

Celebrating success at City Fields Newsletter 1 2022-23

A warm welcome to all the new students and parents/carers that we have this year who have joined our City Fields family. It is a pleasure to know we are serving the children in this community and their families. We are always developing our community links and have a strong working relationship with St Swithuns as well as other local providers. We will regularly share good news stories and events with you via our social media sites and there are always highlights on our community pages within each newsletter.

I want to take a moment to reflect on the hard work, dedication and ambition shown by last years year 11 and their tremendous success. I know their results will set them up for bright futures and showcase them as the incredible people they are. It was also heartwarming to see so many parents/carers and Year 11 at our recent Year 11 Information Evening with well over 200 people in attendance. This shows the dedication of the individuals in this year group and is admirable to see how they and their families want to start this final stage at City Fields.

2022 English

4+ = 81%

5+ = 63%

2022 Maths

4+ = 70%

5+ = 52%

Year 6 Open Evening

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Open Evening, again we had over 200 people attend and explore the site as it currently stands. Lots of really great questions about curriculum and future choices. Our student speakers were the stars of the show so a big thank you to: Inman Malik, Maxwell Ajayi and Nyla Lockwood. It is always daunting speaking in public and they showed excellent skills in their planning and delivery.

SparxMaths homework

With a new year we have embarked on a new maths challenge and we are working with SparxMaths to support students development of numeracy and Mathematical understanding. All students in each year group are set homework on Wednesday each week. The homework deadline is 10:00pm Tuesday. Please add this to your calendars at home.

Building Update

Each half term we will update you on the new building work to City Fields as this is extensive. Last half term the commissioned company have attached some documentation to be shared with you.

Student Voice

We have recently had the Student Voice elections and we will be sharing the results very soon. The quality of the applications has been amazing, it has been a pleasure and privilege to read the applicants ideas for Student Voice 22/23.

Following some successful interviews and discussions with SLT we have selected 5 students Khalid Al-Ameed, Sally Manneh, Vicky Blacker, Caden Firth and Rehan Akram to run for Prime Minister.

We follow a democratic process and students get to vote for their Prime Minister. The person with the second highest votes is elected as the deputy. There are also a number of other students who form the heads of the different groups focusing on charities, sustainability, events and celebrations to name a few.

We would just like to take the time to thank Inman Malik and Maahi Dahiya for all their hard work and dedication to Student Voice 21/22, they have really set the bar high for future generations at City Fields.



Safeguarding & Wellbeing

Being safe, being responsible and being respectful is at the heart of our community. We want to make sure everyone has everything they need when they need it. This section of the newsletter will showcase key safeguarding and wellbeing events we have had in school, but also share important links and activities people can get involved with. All the icons are interactive and will take you to the resources provided.



National Wellbeing Resources

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The School Nursing team support students each week with appointments and a drop in service. Wednesday 12-1.30pm

We also have a Concerns and Worries box where students can anonymously raise any issues they have been experiencing, these are only shared with Learning Managers.

Kooth is an online mental health and wellbeing community that students can access. Students can chat anonymously with their online team for anything that may be bothering them. There are also other features to set goals and track mood. This can be accessed by visiting www.kooth.com

Did you know there is a service with childline where you can report an image or video to be removed from the internet?

Scan the QR code below for a link:



In school we have a service called iSpace that works with us. Students can be referred to this service and will receive appointments to support with attendance, attainment and student wellbeing through a mentoring programme.

We recently celebrated World Mental Health Day by taking part in the 'Hello Yellow' campaign.

We delivered an assembly to all years around the theme of 'Hello Yellow' to raise awareness of mental health.

Mr Beane, with the help of 4 of the schools MH Ambassadors, created and delivered the assemblies.

The event provided students with tips on how to keep positive mental health as well as strategies on how to spot the signs that someone might be suffering from poor mental health.

Both students and staff were encouraged to wear something yellow to help raise awareness and show support for mental health.

This message will continue to be promoted within the Academy with kindness assemblies being delivered by Mr Pearson and Mr Beane following up again, speaking to the school during the week of World Kindness Day, which takes place on Sunday 13th November.

Keep your eyes peeled for the Kindness At Christmas competition over the coming weeks.

If you're worried about bullying speak to someone you trust or you can call ChildLine on 0800 11 11

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FOUNDATION

Restart a Heart Day

On Friday 14 October, Year 9 took part in the Restart a Heart Day supported by the wonderful trainees and paramedic team from Yorkshire Ambulance Service.

More than 30,000 students across the UK were taught CPR that day and we are so proud of how our students conducted themselves within these training sessions.

Well done to Y9 and a big thank you to the paramedics for giving up their free time to teach our kids how to Restart a Heart.

Keep an eye out for next years event!

The link below showcases a range of videos linked to CPR -

<https://www.bhf.org.uk/how-you-can-help/how-to-save-a-life/how-to-do-cpr/learn-cpr-in-15-minutes>



On Friday 14 October Oddballs came into school to speak to students about physical health. The OddBalls Foundation was founded in December 2015 to raise awareness of Testicular Cancer. Through the Foundation they hope to make a difference to male health around the world. Their team of 40 University Ambassadors are now delivering over 500 talks a year and reaching over 100,000 people! The University Ambassador Programme has become one of the most popular and competitive ambassador schemes for university students. Gem visited OACF in October to talk to our students about this very important subject. Cancer of the testicle is 1 of the less common cancers, and tends to mostly affect men between 15 and 49 years of age. Cancer is the second-leading cause of death worldwide and 10 million people die from cancer every year. Having the talk by Oddball foundation can raise awareness and improve the life chances of all our students and community.



OACf - New support staff

As we grow as a school we are able to employ some amazing new staff. These teachers and support staff have very varied backgrounds but they have a passion to work in education and support opportunities for young people.

Ben Barnes-Vice Principal

My name is Ben Barnes and I am Vice Principal at Outwood Academy City Fields. I have worked with Outwood academies for 8 years and have worked across our family of schools as a director of computer science. As Vice Principal, I am responsible for attendance, behaviour and expectations, safeguarding and inclusion. Outside of work I enjoy watching all types of sport with a keen interest in formula one and rugby. As Vice Principal I want to ensure the best possible experience for students at City Fields and will work with my teams to ensure that we provide a personalised education to meet their needs.



Danielle Kaye-SID

Hello!

I'm Miss Kaye, the new SID (Student Information Desk). I'm here to act as first contact for all students, whether that is needing a time table to feeling unwell or handling lost property. I also help out with admin tasks such as updating students records, uniform events and reception duties.

A little bit about me; I like reading and going for walks with my two dogs, other than that I'm a bit boring!

Mohammed Qasim-Cover Supervisor

Hi, I am Mohammed Qasim, the new Cover Supervisor at City Fields Academy and I'm looking forward to meeting everyone. If you see me wandering around it usually means I'm lost, so please don't hesitate to redirect me or even stop for a chat. On my time off, I either like playing football or watching football. I'm a huge Arsenal FC fan, COYG!



Charlotte Renshaw-PLC Coordinator

I'm Charlotte Renshaw and I will be the new PLC Co-ordinator. As a former student of City Fields myself I am so excited to be back and ready for a new challenge! I look forward to meeting and working with you all.



Liam Alman-Senior Science Technician

My name is Liam Alman and I am the Senior Science Technician. I have been a school technician for one year before coming to Outwood where I developed my technical skills in all the sciences to support the science department practicals. Before that I graduated from the University of Leicester studying Physics & Astrophysics. Whilst at university I was involved with the chess club and snooker club.

Angela Pang-Teacher of Science and I21 tutoring

I am a teacher of science and I21 tutor here at City Fields. At home, I have 2 children, 3 fish, 2 cats and a piano. I love formula one and western riding. I play several instruments and was once in a rock band. I earned a Blue Peter badge for alerting a sports stadium and starting the evacuation, when it went on fire. I like fantasy novels, am a big Tolkein fan and used to play D&D. I've even done a bit of larping in my spare time.

I look forward to meeting you all at some point. Mrs Pang



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Hannah Sanderson-Teacher of MFL

Bonjour! ¡Hola! I'm Mrs Sanderson and I've just started as a new teacher of MFL at Outwood Academy City Fields. This is my 12th year of teaching but my first one working in an Outwood school, as for the last 10 years I lived and taught in Newcastle upon Tyne where I also met my husband. I'm originally from Wakefield though so it's nice to be back working in my hometown. I speak quite a range of different languages including French, Spanish, German and Mandarin Chinese and I had the opportunity to live in China's capital Beijing for a year as part of my degree which was really interesting as the culture over there is completely different to here in the UK. When I'm not in school I enjoy relaxing at home with my husband and cat, Ruby, going out exploring the countryside, reading, baking and travelling to different countries - especially Greece which is probably my favourite country to visit. My husband and I are expecting our first child in November though, so the travelling might have to be put on hold for a while!



Courtney Meakes-Teacher of PE and Cover Supervisor

I am Courtney Meakes and I have joined the academy as a PE and Dance Teacher. I am really excited to be a part of City Fields and look forward to pursuing my career here. I love going to the gym and playing Netball in my spare time!



Charley Dawson-Teacher of DT

Hi, I'm Miss Charley Dawson and I teach Design and Technology and Engineering at KS4. My specialist subject within DT is Textiles and I like to make clothes and sew in my free time.

Debra Thompson-Teacher of Food Technology

I have taught all areas of Technology as well as having a pastoral role previously, my passion for Design & Technology has brought me to be a part of OACF as the new Food teacher. I love reading, swimming, formula 1 and rugby league and being outside as much as possible with my family.



Tonia Green-Teacher of Science

Hi everyone! I'm Tonia Green and I'm a new science teacher here at Outwood Academy City Fields. I studied Biology at the University of Manchester before going on to study my PGCE at the University of York. I'm from Lancashire and only recently moved to Yorkshire, and I am really enjoying my time here - especially the better weather (Lancashire is a really rainy region). My main hobbies include science, gardening, travelling and crafts! I am looking forward to meeting and working with you all.

Chloe Lazarri-Teacher of RE

Hello, I am Chloë Lazzari and I am the new Teacher of Religious Studies. I enjoy cooking, comedy and I am an avid reader. I am originally from Suffolk and I am still quite new to the area.



OACf - Community Update

This section of the newsletter promotes what is happening in our community. If you would like to showcase something for the community please let enquiries know.



FREE!

Chat n Box

For Girls aged 13+
Thursdays 5-6.30pm
Lightwaves Leisure Centre, Wakefield
Contact STAR on 01924 787384

Get fitter
De-Stress



Have fun
Have a chat



z2.wakefield.org.uk | [@STARbereavementwakefield](https://www.facebook.com/STARbereavementwakefield) | [@STARbereavement](https://twitter.com/STARbereavement)

Who's talking to your child online?

Who's making friends with your child online?

A five minute chat with your child about their online activity could save a lifetime of hurt

For help and advice:
www.westyorkshire.police.uk/yourchild
#YourChild

NSPCC |  | 

Visit our **WARM SPACE** at St Swithun's Community Centre Starts Monday 14th November Monday – Wednesday 3.30-7pm



- Food and Hot Drinks available
- Games, crafts, film club, IT opportunities
- Family fit sessions
- Quiet area to read and relax

Expect a warm welcome from the staff and volunteers when you visit



ST SWITHUN'S COMMUNITY CENTRE, Ancliffe Road, WF1 4RR
T: 01924 361212

#BlokesUnited Founded in 2015 Helping men in Wakefield & District

#BlokesUnited Founded in 2015 Helping men in Hull and East Riding

Keep talking lads

Mondays 7.30pm Outwood Parish Church Leeds Road WF1 2DT
Thursday 7.30pm St Pauls Church Hull HU2 0DU

Wakefield College | **Castleford College**

OPEN EVENT

Saturday 19 November 10am-12pm

www.wakefield.ac.uk/events

wakefieldcouncil working for you

9:00am- 3PM
8th Nov,
13th Dec,
10th Jan
2022/23

PREPARING FOR ADULTHOOD SEND DROP IN

Open to parents/carers and young people requiring advice and guidance in regards to Preparation for Adulthood and support in the following pathways :

- Health
- Employment
- Relationships and Community Inclusion
- Independent living

With: **Sammi Zafir: Supported Employment & Preparing for Adulthood Coordinator**
Annette Patrick: Post 16 Officer

THE HUT, KERSHAW AVENUE, AIREDALE


COFFEE MORNING
Tuesday, 29 November
11am - 2pm
at St Swithun's Community Centre
Ancliffe Road, Wakefield WF1 4RR
01924 361212



- Free tea/coffee and scone
- Scams and crime prevention
- Bingo
- Keep safe
- Make new friends

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Money Smart
Save for a rainy day and maximise your income!



The Council's Money Smart service are working with WDH Cash Wise to provide a 'one-stop-shop' that can offer advice in a number of areas, including:

- Any state benefits you are claiming or may be entitled to, and, in particular, Universal Credit
- Mortgage payments
- Rent payments
- Payment of bills
- Debt
- Effective personal budgeting

This service is available to both homeowners and tenants.

To find out more, contact WDH's Cash Wise team by calling 01977 724651, emailing cashwise@wdh.co.uk or visiting the website [here](http://www.wakefield.ac.uk/cashwise).

Welcome to the first of our monthly news updates for the continued expansion programme at Outwood Academy City Fields. Wakefield-based Morgan Sindall Construction have been awarded the contract via the Scape framework to deliver the new facilities, which will increase the school's Published Admission Number from 150 to 210.

Construction works

The new scheme will be built on the school grounds, with the two-storey building connecting to the existing via a link bridge. It will be accessed during the build phase from an entrance to the rear of the school on Windhill Road.

Our construction works are now underway and include the following:

- Concrete foundations and slab
- Steel frame
- Brickwork façade
- Link Bridge connecting to existing school
- Land drainage

Community engagement

Morgan Sindall enjoys getting to know our site neighbours during project delivery and we look forward to regular engagement with the community to offer our support to local projects where we can. We are also passionate about promoting STEM careers and throughout the build we will be working with Outwood Academy City Fields to support their careers events and invite student groups to site for tours and work experience with our team.



If you have any questions, please call round to our site offices located off Windhill Road.

Our site working hours are 8:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday.

Your **24hr contact** for this project is:

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Email: Nick.Theos1@morgansindall.com



Registered site
www.ccscheme.org.uk