

Our Ref: PS6

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Dear Parent/Carer

As we come to the end of another academic year I would like to share with you some of the many wonderful things accomplished.

There have been over 50 educational visits this year including a trip to the first world war battlefields, geography field trips to the Holderness Coast, photography trips to York and Hebdon Bridge, Year 7 Spanish Spelling Bee, Enterprise Challenge in Wembley, Year 11 theatre trip to see 'Blood Brothers' and the year 8 Outward Bound, to name a few. We look forward to many more in the new academic year.

Close links have been developed with even more partners in industry and universities to provide weekly careers stands at lunchtime and two careers fairs. Partnerships have continued with the Universities of York, Sheffield and Sheffield Hallam. Alumni students who attended Oxbridge and other universities have also met current students to share their personal journeys. Students have visited Mansfield College in Oxford.

Students have continued to be successful in sport, particularly boccia, table tennis, athletics and rugby and continue to excel in music, performing arts, photography, graphics and fine art. Students have shown great dedication to engineering, science, geography, history, languages and especially maths and English and we are expecting the best results the school has ever achieved this summer.

It has been an amazing year and thank you for all the support you have shown our academy. Students continue to develop their talents as they progress on their school journey making us all immensely proud.

I enclose a magazine which highlights a few of the many things that have taken place this year.

The New Academic Year

We look forward to welcoming students back to the academy after the summer holidays and we return to school in September as follows:

Monday 2nd September: Academy closed for INSET day

Tuesday 3rd September: Academy closed for INSET day

Wednesday 4th September: start of school year for **Year 7 and Year 12 students only**

Thursday 5th September: All students in the academy

School Meals

From 1 September 2019, the price of our 'meal of the day' will increase to £2.30 with a further increase from 1 September 2020 to £2.55.

Whilst we appreciate that this a cost increase, we are implementing this gradually and there has previously only been one rise in the last six years. Doncaster LA have already implemented an increase to £2.55 across the authority.

For any students who currently have a limit set on their account to £2.10 this will automatically be increased to £2.30. If you wish to change the limit that is currently set for your child's account you will need to contact the academy - parentpay@danum.outwood.com

We believe that school meals represent the best option in terms of contributing to a healthy diet and value for money, when compared to other sources of food i.e. packed lunches. All our menus comply with current food and nutritional standards.

For our students in receipt of Free School Meals, the increase will be applied to the daily allowance. This will ensure they continue to have access to the main meal and dessert menu. Your child will be eligible for free school meals if you are receiving one of the following benefits or support:

- Universal Credit - If you apply on or after 1 April 2018, your annual net earned income must be no more that £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to 3 of your most recent assessment periods.
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit but not Working Tax Credit and your annual income is below £16,190 (as worked out by HM Revenue & Customs)
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- parents receiving Working Tax Credit for four weeks after their employment finishes are entitled to free school meals during that period. This also applies to parents who start working less than 16 hours per week

Further information can be obtained by accessing this link:

<http://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/free-school-meals>

Student Safety

Recently, on her way to school, a student did not use one of the footbridges on Leger Way and was run over by a car. Thankfully her injuries are mending and she will make a full recovery. Please remind your son/ daughter to always use the footbridge or a crossing when crossing the busy roads around the academy. This incident could have had a much worse outcome.

Finally, we would like to wish you a wonderful and safe summer holiday and we look forward to seeing students return in September.

Yours faithfully,



Jayne Gaunt
Principal