

Our Ref: JGT

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Dear Parent/ Carer,

Outwood Academy Danum has had a fantastic 2016-17. Students across all key stages have made excellent progress and we are expecting significantly improved GCSE results in August as well as very good A Level and AS results. Student attitudes towards these exams has been exemplary.

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.

Five students from year 9, 10 and 11 have had their art work displayed in the National Students Art Exhibition 2017 held under the patronage of the Royal Society of British Artists at the Mall Gallery's in London for the most talented young artists alongside the work of professional artists. A fantastic achievement.

We continue to see excellent work in all of the arts subjects. Summer Serenade was a wonderful event showcasing the diverse musical talent of our students.

Students have also had opportunities to reflect on future careers in a Year 10 careers speed dating event with workshops run by universities and employers and a Year 12 visit to Nottingham Trent University. Many of our students are working with Sheffield Cutlers, HeppSY and the University of York to support raising student aspirations.

We have an end of term celebration of excellent effort and attendance taking place at the Keepmoat stadium. Students are working in the media, as journalists or as football coaches for the day. We have had successes in sports competitions including at the National Junior Athletics Championships for disability sport at Warwick University where our students took 6 gold and 6 silver medals.

I am also proud that learning continues to take place up until the last lesson before we break up for summer on 20th July. Attendance continues to be important as every lesson continues to count.

Arrangements for September 2017

We look forward to welcoming students back into the Academy on our return in September. Monday 4th September is a staff training day and the Academy will be closed to students. Tuesday 5th 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. On Wednesday 6th 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 erection of security fencing around the academy site for safeguarding purposes, in addition to refurbishment of two science laboratories and 10 classrooms.

Uniform

Please note that all uniform must have an Outwood Logo. Uniform includes an academy long or short sleeved white shirt, academy trousers or two pocket skirt with 40 denier tights, academy blazer, plain black socks, plain black shoes- no trainers, pumps, boots, 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 Friday 11th August between 10.00am and 1.30pm. Trutex, our uniform suppliers will also be hosting a uniform selling event on Friday 11th August 1.30pm-3.30pm.

We look forward to seeing all of our students return to school on either 5th or 6th of September and hope you have a wonderful and safe summer break.

Yours faithfully,



Jayne Gaunt
Principal