

20 July 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

End of Term Letter

As we come to the end of my first full year as Head of School at Outwood Academy Redcar I would like to thank everyone for their support. It is a great honour to be in this role and serving the students in our community. One of the highlights is definitely being able to see the achievements and celebrating students' success throughout the year. I am looking forward to the new academic year and what that will bring.

Goodbye

We have said goodbye to the 2023 Year 11 students. Results day this year is on Thursday 24 August and we are looking forward to welcoming them back to celebrate their GCSE results.

Year 11 are not the only ones we are saying goodbye to this year. There are some staff that are moving to new challenges.

- Mrs Davis is moving to Laurence Jackson School to continue teaching maths
- Miss Colgan is relocating to London and has a place teaching English at a school there.
- Miss Graham is leaving to take up a new challenge teaching maths
- Mr Douglas is moving to Outwood Academy Ormesby to take a role teaching PE and science.
- Miss Fishpool is leaving her role as a teaching assistant to start her teacher training.

We wish them all the best in their new roles as they continue to develop in their careers.

Welcome

With staff leaving and the increasing number of students on role, we have the following new staff starting in September:

- Mrs Hughes who is joining us as Head of Department for maths
- Miss Ahmed is joining us as a teacher of English
- Mr Gardner is joining us to teach KS3 English and humanities
- Miss Chapman is joining us from Outwood Academy Riverside as a Pastoral Leader

- Mr M Johnson did his teacher training with us and is now joining us as a full time teacher of geography
- Mr Greaves who has been with us all year will be staying on as a full time teacher of MFL
- Miss Wright is joining us as a teacher of history

September Arrangements:

The new term for year 7 and year 11 students begins on **WEDNESDAY 6th SEPTEMBER**. Students in year 8, 9 and 10 will start on **THURSDAY 7th SEPTEMBER**. On both days the gates will open and students can arrive from 8:00am, with students needing to be across the purple line by 8:20am.

Building update:

Lots of work will continue to be done over the summer on the building rewire. From September to October half term, the work will start on finishing A block which includes the area and classrooms in the middle of the main building. The student entrance will therefore not be accessible, therefore during the morning, students will enter via the metal side gates to the left of reception. As in previous stages, all students will be informed of any room changes. The planned work for the Academy will hopefully be completed by Christmas.

Uniform:

I would like to point parents in the direction of our website: <https://www.redcar.outwood.com/uniform>. On this page of the website all the Academy expectations can be clearly seen, and we request that parents check this before purchasing uniform items this summer. If you are unsure if something is allowed or not, please always refer back to the uniform page. The page also has pictures of the types of shoes/shirts that are acceptable. Although all new Year 7 students have received a bundle, we appreciate that families often want to order extra items or spares, so please consider the information below before you do.

The policy and expectations have not changed, however, I wanted to remind parents of the following points:

- Shoes should be plain black, polishable shoes - **WITHOUT** tassels, decoration or embellishment (canvas and suede are not suitable).
- We do not allow earrings or any other jewellery on any piercings; *anyone wanting a piercing, we would always recommend getting this done early in the holiday, so there are no issues with removing them for school.*
- Nails should not be painted, and acrylic/gel style nails are not allowed, so as above, appointments should be made in good time to ensure any such nails are removed before the start of school.
- Blazers must be Outwood branded (bought through our uniform supplier Trutex)
- School trousers and skirts can be purchased from any shop but must follow the uniform policy.
- Shirts can be purchased from any shop - as long as they are plain white, long enough to tuck into skirts and trousers.
- Full PE kit needs to be worn for all PE lessons.

Equipment:

We expect all of our students to take responsibility for their own learning and part of this is arriving at the Academy on time and equipped. In order to be equipped we expect that all students have a bag (big enough to store an A4 folder), alongside a pencil case with the basic equipment of a pen, pencil and ruler. We will provide each student with a planner (for no cost) in September and this is required each and every day in the Academy. Any planners with graffiti or lost, will need replacing and there is a cost to this.

Parent Governor:

We have a vacancy on our Academy Council for a parent governor from September 2023. Please contact the clerk to the governing body, Mrs Pegden via the school office, telephone 01642 289211 or via email k.pegden@redcar.outwood.com if you would like to find out more information / apply for the position. This is a great opportunity to be part of school life and make a difference to the students within our academy.

Please enjoy a restful summer break, we look forward to welcoming all students when we return in September.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lee Johnson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text "Yours faithfully".

Mr Lee Johnson

Head of School