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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 – Praising Stars 2

Your son/daughter is now close to completing their first full term in Year 11 at Outwood Academy Danum, we hope it has been a positive one for them. Attendance in Year 11 is currently 91.5%, which is on average 30 hours of lost learning time and therefore is still an area we must improve. We must all work together to ensure your son/daughter attends whenever possible, as this is the foundation for their success in a crucial year for them. Missing even one lesson can affect GCSE final grades.

We are thrilled to report that 95.3% of effort grades in Year 11 have been positive (E1-E3). This illustrates the positive atmosphere that we see in the classroom every day.

There have been lots of success stories outside of the classroom too. Many of our Year 11 students have been busy earning Pledges ready for the Prom, attending after school Maths, English, Science and other subjects. Students have helped out at our Parents' Evening and 6th Form Open Evening whilst many more participated in the wonderful Danum Pyramid Carol Concert held at Doncaster Minster. Current predicted GCSE grades look to be exceptional and with commitment we know your son/daughter will achieve highly.

As we are now at Praising Stars 2, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support in your son/daughter's education and offer you some ideas on how we can work together to ensure your son/daughter achieves their potential in their exams this year, extending their life opportunities.

Maths - Please log onto the Hegarty Maths with your son/daughter. This can be used as a revision tool and to support progress. Should you need the log on details please contact Mrs Raynsford (Head of Maths) at n.raynsford@danum.outwood.com. Students should attend after school maths every Thursday and complete maths holiday packs.

English – Revision guides have been provided for language and literature. Students have practice questions for them to complete. BBC Bitesize is good for revising the literature texts including Anthology Poetry. Please support with revision of all of the texts; Macbeth, A Christmas Carol and Blood Brothers. Students should be using their personal spelling log to practice spellings. There are weekly Anthology Poetry tests to help students revise and help sheets are available to pick up in the LRC.

Science – AQA triple and trilogy students have already been issued with their CGP revision book. This can be used to support your son/daughter's revision in this subject area. CGP exam workbooks are also available to purchase.

Languages – All students have a personal ‘Vocab Express’ account which can be accessed from home and is useful for vocabulary revision. All students also have vocabulary lists/booklets of ‘Go To Verb Phrases’ which they are expected to learn on a frequent basis. We recommend that students practice vocabulary little and often e.g. 10 minutes per day.

Geography – Encourage students to use the following websites to assist in their revision:

- GCSE BBC Bitesize Geography AQA:
<https://www.bbc.com/education/examspecs/zy3ptyc>
- Revision world: <https://revisionworld.com/gcse-revision/geography>
- SCool Revision: <https://www.s-cool.co.uk/gcse/geography>

The following revision guides can be purchased to assist students with their learning:

- New Grade 9-1 GCSE Geography AQA Complete Revision & Practice CGP
- Revise AQA GCSE Geography Revision Workbook: for the 9-1 exams
- Revise AQA GCSE Geography Revision Guide

History – Encourage students to use the following websites to assist in their revision:

- KS3 BBC Bitesize History: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/z7svr82>
- <https://www.historyonthenet.com/>

The following revision guides can be purchased to assist students with their learning:

- Pearson Edexcel revision History

Enrichment Sessions (2:30pm)

- Monday – Science
- Tuesday – History (Director led)
- Wednesday – English
- Thursday – Maths
- Friday – Option subjects

Revision Evening

The Academy will be holding a revision information evening on Monday 26 February 2018 which will help inform parents/carers as to how they can support students in the run up to their exams. Further details will follow.

Parents Evening

On Tuesday 23 January 2018 Outwood Academy Danum will be holding a parents' evening. Parental appointments can be made between 4:30pm to 7:30pm, either at visitor reception or via your son/daughter's subject teachers. This is an opportunity for you to meet with staff and discuss your son/daughter's progress, effort, behavior and successes. The academy's Inclusion Coordinator will also be available, alongside your son/daughter's Learning Manager. We look forward to seeing you on this evening. Please make appointments even if your son/daughter's teachers have not specifically asked to see you.

Can I please ask you to use our website and social media pages to ensure that you stay fully up to date with what is happening at Outwood Academy Danum. Find us on Facebook and follow **@OutwoodDanum** on Twitter.

Please note that mock exams will be taking place the week commencing 8th January 2018. Details regarding these exams have been sent out separately.

Upcoming events to note:

Thursday 21 December 2017	Last day for students – Christmas holidays
Monday 8 January 2018	All students return to Academy
W/C 8 January 2018	Mock exams
Tuesday 16 January 2018	Year 8 and Year 10 Guided pathway information evening
Tuesday 23 January 2018	Parents' evening
Friday 9 February 2018	Last day for students – Half term
Monday 19 February 2018	All students return to Academy
Monday 26 February 2018	Year 10 & Year 11 Revision evening
Friday 23 March 2018	Last day for students – Easter holidays
Monday 9 April 2018	All students return to Academy

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs V Gray
Vice Principal