

Our ref: DSH/MGR

9th June 2023

Dear Parent / Carer,

We are now entering the final stages of the Year 11 exams. I wanted to share with you how proud we are of how students have conducted themselves with preparation and revision, and their performance in the exams.

I am sure they will continue with the momentum they have gathered through until their final exam, and will continue to prepare using the resources and boosters that we have been working through together.

Below is an overview of key dates and activities over the next few weeks.

### **Exams & boosters**

All students have a personalised exams calendar, which details the exams they have each day. The final large examinations (full year group) will take place on Friday 16th June. Students will attend the Academy everyday until this point as Year 11 students are following a bespoke timetable which has boosters directly before each exam and tailored to the contents and skills required for the exams.

To support revision from home subject Directors from across the Trust will continue to provide online evening master-classes focussing on each subject and each of the areas of study in exams. These sessions have proved to be extremely beneficial and all sessions are recorded so students can access either live or at a more convenient time.

<https://www.outwood.com/revision-masterclasses>

### **Friday 16th June**

After students have completed their exams on Friday 16th June they will leave the site, as this will be their final full day of secondary school at Outwood Academy Portland.

- Students who only have the science exam on the morning of Friday 16th June will sign-out from the Academy site directly after their exam at around 10.30am.

- Students who are sitting the Geography exam on the afternoon of Friday 16th June will remain onsite and will attend a special Geography booster in preparation for their exam at 1.00pm. They will then sign out after this exam.
- A small cohort of students will be taking the GCSE Polish, Further Maths and Hospitality & Catering exam on Wednesday 21st June 2023. Students taking this exam will receive a personalised plan for their booster and day of the exam.

### **Rites of passage**

On Thursday 15th June 2023, there will be a shirt signing event for students. This will be held at the back of school on the field, 2:30-3:30pm. We are really looking forward to spending this hour together with our wonderful students and hope that they will enjoy the chance to celebrate with each other. At this event there will also be music and treats for students to enjoy. Students will be reminded that there is to be no shirt signing during the academic day and those students who are currently on study leave or those that do not meet academy expectations will unfortunately not be able to attend this event.

We request that students bring a spare shirt to sign, so that they can continue to wear their uniform and to support personal space and contact. Students may also wish to bring a memory book to be signed by peers and staff.

On Wednesday 28th June students will be celebrating at their Prom. This is always a wonderful opportunity for students to come together and celebrate their hard work and friendship with peers and staff.

### **Year 11 Results day**

Students and families are invited to attend the academy on Thursday 24th August 2023 to collect and celebrate their results from 9.00-11.00am. Academy staff and careers specialists are on hand to support students with their results and their next steps.

As we move into the last stretch of the exam season and commence planning for the final stages it is important to recognise that we must maintain the level of hard work and commitment that we have seen so far right through until the end, so that students fully meet their potential and secure the fantastic outcomes that set the foundations for their future.

Continued excellent attendance is vital, and the plan ensures that we remain focussed; and maximise every minute. Thank you for your support from home in prioritising your child's commitment to these exams and helping us build belief in them. We look forward to celebrating their achievements later in the summer.

Whilst saying goodbye to a year group as they start their new adventures is always bittersweet, we could not be more proud of the year group and individuals they are. We know they will continue to

accomplish incredible things as they move on and we are really looking forward to welcoming them into school on Monday to celebrate their final week together.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D Sheehan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "D".

**Danielle Sheehan**  
**Principal**