

Dear Parent/Carer

Half term 1 - Thank yous and Key Reminders for Half-term 2

As we move to the end of the first half term here at Outwood Academy City, I wanted to write to you all to say thank you for the warm welcome that I have received as new Principal, and for your support in ensuring that our students have made a really positive start back.

It has been a wonderful first half-term, and I have been so impressed with all of our students, being diligent, hardworking and determined to achieve. There have been so many highlights, and I hope you have been keeping up to date with these on our Twitter page @OutwoodCity.

As we move into Half-term 2, I just wanted to clarify some key uniform and standards points to ensure that no time is wasted next half-term, and we can move straight into learning.

- Planners are required every day, and students will need to purchase a new one if lost. However, students can temporarily utilise an orange day planner collected from the Student Information Desk. If students arrive by 8:15am to collect this, there will be no sanction. However, if a student arrives in Period 1 without a planner or orange sheet, this will be sanctioned. Please support students in ensuring that their planners are in their bag each day.

Uniform

- Shoes - after listening to community feedback, we will be allowing black bows on shoes for the rest of the year. However, any metallic or glittery designs or embellishments remain not permitted.
- Boots are not part of our uniform policy and students will not be allowed around the site wearing these.
- Trousers should not be skin-tight or stretchy. Please test the material if you are unsure. Elasticated material is not permitted. Trousers must not be rolled up or modified in any way, and must cover the ankle. Any belts must be fully black and not have decorative buttons, buckles or fashion belts.

- Skirts should not be skin-tight or stretchy, or 'body-con' in style. We recommend wearing a skirt with a pleat to avoid this, and a minimum of 40 denier black tights must always be worn.
- Now the weather is getting colder, students may wear a plain, v-neck jumper with sleeves, but this must never be worn in place of a blazer.

Jewellery and Make-up

No jewellery is allowed on site at all aside from a wristwatch, which must not be a Smartwatch. This includes any facial piercings or tongue bars, and clear studs may also not be worn. Please think carefully about allowing your child to get any piercings, as we do not make allowances for healing time, and young people will not be allowed in mainstream lessons wearing jewellery of any sort. Any jewellery seen on site will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day, so please support us in ensuring that students do not wear any jewellery to the academy. We have this expectation to avoid any learning time lost sorting out piercings, to avoid students losing any precious jewellery, and to further ensure that we can just simply focus on the learning.

Please also note that false eyelashes are not allowed on site. We have made this really clear to students this half-term, so any false eyelashes seen on site will result in a sanction, and students will not be allowed in mainstream lessons until these are removed. The same applies to nail polish and false nails. Again, please support the academy in ensuring that students do not get their lashes or nails done over the half-term break, or, if they do, that they are removed before the next half-term starts.

Many thanks again for your continued support of the academy and the work that we are doing. Have a wonderful half term's break and we look forward to seeing all of our young people back on Monday 30th October at 8:15am.

Yours faithfully,



Emily Rosaman
Principal