

End of Term Newsletter — March 2021

Welcome Back

It was wonderful to welcome students back into school for their first Lateral Flow Tests, from Thursday 4th March. The students coped with the testing arrangements fantastically well and the whole process ran very smoothly. Huge thanks must go to our team of Invigilators who assisted our support staff in registering students, processing the tests and registering the results. All year groups have now had their three tests and your child should have received their first home testing kits.

I cannot thank our students and all of our staff enough for their resilience, positive attitudes and teamwork over the last few months.

Our students have settled back into face to face lessons and it is lovely to walk around the school site and see them all engaging so well, and working enthusiastically.

Social Media

The school has a facebook page and a Twitter account which we use to share student success, examples of good work and other useful information with parents and the wider community. Please follow us if you don't already. We aim to further develop our social media content over the next few months and we don't want you to miss anything.

We are also keen to know about and share our students' successes outside of school. No doubt a lot of clubs and events have been put on hold due to the Covid-19 restrictions but as things start to open back up it would be lovely if you could share your child's achievements with us for us to celebrate.

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Attendance

Congratulations to Year 8 who had 98.8% attendance and were 100% on two days last week.

Evidence shows that students who attend school regularly make better progress both academically and socially.

We strive for 100% attendance for all students. Every lesson counts and it is this commitment to learning that will have a positive effect on student's examinations and will improve their chances and choices in adult life.

Excellent attendance and punctuality prepares children for the world of work and supports development of friendships and relationships.

Comic Relief

Students were invited to wear an item of red alongside their school uniform to raise money for Comic Relief. It was fantastic to see so many splashes of colour including tights, socks, ties and scarves! We aren't able to bring you a fundraising total this time as the donations were made direct to Comic Relief but we would like to thank all those who were able to make a donation.



Covid-19

Please can we take this opportunity to remind parents and carers that if your child is displaying any symptoms of Covid-19 or has received a positive Lateral Flow Test result then they should not attend school and should arrange for a PCR as soon as possible. Please let us know also so that we can trace any close contacts of your child at the earliest opportunity.

Students have been supplied with a further home testing pack and should continue to test over the Easter holidays. Please can you continue to log your test results on the nhs website and to the academy via the Google Form - a link to this form is on the home page of the academy website. Thank you for your continued cooperation with this.

Sixth Form

In addition to a fantastic attendance rate for their live lessons, our sixth form managed to take part in some excellent additional opportunities during lockdown. Our debating team progressed to the final of the English Speaking Union's North Eastern region, whilst year 12 also raised over £600 for charity by completing a virtual relay in January. Thank you to all those who donated. We were grateful to former student Thomas Wrathall for talking to the whole sixth

form about the apprenticeship option he has pursued for the last three years and students have been attending live talks from different universities about life at university. Lastly we enjoyed a sixth form bake-off with some amazing creations presented. Ultimately no-one could begrudge Amelia and Elysia the vouchers they won for winning the competition with their incredible cakes!

Finally...

Over the last term we have welcomed Mrs Mawer, our new Inclusion Coordinator and Mr Roberts as a teacher of history and after Easter we will be joined by Kim Ratcliffe, as SENCo. This week we are saying goodbye to Mr Swales who will be based full-time at Outwood Academy Ripon - and we wish him all the very best for his future within our family of schools.

We have shared below some stunning photographs taken by our Year 9 and 10 students as part of their artwork during lockdown.

Many thanks for your continued support over this last term. We wish you all a happy and safe Easter break and we look forward to welcoming students back into the academy on Monday 12th April.

Miss Eddery

