

16th December 2022

Christmas Newsletter 2022

Principal's Message

Dear parents/Carers,

I hope you and your families are doing well and managing the impact of the cost of living crisis we face as a county.

We have achieved so much this term, with teachers and pupils working incredibly hard in each and every lesson. When I do my daily learning walks, I am always so impressed by the energy, passion and professionalism of our staff and the attitude and drive of our students. It is a pleasure to see on a daily basis our students excel with timely support, consistent meaningful praise (Hallmark Heros, Praise Points, Round of Applause and Praise Cards) and inspiration from staff.

I am so proud of everything staff and students have achieved this year, and of how they have responded to different challenges during the term and the continual raising of the bar as we improve as an academy. Of course, none of this could have happened without your continuous support as parents and carers. I am also grateful for all the constructive feedback we have received from all of you during the term. I take all the feedback seriously since they help us to continually improve our systems and processes to ensure that we serve you better.

This letter contains some of the highlights of the term and I look forward to sharing even more successes with you in the new year.

The festive period is for spending time focusing on yourself and your family. I wish you and your families a peaceful Christmas and a happy new year. **I look forward to welcoming all our students safely back to the academy on Wednesday 4th January 2023.**

Mr Dzoboku

Armistice Week

Students have had an exciting and busy term in school and have thoroughly enjoyed their learning. During Armistice week we all remembered those who fought for their countries in both WWI and WW2 as well as the numerous wars that have, and still continue to be fought around the world. The whole school observed the two minute silence on the 11th of the 11th at 11 o'clock and members of our school community who are part of the air cadets, sea cadets, police and army cadets laid reefs in recognition of all that did not return home linked to the school specifically Riley Rudd, the school's caretaker who lost his life in 1942. It is specifically poignant as Riley is laid to rest in foreign lands and never made it home. A very special thank you to Ms Pritchard who also delivered some very moving assemblies to all students focusing on soldiers from our school who served in both World War 1 and 2. The service was held in the reception area overseen by Captain Matthew Pritchard, Ms Pritchard's brother, of the British Army. The Last Post tribute was played by previous student of City Jake Ramsden, it was an incredible proud moment as the school united in a moment of remembrance.



OGAT COP Conference



On Tuesday 13 December 2022, Outwood Grange Academies Trust (OGAT) held the Student Voice Conference 2022 at Elland Road on the theme of "Climate change and sustainability". Students worked collaboratively; sharing their ideas and planning how they will implement them in their own schools. The three students who represented the academy were exemplary. Their behaviour, manners and the gratitude they showed is commendable. They demonstrated why we do what we do. They were passionate, well informed and eager to make our work better - we have lots of truly remarkable young people in our academy.

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Outwood Academy City achieves Flagship Status

At the beginning of this academic year the academy was visited by the Inclusion Quality Marks (IQM) assessors to inspect and thoroughly review our provision for students.

We continually strive to refine our inclusion practice and ensure it is at the heart of everything we do.

We are honoured to be awarded “Flagship Status”, the highest award a school can achieve and we can now proudly share this external validation and the assessor’s report which can be accessed via the home page of our academy website.



Winter Wonderland Performance Showcase



We are exceptionally proud of all the students who came to perform at our Winter Wonderland Performance Showcase. The performances were absolutely magical on that evening and the event was enjoyed by all who came to watch. We would like to particularly thank Ms Sellors, Ms Lee and Mr Davenport for all the hard work behind the scenes and for whom without their help and support the evening would not be possible. The Performing Arts department continues to produce exceptionally high GCSE results each year and this is testament not only to these teachers, but also the talent within our school community.

Community Christmas Lunch

We were very pleased to be able to welcome over 50 members of our local community to a Christmas lunch on Thursday 15th December. This was lovingly prepared by our catering team and served by our students. Our guests also enjoyed a seasonal game of bingo! The event is now in its eighth year and continues to be loved by our staff, students and community members.



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Y7 and Y8 Christmas Disco



Certainly a highlight for our younger students is the Year 7 and 8 Christmas Disco which took place on Thursday 15th December. The event was organised by our Y11 Prom Committee. Students enjoyed an afternoon of Christmas hits and dancing. All proceeds from the event will be used to help subsidise prom tickets for our Year 11 students.

E1 Brunch



It was an absolute pleasure to hold the E1 brunch for students who achieved E1 status: E1 effort grades in all or the majority of subjects. This is no small achievement and so it is only right that a celebration event be held to recognise this. Congratulations to all students who received their invitations!

Information Evenings

We welcomed parents and students from all year groups over the past term to give valuable information about our curriculum and teaching and learning pedagogy. It was wonderful to be able to speak to so many parents/carers and we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support.



Upcoming dates for your diary for Spring term:

Wednesday 4th January- Students return to the academy

Vocational Exams - Engineering and Health and Social Care Monday 9th January, Sports Studies, Tuesday 10th January and Enterprise and Marketing Wednesday 11th January

Tuesday 17th January- Year 11 Revision Festival

Wednesday 18th January- Year 9 Guided Pathways Evening


Friday 3rd February- Year 11 Photograph

Wednesday 1st March- Year 9 Flu Vaccinations

Monday 6th March- Year 11 Mocks start

Tuesday 21st March- Year 6 Welcome Evening

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Due to the popularity of our school, we are recruiting for teaching and support staff.

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