

April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

As we have come to the end of another school term, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support for our school and to inform you of some future changes. Mr Walker and Mr Watson, both Assistant Principals, are leaving us for pastures new, and we wish them well in their future ventures. Mr Campbell, who is currently temporary Assistant Principal and Head of PE at Outwood Academy Valley will be joining our senior leadership team as Assistant Principal after the Easter half term. Mr Campbell has a wealth of knowledge and experience, and we are very excited for him to join us. We will also have another new addition, Mrs Kaur, who will be joining us in the Science department. We look forward to welcoming new members to our team to support our students.

This week, we had the privilege of seeing our musicians perform. I was absolutely blown away by the talent of our students and I look forward to many more fabulous events, now that a more normal service has been resumed. I am very proud of every single person involved.

Our Year 11 students are studying very hard, and have recently sat their mock exams. There are many exciting enrichment sessions taking place after school, and we strongly advise all of our students to attend these sessions. As always, we ask for your support and encouragement with this. On Thursday 31st March, we held a mock results day celebration in the main hall. This was a chance for our students to celebrate and reflect on ways to improve, which is a very important step in preparing our students for the upcoming 'real' examination period. During the Easter holidays, we will be conducting intervention sessions for our Year 11s, and look forward to welcoming those who have chosen to come and study with us over the Easter break.

I would also like to share with you some of the fantastic events and achievements involving our staff and students.

Led by Miss Cook, our Duke of Edinburgh students completed a successful expedition. I had the pleasure of walking with our students and thoroughly enjoyed spending time with them.

Ms Telford accompanied some of our students to Sheffield University as part of the Discover-Us programme. Our students thoroughly enjoyed their experience which gave them a sample of university life. Ms Telford informed me that their behaviour was impeccable and the university staff were very impressed with them.

Two of our year 8 students have been chosen to take part in the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea. This is a fantastic opportunity and a massive achievement. I am super proud of Amy Cohen and Lori Bayer.

Our performing arts students have had a busy half term with performances at the Worksop Music and Drama Festival and at the Priory Church. Our students made us very proud at the festival with

over twenty of them being awarded 1st, 2nd or 3rd prize; the school band and school choir also won 1st prize.

Our Science department celebrated British Science Week with lots of exciting activities and lessons including: gel electrophoresis, space exploration, cress seed investigation.

We are excited for all students to return to the academy on **Tuesday 19th April**. We expect all of our students to be on-site from 08:15 ready to begin their first session at 08:25. The students are allowed into the building at 08:15 and are supervised by their classroom teacher. I have become concerned this term that the number of students arriving late has increased. The academy bell rings at 08:25 and students should be sitting down and learning at this point. Please support your child by ensuring that they are arriving at school on time and ready to learn.

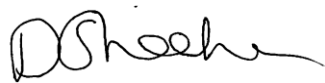
I also expect our students to be in perfect uniform ready to learn. If you need to clarify any aspect of the uniform policy then please refer to pages 22 and 23 of the academy planner. I would also like to draw your attention to the expectations regarding jewellery, **makeup, nails, eyelashes** and hair.

These expectations can also be confirmed on page 23 of the academy planner. The Academy uniform should not be altered in any way, for example by adding clips, badges or stickers. Skirts must not be adapted; this includes folding them over at the top or tying a bobble around the waistband.

Trousers must not be taken in to reduce the width of the leg. Girl's tights must be a minimum of 40 denier. Blazer sleeves must not be rolled up. **School shoes must be plain black, no trainers, no Vans, no Converse, no boots, no pumps or canvas shoes, no Vivien Westwood style shoes.** Shoes should be of a material that can be polished.

I hope that you have a peaceful and restful Easter break. I am very much looking forward to welcoming all of our students back into the academy Tuesday 19th April for what promises to be an exciting term of learning and discovery.

Yours faithfully



Mrs D Sheehan
Principal