

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we prepare for the Easter break I would just like to take the opportunity to wish all our wonderful students a well-earned break. We have been proud of all the students and their work ethic so far this year. We are keen to share some exciting news with you for the final term of this academic year. Please find below key messages and notable dates for our exciting summer term.

Upcoming Events

	Proposed date	Event details	Year Group
April 2023	18/5/23	Parents Evening KS3/4/5	7-13
May 2023	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
June 2023	07/06/23	After School Concert Series - Informal small scale performances	7-13
July 2023	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

Sanction Update

From Monday 17 April 2023, we will be updating our consequences system. In principle, the system will remain the same, aiming to reduce low level disruption in lessons to ensure high quality learning can take place. We have removed lunch detentions to our sanction system and reinstated after-school detentions as the first sanction students will receive when issued with a C4a or a C4 Other.

Any student arriving late to the academy will receive a break detention for that day and a text will be sent home. Any student who receives a C4a in lesson, or C4 Other for behaviour outside of the lesson will receive an after school detention for the next day. If, unfortunately, a student does not attend their break or after school C4a detention or they fail to meet the expectations of the

detention, then this will escalate into a C4b detention. Students will be informed of this change in an assembly on the first day back after Easter.

Detentions will still be communicated to home via a sticker placed in the student planner. Please use this to support the Academy by having conversations with your child about why they received a detention and encourage them to be safe, respectful and responsible in the future. Please also use the Parent Portal (details below) to track your child's behaviour.

Parent Portal

Please continue to use the Parent Portal to track your child's progress at the academy. Parent Portal allows you to see your child's attendance, timetable, Praising Stars, consequences, and praise logs. Praising Stars 4 reports will be given to your child today and will be accessible via the Portal immediately.

The Portal can be accessed by parents/carers who have parental responsibility by visiting portal.outwood.com and entering an email address on file with the academy. After a few moments, you will receive an email with a "magic link". Tap on the link to access the portal. No separate account or password is needed—only access to the inbox for an email address we have on file. Please check your spam folder if you haven't received a "magic link."

Wellbeing

It is important that we continue to look after ourselves and each other. If you require any support over the holidays please visit the Mental Wellbeing website (<https://mentalwellbeing.outwood.com/>) where you can find signposting to lots of useful services for help and advice.

Have a wonderful Easter.

Yours faithfully,

Lee Woods
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