

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Events in the final week

As we are fast approaching the end of the academic year, we are delighted to inform you of all the events we have planned for our students in their final week.

Tuesday 18 July - Year 11 Ready event

Further to [previous communication](#) earlier in the year, we are delighted to invite our Year 10 students and families into the Academy for our 'Year 11 Ready' evening in which we will be outlining the support that will be available to our year 10 students in Year 11, as well as outlining the expectations we have of our students as they move to Year 11.

The evening will take place on **Tuesday 18 July 2023** and will be taking part in two time slots:

X Band students are to attend 4:30 - 5:30pm

Y Band students are to attend 5:30-6:30pm

The evening will give you a chance to hear from key colleagues, have the opportunity to speak to the Senior Leadership Team, Year 10 Learning Manager and our SENDCo. In addition we will be handing out both Mock Results and the final Praising Stars report of the academic year.

Throughout Year 11 there will be a number of opportunities for our staff to meet with you and we will confirm a timeline of key dates in Year 11, so we can work together to support your child to be the very best they can be in Year 11.

Wednesday 19 July - Sports Festival

Students will be participating in various sporting activities throughout the day. The start and finish times of the Academy day remain the same, with students required to be on site at 08.15am following normal morning routines. The usual teaching timetable will be collapsed to accommodate the schedule of events, which will form the basis of the Sports Festival. All students are expected to attend the Academy as normal and we would encourage 100% attendance from students to help make the day a success. Any absence will be recorded in line with school policy.

All students are directed to attend the Academy wearing their correct full PE kit, including shorts, polo shirt, tracksuit bottoms and rugby top, to ensure they are suitably dressed to take part in the Sports Festival whatever their role be on the day. In line with school policy no other items of clothing outside of the policy are allowed to be worn on the school site. This year a variety of sports and activities will be available to students including some inflatables and other fun activities along with more traditional sports such as football, track athletics, cricket and rounders.

All students will be provided with lunch, in the form of a packed lunch, to allow the day to run with as little interruption as possible. Students will also be issued with water throughout the day but we highly recommend your child to bring a reusable water bottle. Students do not need to bring a bag to school on this day and if they do they will be required to leave this locked in their tutor room throughout the day. Due to the current warm weather please also ensure that your child applies sun cream.

Unfortunately, due to health and safety implications, parents are unable to attend the Sports Festival. I trust that you will understand the potential safeguarding difficulties, when making provision for large numbers of parents coming on to the Academy site during the day.

Thursday 20 July: Culture Day

We will be celebrating all cultures of the world, especially focussing on the cultures represented by students (and their families) who attend Outwood Academy Acklam. This will include a change of menu representing a sample of food from various countries; music from various cultures played in the Dining Hall throughout the day; students wearing clothes that best represent their culture.

Examples of clothes that students may choose to wear may include (but is not exhaustive to): different coloured headscarves, saris or thobes. Students who represent cadets outside of school may also choose to wear their armed forces uniform, in addition to sporting tops (football/cricket tops).

Please note that as a part of this cultural wear there are a few simple rules that students will be expected to adhere to, to embrace and take part in the Culture Day in the spirit it is intended:

- The clothing worn should best represent their own culture (students shouldn't be dressing in clothing from a culture that isn't their own)
- The clothing worn should be appropriate for a school day in the culture they're representing. In addition we please ask, irrespective of culture, for no bare midriffs, no skirts or shorts above the knee, and no tops that leave the shoulders exposed.
- Students who don't wish to partake can, of course, wear their school uniform (as this is an accurate representation of British culture!)

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the academy via telephone on 01642 818200 or via email enquiries@acklam.outwood.com

Yours faithfully



Mr G Skidmore
Principal