

Our Ref: PS6

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Dear Parent/Carer

2017-18 has been a great year with significant opportunities for students. In partnerships with the University of York, the University of Sheffield and Sheffield Hallam University, we have inspired substantial numbers of our students to want to go to university, many the first in their family. Our #hellofuture campaign has raised awareness of future employment opportunities and students have eagerly worked with many different employers in careers fairs and in careers cafes.

Students have joined in enthusiastically in our Random Acts of Kindness weeks thanking over one thousand other students, teachers and support staff for a specific act of kindness each week. The support shown for others has also allowed us to collect nearly £1000 for charity over the course of the year and two students have had their hair cut off to be donated to the 'Little Princess Trust' charity for wigs for children undergoing chemotherapy- a very special act of kindness.

Our music and performing arts students played a significant role in the Outwood Academy Family of Schools Barbican event. The play 'Coal' celebrated Doncaster's coal mining past and highlighted the exceptional talent of over 50 of our students.

Once again, students from year 9, 10 and 11 have had their artwork displayed in the National Students Art Exhibition 2018 held under the patronage of the Royal Society of British Artists at the Mall Gallery in London for the most talented young Artists alongside the work of professional artists; a fantastic achievement. Art, engineering, English, maths, science and many other areas of the curriculum continue to inspire our students to make exceptional progress.

This half term we have celebrated the fantastic effort made by year 8 students throughout the year in graduation ceremonies. Students also took part in an outward-bound weekend. We have an end of term celebration of excellent effort and attendance taking place at Keepmoat Stadium. Students will experience working in the media, as journalists or as football coaches for the day!

I am also proud that learning continues to take place up until the last lesson before we break up for summer on 19<sup>th</sup> July. Attendance continues to be important as every lesson continues to count.

### **Arrangements for September 2018**

We look forward to welcoming students back into the Academy on our return in September. Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September is a staff training day and the Academy will be closed to students. Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September the Academy will be open for year 7 students who will start at 8.25am and year 12 students who will start at 10.25am in the Main Hall. On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September, the Academy will be open to all students.

### **Programme of Refurbishment**

Over the summer holidays, there will be a number of significant projects taking place including the further erection of security fencing around the academy site for safeguarding purposes and refurbishment of 10 classrooms.

### **Uniform**

Please note that all uniform, with the exception of shirts must have an Outwood Logo. Uniform includes a long or short sleeved oxford white shirt with a stiff collar, academy trousers or an academy two pocket skirt with 40 denier tights, academy blazer, plain black socks and plain black shoes- no trainers, pumps, boots or canvas shoes or ornate decoration on shoes such as gold buckles. It is optional for students to also wear an academy V-neck jumper or tank top. Please also note that no jewellery should be worn, and only natural make-up.

### **Uniform Collection Dates**

Year 7 uniform can be collected from the Academy on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August between 10.00am and 3:00pm. Additional uniform can be purchased from Trutex, please see the Academy website for further details. Cliffs (clothing store in Doncaster Town Centre) also hold a small stock for sale.

We look forward to seeing all of our students return to school on either 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> of September and hope you have a wonderful and safe summer break.

Yours faithfully,



Jayne Gaunt  
Principal