

19 July 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

As we prepare for the Summer break I would just like to take the opportunity to thank you for welcoming me to the Academy; this really is an amazing place to be. As is always the case at this time of year many of our thoughts have been on planning the next academic year and so I wanted to use this letter to share a few messages and key dates.

### **Results Days**

Year 11 results will be available to students between 8am and 10am and Year 10 results will be available between 10am and 11am on Thursday 25 August in the Conference Theatre.

Post 16 results will be available on Thursday 18 August between 8am and 11am in the Conference Theatre.

Only the student is authorised to pick up their own results. If a parent, carer, friend or other family member wishes to pick up a student's results without the student present, they must have written authorisation sent in advance to the Exams Office from the student to do this and also bring some identification on the day. Letters can be sent to: Miss Hudson, Exams Office at the address at the top of this letter.

Certificates will not be available until December 2022. Please see details on the Academy website nearer the time.

A Careers Advisor and staff will be on hand to deal with any enquiries and offer advice.

### **First Day Back**

Monday 5 September is staff INSET day. **Year 7 only** will return on Tuesday 6 September and all years will then return on Wednesday 7 September. Students are expected to arrive on site by 8:20am.

### **Water Safety**

There are many hidden dangers, when entering canals, rivers and reservoirs, that have tragically taken lives. The number of accidental drownings in our region is on the rise. Further support and information is available here: <https://www.westyorkshire.gov.uk/safety/water-safety>

### **Mental Health and Wellbeing**

Please take the time to look after yourselves over the holidays. For student wellbeing support please visit: <https://mentalwellbeing.outwood.com/>. For adult support please visit: <https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/health-care-and-advice/public-health/mental-health-wellbeing/mental-health-support?>

For parents and carers of students who are due to collect their exam results, please follow the link to free exam results webinars led by the Anna Freud Centre education and mental health experts. The webinars provide strategies for supporting your child with anxiety before results day and tips and strategies for managing your own wellbeing as a parent or carer. <https://www.annafreud.org/training/training-and-conferences-overview/online-conferences-webinars-and-events/free-exam-results-webinar-for-parents-and-carers/>

### **Parental Engagement**

We want to share with you as early as possible the key dates in the diary for parents and carers to be able to attend the academy. We have a range of opportunities for parents and carers throughout the year to listen to both formal talks and presentations and to watch productions and performances. All these events have time set aside to speak to staff before, during and after the events. We truly believe that parental engagement is a key driver in the success of our students.

As well as the events listed below, we always recommend parental engagement is initiated with your child's form tutor if you have any questions or queries. Tutor email addresses will be shared with you in the first week of September and these will take the form of the following format: Staff-member's-first-name-initial.Staff-member's-last-name@grange.outwood.com

The form tutor can then co-ordinate with the member of staff best placed to answer your query. If it is subject based, please do also contact your child's subject specialist teacher using the email format above.

We are looking forward to working with you in the new academic year. In the meantime, I wish you all a happy and safe Summer.

Yours faithfully

Andrew Downing  
Principal

## Proposed Events 2022-23

September 2022	Proposed date	Event details	Year Group
	27/09/22	Year 6 Open Evening	6
	20/09/22	Year 12 Welcome evening	12
	29/09/22	Parent Mental Wellbeing Information Evening	All
<b>October 2022</b>	12/10/22	Steps to Success Reading Focus	7-9
	18/10/22	P16 Open Evening	11
<b>November 2022</b>	8/11/22	Parents Evening KS3	7-9
	16/11/22	Piano/Vocal Night - Formal Concert in the Auditorium	7-13
<b>December 2022</b>	6/12/22	Parents Evening KS4/5	10-13
	14/12/22	Xmas Concert - Formal Concert in Auditorium	7-12
<b>January 2023</b>	11/1/23	KS4 Revision Event	11
<b>February 2023</b>	6/2/23	The Big Dance Off Competition	7-12
	08/02/23	After School Concert Series	7-13
	7/2/23	Parents Evening KS4/5	10-13
	14/2/23	Parents Evening KS3	7-9
<b>March 2023</b>	01/03/23	A Level Recital Night - Formal smaller scale concert	12-13
	22/03/23	After School Concert Series - Informal small scale performances	7-13
	29/03/23	Instrumental Night - Formal Concert in Auditorium	7-13
<b>April 2023</b>	18/5/23	Parents Evening KS3/4/5	7-13
<b>May 2023</b>	25/5/2023	Annual Dance Showcase	7-12
	10/05/23	Music Award Ceremony - In school for all instrumental student (one period of the school day)	7-13
	24/05/23	Music Awards Celebration Concert - Formal concert in Auditorium (6-8)	7-13
<b>June 2023</b>	07/06/23	After School Concert Series - Informal small scale performances	7-13
<b>July 2023</b>	13/7/23 - 14/7/23	School Production	7-12
	05/07/23	Music Play Day - Year 6 students join OGA students for the day to make music and perform in the evening to parents.	6-12
	12/07/23	Year 6 Open Evening	6
	12/07/23	Tutor Feedback Night	7-12