please see the box below, with a link to our Hardship Policy, where families can request additional support, if needed.

Should you be unsure, or required further details on our uniform policy, details can be found here: <https://www.acklam.outwood.com/uniform>

## Uniform Support

For any families who may be struggling on need support, please refer to our [Hardship Policy](#).

Also we have access to our 'Preloved Uniform' should you require this service, please go to [www.trutex.com](http://www.trutex.com) and use the school code LEA00980SC.

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## Iftar Dinner



## Academy Events



## Red Nose Day



## Student Voice Conference



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Academy Events

## Easter EGG-celence



## UPCOMING EVENTS - Save the Dates Summer Term



Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd May.  
Tickets for the show will be available to purchase  
through iPay accounts from Monday.

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## YEAR 11 STUDY ROOM

**Summer Term**

If your child is struggling to revise or find a quiet space to revise at home, we are running a study room in school each and every afternoon. The study room opens **AFTER** the usual enrichments finish at 3:30 p.m. and is available until 5:30 p.m.



**3:30 - 5:30 p.m.**  
**EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK**  
*In the build up to GCSE exams*

## YEAR 11 ENRICHMENT

**Summer Term**

**2:30 - 3:30 p.m.**

Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>English</b>	<b>Humanities and Triple Science</b>	<b>Maths / Science</b>	<b>Other subjects</b>