

**21st July 2022**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As our thoughts turn to the summer break I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support over the past year. Today students will receive their praising stars 6 report and this marks the amount of effort and commitment given to studies over another year of relative turmoil. You'll remember we began September 2021 with mass testing and then as the year progressed we experienced peaks of COVID and then finally we welcomed the reduction of restrictions as life felt increasingly more 'normal'. These were testing times for our students and we pride ourselves in keeping the academy open every day. I am extremely grateful for the dedication that our students and staff have for their education and also a huge thank you to yourselves as parents and carers reinforcing the importance of good attendance and punctuality. Please discuss and celebrate the achievements with your child and contact the academy if you have any further questions.

Please find below the return dates for our students for September 2022. The rationale behind the staggered start is that it allows our Year 7 students to familiarise themselves with the school site and routines without the additional activity of a fully attended academy day. We will also be able to spend some time with our Year 11 students and ensure that they are ready for their final year ahead.

	Return Date
Year 11	Monday 5th September 8:15am, Period 1 Lessons
Year 10	Tuesday 6th September 8:15am, Period 1 Lessons
Year 9	Tuesday 6th September 8:15am, Period 1 Lessons
Year 8	Tuesday 6th September 8:15am, Period 1 Lessons
Year 7	Monday 5th September, Students go to the Dining Hall at 8:15 to be greeted and collected by the form tutor.

### **Expectations**

It is always worth reminding parents and carers that any students planning to have their ears pierced should do so at the very beginning of the holidays in order to allow them to heal before returning to the academy in September. Students will not be allowed to wear any jewellery, this includes plastic and/or see-through fillers. The uniform expectations are not changing for September and therefore you should check the academy website for pictures of acceptable footwear prior to purchasing next year's shoes.

### **Summer Challenge**

We would like to begin in September 2022 with some praise for our students. Similar to last year, I would like to set the summer challenge for students to '*do something bigger than themselves*'. It would be great if you could support this initiative by informing us if you feel your child has done something special to support another. The form can be accessed below;

<https://forms.gle/56jPgFoUytrogBvL7>

As we now approach the summer holidays we need to recognise for our students that it has been a very hard year. Students have dealt remarkably with the impact of the pandemic and all the challenges it presented and continues to present. I do not underestimate the toll that it may have taken on you as parents, carers as well as the students. I am humbled by the commitment that our students and staff display in order to support the community that is Outwood Academy Hasland Hall; never have I been more proud to work in education.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a restful break and I sincerely hope that your holiday plans go as best intended.

Yours sincerely



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