

Tuesday 11th July 2023

Dear parents and carers,

As our year 10 students have rolled over into year 11 we felt you should know what you can expect for the upcoming academic year, as well as our expectations of our new year 11 cohort.

Enrichment, revision and homework

Students have the potential to achieve higher grades when they attend enrichment after school. Exam results from 2021/22 demonstrated that learners who attend enrichment are better placed to achieve or exceed their targets. These are on the following days:

- Monday - English
- Wednesday - Science
- Thursday - Maths
- Friday - Humanities/MFL

Throughout the year, students will be explicitly taught revision strategies, including a revision fayre and ways parents can support at home. As the year progresses, students will have a raft of lunch interventions and revision breakfasts that they can access to provide as much help and support as possible.

There will be further mocks in year 11 for students to rehearse, practice and hone their exam technique. Preparing effectively for these allows students to get into good habits so that by the summer they are in the best possible position to succeed.

Students can expect homework most weeks in year 11, parents can support by asking students about what homework they have each week in order to prompt students. Receiving and acting on feedback from teachers is the best way to rapidly improve exam skills and knowledge.

Attendance, wellbeing and role modelling

In what is going to be the most important year of your child's education so far, attendance is vital. Anything less than 95% attendance puts them at risk of underachievement. Of course, if a child is seriously unwell they should not come to school, but it is important we teach students resilience to cope with colds etc and every second of learning counts in the final push so students can fulfil their potential.

The pressures of exams can sometimes be overwhelming. If students need help, ask for it and we are here. Whether it is general stress or an issue with a specific subject area, interventions and extra support can be put in place. Mrs Borrill (the year 11 learning manager), students' teachers and the senior leadership team are always happy to help. Students being happy and healthy individuals is just as important as their academic achievements. As parents and carers, please don't hesitate to contact us and talk to school - a successful partnership between school and home is pivotal to supporting students through school life. Our phone lines can be very busy at times, so we would recommend emailing enquiries@danum.outwood.com where your email can then be directed to the relevant member of staff.

As year 11, students are role models to the rest of the school. Younger students will look up to and follow the standard year 11 students set. It is expected that pupils will model positive behaviour and interactions with staff and students at all times.

Prom and celebrations

For many students the prom is a fantastic end to the year and a celebration of five years of hard work at Outwood Academy Danum. Attendance to prom will be incentivised and in order to attend there will be criteria based on attendance, behaviour and engagement amongst other thresholds that students will be informed of throughout the year.

We hope that by working together all students can achieve their full potential.

Thank you for your ongoing support.



Mandy Crane
Principal