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Dear Parent/Carer

## Easter - Thank you and Happy Easter!

What an enjoyable term it has been here at Outwood City and I continue to be blown away by the talent, determination and warmth that runs through this building. We hope you have enjoyed seeing some of the amazing things that we have achieved over the past term. Again, there have been so many highlights, and I have listed some below. I also hope you have been keeping up to date with these on our social media pages:

- Twitter/ X- @OutwoodCity
- Instagram- @outwood\_academy\_city
- Facebook- https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61554137376721

This week we; celebrate all those students who excelled in their praising stars by hosting our EI brunch, to say congratulations and well done to those students who achieved more than 7 EIs in their praising stars. Praising stars release day was today, so please take a look and congratulate your child on their excellent report.

We are also immensely proud of the work of our Year 11s who are here, every day, working their hardest to achieve amazing results in the summer. Attendance is the biggest barrier to success, so please support your young people in being here every day, on time, ready to learn. There are now only 20 school days until the real exams start and it is imperative that Year 11 are here for every single day. Our academic enrichment continues to run every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and we encourage Year 11 to attend as many as possible to help secure those grades. We are also offering a plethora of support for students over the Easter break, and we would advise students to attend as many as possible.

Well done to all our attendance winners this term, of which there were many, and they have all received an Easter egg. Well done to all of our Proud Podium winners also - there were so many this time, so please check out our Twitter page to view this fabulous work.

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I'm also pleased to announce that our 'Meet the Leadership Team' event will take place on Thursday 25th April 5-6:30pm so look out for an invite if you would like more insight into what we are doing here at the academy, and what our plans are for the coming years. There will also be a link sent out to send in comments and questions before the event to give us a chance to address these on the night.

I also wanted to thank you all for your support in ensuring that uniform standards remain really high and that our young people are a credit to you, us and their community. Just a reminder that if students want to get false nails and eyelashes over Easter that they are removed for the first day back please.

Can I also just remind parents of our communications protocol, as we have a small number of parents who still aren't adhering to this. We will always try to deal with things as quickly as we can, but please allow three working days for non-urgent enquiries. As our staff are student facing at all points during the day, it is very unlikely that we will be able to see you without an appointment, but we will be happy to organise these via the reception. And finally, please ensure that all communication with the academy is respectful - we know that some situations can be frustrating, but we are all working really hard to support your child and this school, and everyone on this site has the right to do this without fear of abuse and aggression.

That being said, it has been a joy to work with and for this school and community for the past two terms, and I can't wait to see what the summer term brings. Exam season is my favourite time of the year as our young people get to demonstrate how amazing they are, and we see all that hard work pay off so bring it on!

I hope you have a wonderfully restful and joyous Easter and we look forward to seeing all of our young people on Monday 15th April on site, as always, by 8:15am.

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Yours faithfully,

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