

OACf - Newsletter 9



*Don't
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for it.
Work
for it.*

Another year has ended and there have been so many exciting opportunities and events for students and staff to take part in. We are proud of our students and their efforts.

We are pleased with Outwood Academy City Fields rating of "Good" from Ofsted and we are well underway with our developments to move the academy forward.

We wanted to finish the year with a round up and share some advice from other professionals.

Celebrations

Year 11 Leavers

What a fantastic day we had at our Year 11 Leavers event! It was fantastic to see the students all signing shirts and enjoying the inflatables (although I think the staff had as much fun as the students!)



We achieved the unthinkable by having 100% attendance at every examination which is something that should be seen as a huge achievement as we were the only school within the Outwood trust to achieve this.

We wish the class of 2022 a safe and enjoyable summer and we are looking forward to seeing them on Thursday 25th August for GCSE results day.

We are so so proud of what Year 11 managed to achieve this year. Their determination to succeed has not gone unnoticed and we wish them every success in the future.

Graduation

This year we had the pleasure of being able to hold our first graduation event for year 9 since 2019.

Graduation celebrates the students' effort throughout the year and represents a stepping stone to starting GCSEs.

We were delighted to have so many parents and carers join us for the event and it was lovely to get the chance to celebrate such a brilliant year group.



Celebrations

Friday Five Surprise

It has been fantastic to celebrate our wonderful student's amazing hard work each Friday P5. In order to win chocolates to share with the entire class students have had to collect as many praise nominations in a week. Those lucky winners were celebrated in class with a visit from SLT to praise them and hand out the yummy chocolates. Well done to all winners, we're hoping for more positive and amazing work next academic year.



Celebration Assemblies

During the final week of term we celebrated students attainment, progress and effort as well as special mentions across all subjects and from our Learning Managers. It was amazing to hand out all of those certificates and celebrate such wonderful talent and hard work. This was in addition to the many prizes for most SuperStar Student nominations, most praise in the year and the Summer Praise challenge. Well done all.



congrats!

Amazing Achievements

There are so many amazing things that have happened this year, this is just a few.



Dive Project Cornwall was a competition for 400 lucky young people to win the experience of a lifetime: a 6 day, life changing trip to Cornwall where they will learn how to scuba dive; enjoy outdoor adventures and take up beach related activities. The aim of the competition was to think of ways to eliminate plastic pollution in our oceans and to better protect our marine environment. Our fantastic group of seventeen year 7 to 9 students from the humanities department, were one of 20 schools who won, out of hundreds who entered the competition, and they get to go to Cornwall in July 2023. Congratulations!

Sam Thorpe and Sidra Ahmed were year 11 humanities enrichment champions, tirelessly giving up their time on a Friday after school week after week.

In our library lessons and home learning (via MyOn) we have had a few notable- and, quite frankly, amazing- achievements. Nimra Rahoof in 8Y1 is a KS3 word millionaire, having read well over a million words this year. Rizwan Tanveer has passed 68 AR quizzes with flying colours! Our most improved reading age in Y7 belongs to Anna Twardawa 7X3 (3.05+ years progress in 9 months). In Y8 that accolade belongs to Ayaan Suhhani 8X2. This impressive person has gained 5 years in 9 months. We think this might be a first for City Fields!

Over the last school year we have run several competitions in the LRC. Twisted Tales was a short story competition to be written from the point of the view of the Villain. Thousands of applications from all over the UK were submitted and 180 stories were published for the public to buy. Three students from City Fields were published, Jack North (8), Ellis England (8) and Aqsa Hussain (7)

It has been a year of Amazing Achievements across the whole of DT! It has been a long time since students had even entered T4 but this year we have definitely made use of it. We are proud of all the students who have developed some new skills, overcome fears of our machines and tried so hard to learn something new. We cannot wait to develop our projects ready for September that will only enhance the skills of our students. Our mini Textiles students have also been amazing this year. They tried out our mini Fashion Design project and they felt so accomplished in developing their own fabric patterns and then making something from it. This is also something that we cannot wait to bring back to OACF - watch this space



We had so many outstanding pieces of artwork to choose from to enter into the Outwood Artist of the Year competition but our finalists included: Jack Brown, Callum Embleton, Jaidaa Abdul Azim, Muqaddas Yasin, Raven Garnet, Maja Chumra, Maahi Dahiya, Isobel Meadows and our winner Paige Baldwin!

There have been some amazing achievements in maths this year. In the Y7 end of year assessments Ava Badat, Rubyanne Orange and Natalie Piper have scored really highly. In Y8: Victoria Blacker, Jake Fisher and Jack North are the top scorers. In Y9 Sravan Pradeep, Stephanie Siow and Tyler Hooley have the highest scores. In Y10: Imnan Malik and Maahi Dahiya have scored highest, but a special mention needs to be made for Minahil Karim Kousar who has the biggest improvement from March to July in test scores. Well done everyone!

In music we have seen some amazing talent develop further this year in both lessons and enrichment. Special shoutouts go to Caitlyn Martin and Vanessa Okeson who were entered into the Outwood performer of the year competition, well done! Special mention goes to Lily Secka who's drum skills are going from strength to strength, Anna Dziatkiewica, Kassandra Mirga, Sophie May Hewitt and Caden Firth have also seen a huge commitment to developing their musicianship skills with rehearsing several times a week, and it is really showing in their abilities, superb effort to all!

Felicitations / Felicitaciones / مبارک ہو to all our French and Urdu students this year. We are super proud of our City Fields linguists this year.

Big shout out to Y7 who over 80% achieved 'achieving' or above in their last Praising star assessment.

Our duolingo competition in January saw Vicky Blacker, Anas Ahmed Kouser and Aneeq Asher claim the top three spots!

Well done for Julia Bakowska and Vicky Blacker for their Y8 plate competition entries.

Congratulations to team Abi, Ryan, Aqsa and Nuna in Y7 who were the overall winners in our end of year competition.

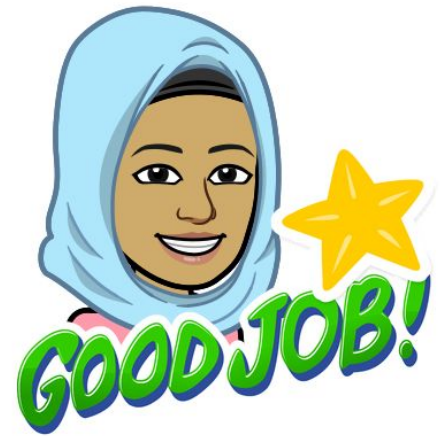
You're all amazing!

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Student Voice

This year has been a very active and successful year for Student Voice. Imnan our Prime Minister and Maahi our Deputy Prime Minister have worked relentlessly through the year with their team of 35 students. They have worked on a number of projects many of which they have planned, and executed independently.



Our most successful projects this year have been our recycling campaign and charity events. Each classroom and office space in the academy are now equipped with a paper recycling bin. Students throughout school consciously use the bins to recycle any cardboard and paper. Student Voice have had many conversations with a number of staff in the academy about their use of paper and making them more aware of how much they are disposing of. The Student Voice team put the bins together, Imnan's careful planning has led to bins being emptied once per week. Next year Student Voice aims to work on recycling the paper from the bins, and creating their own celebration cards and decorations.

Annual Picnic

SV have also been busy throughout the year raising money for charity. We have worn red for Emma's Embrace, a local charity set up by parents of Emma Harriet Kirk, who sadly lost her life to poor mental health. Supported Children in Need, Comic Relief, Christmas Jumper day and collected food and essentials for our local food bank at St Swithun's. We also collected clothes and essentials for Ukraine to help those suffering from the effects of war.

In our final term we held our annual Picnic for charity. This year raised money for the NSPCC. Students donated money to enjoy an extended lunch of 45 minutes. They were able to purchase tasty picnic food arranged by our catering team led by Mrs Mudd. We were very fortunate with the weather. All of the work done for the picnic was led by Imnan with lots of support from his team. We raised a total of £136.64 for the NSPCC.



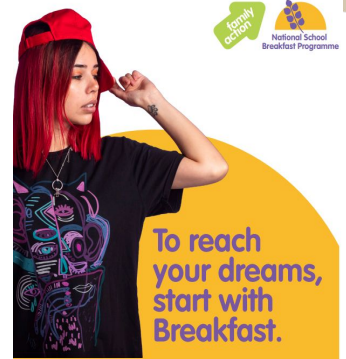
Wider Opportunities

Next year - Y7-10 can access breakfast from 8 am each day in the Bistro.

Y11 can access breakfast daily in the Brasserie from 8 am.

What a year for PE! We've launched our first ever PE ambassadors (Sports Scholars), signed up to Sports Leaders once again for 2022/23 and are on target for some fabulous BTEC Sport result from our Y11's. Rowing has proven popular with students in enrichment along with cycling, bikeability, netball and boxing. We enjoyed table cricket with Lord Tavenor and loved our time on the trip to watch the Yorkshire Vikings. Our association with Oddballs charity proved insightful to everyone and this continues to grow.

Saladin Khan represented Yorkshire CCC, Maahi Dayhiya won and came runner up in several national table tennis competitions. Plenty of dancing superstars, majorettes, rugby exploits and martial arts. In football we played 32 games with our Year 7 team reaching the district cup semi final. Well done everyone, looking forward to next academic year. #TeamPE

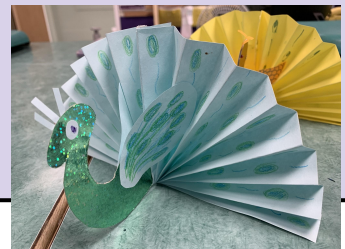


Research found that pupils who ate a regular breakfast scored two grades higher in their GCSE's!



Enrichment

It has been wonderful to have students taking part in enrichment activities again. The PE and Creative Arts departments have put on a different activity four nights a week every week of the year! Students have enjoyed a range of different activities that they would not normally do within curriculum time such as learning to play the Ukulele, honing their coordination and accuracy with Archery, competitive sports against other schools, participating in a FIFA league and learning how to make a range of products in DT club!



Trips

We have taken a number of trips this year and hope this continues into the next academic year. Students with the most praise points have enjoyed termly cinema trips. Sports fixtures have resumed. Y10 & Y11 have immersed themselves into Post 16 experiences with college taster days and a trip to a local university to discuss future aspirations.



In memory of Alfie ...

As a school community we are devastated by the tragic death of Alfie McCraw. Alfie was an amazing young man, polite, kind, caring, hard working, he had a real determination about the things he wanted to achieve, which led him to his passion to be in the Army.

He was a popular student, well liked by his peers, and a good friend to those who were closest to him. He was a great role model and mentor for younger students because of the qualities he possessed.

He was genuinely a lovely person and always took time to check in on people and ask how they were and was interested in their response. He will be greatly missed, our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends at this sad time.

On Saturday 16th July at at Eastmoor Rugby Club the community gathered to remember Alfie. Hundreds turned up in red to remember an amazing young man. It was a very humbling experience to see his friends show so much respect for his family.



As a school we have held a minutes silence where Year 11 were invited in. There is a memory book for staff and students to share their stories, and we have had support from iSpace, Star Bereavements and the Educational Psychology department.

If you or anyone you know has been affected by this or needs support each of the icons has the link to key services.



Go fund me page

<https://www.gofundme.com/help-alfies-parents-give-him-the-best-send-off-x>

Alfie's funeral will take place at 11:20 am on the 3 August at Wakefield Crematorium



National Wellbeing Resources

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SUMMER HOLIDAYS

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/home-families/seasonal-events/summer-holidays/>

The summer holidays can be a great chance to spend time with friends and have some time off. But sometimes it can feel a bit lonely. Or you might miss the routine you have when you're in school.



5 ways you can get help:

1. talk to someone you trust about how you feel
2. talk to a Childline counsellor at any time
3. share your thoughts and get support from other people on our message boards
4. draw a picture or write down your thought by using our Art box
5. play a fun game on our site to take your mind off your worries.



With the summer holidays fast approaching children and young people will have more free time to spend with friends, family and online.

Sit down together

For parents, the summer holidays are a great chance to sit down with your children. Together you can visit their favourite sites and play their favourite games, this is a great way to stay up to date with online lives and show them that you're interested in what they are doing.

Social media and staying in touch

During the summer holidays, young people may want to keep in touch with their friends through social networking sites or games. It's a good time to ask them about what sites they use, and check any age requirements as many social media sites require users to be at least 13 years old

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/staying-safe-online-in-the-summer-holidays>

Ways to keep children safe this summer:

Don't access open water unsupervised by professionals, go swimming at properly-supervised sites

This advice comes from the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (ROSPA). They say it is better to have a dip at supervised beaches, lidos or swimming pools, where help will be available. Things to consider when open water swimming, even on a hot day, are that the water might be a lot colder or deeper than you were expecting and there may be strong currents and underwater debris that you cannot see from the bank. Consider how you are going to get out of the water before you get in, and be honest about your swimming ability. Avoid swimming near weirs, both upstream and downstream, there may be strong underwater currents and hazards that you may not be aware of.

Be extremely careful near BBQs in this current climate

Follow the five Ss of sun safety

Sunscreen – slop on SPF 30+ broad-spectrum waterproof sunscreen every two hours **Sun hat** – put on a

broad-brimmed hat that shades your face, neck and ears

Sunglasses – wear wrap-around sunglasses with UV protection to shield the eyes **Shoulders** – slip on a T-shirt or UV protective suit for children and remember to keep your shoulders covered **Shade** – seek shade, particularly during the hottest time of the day between 11am and 3pm when UV penetration is at its strongest

Think carefully who they are going out with and know the strengths and weaknesses in the group

Be careful online, think about who they are talking to, think carefully about what they are sharing.

Outwood Academy City Fields

Required Academy Uniform

- Academy or plain white long or short sleeved shirt with a stiff collar.
- Academy trousers or skirt - black.
- Academy clip-on tie.
- Academy Jacket - black.
- Plain black socks (with trousers only) or 40 denier plain black tights (with skirts).
- Plain black shoes - no trainers, boots, pumps or canvas shoes will be allowed.

Optional Academy Uniform

- Academy V neck jumper - sleeves need to be at full length.
- Academy V neck slip (tank top).

Shirts, Jumpers and Jackets

- Jackets must be worn with the sleeves down.
- Sleeves on shirts, jumpers or jackets must not be rolled up at any time.
- Shirts must be tucked in.
- Only badges issued by the academy may be worn on jackets. Other badges, e.g. charity badges, must only be on outdoor coats or bags.
- Consequences can/will be issued for any uniform misdemeanour.


PE & Dance kit

- Purple Academy polo top/Purple/black Academy reversible games top.
- Black Academy shorts.
- Plain black knee length games socks.
- Indoor trainers - Non-marking sole with laces, providing support to ankle & foot. Outdoor trainers - Good grip with laces providing support to the ankle & foot. Please note that pumps do not provide adequate support for the foot or ankle.

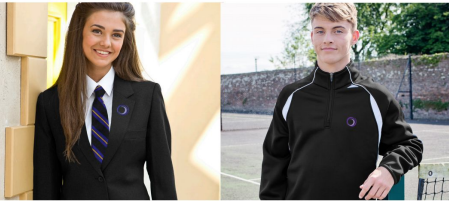
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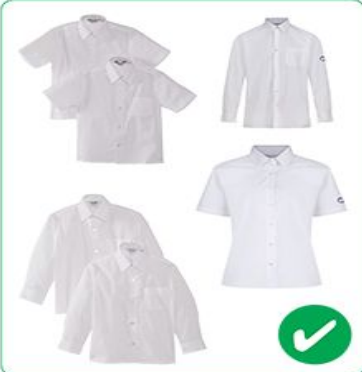
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Shirt Policy

Only Academy or plain white shirts are to be worn. This can be short or long sleeved. We would encourage parents to buy shirts that are long enough to be comfortably tucked into skirts and trousers.

Shoes


Only plain black shoes are allowed to be worn with the uniform. The shoes should be free from embellishments and decorations. No trainer like shoes, boots, pumps or canvas shoes (including 'Vans') will be allowed. Heels should be no higher than 2.5cm/1 inch.



Uniform support, Hardship fund and the new council support service

The Academy offers a Hardship Fund which can be accessed via our website: [Hardship Policy](#) all applications should be sent with supporting documentation to the Academy. Please contact the academy via enquiries@cityfields.outwood.com if you need this support or wish to discuss uniform support. In addition the local authority are offering uniform grants of up to £100 per child. This service is sought via the school and is offered on a first come first served basis. This fund is for FSM students to access. They also have an exchange scheme running: www.wakefieldfamilies.together.co.uk > school-uniform-exchange

I think it's a beautiful thing when you wear a uniform or a garb which represents a group of people, because what it immediately symbolizes is oneness, togetherness. **Nia Long**



Life can be frustrating.
Get help before you
hurt someone you love

For details of people who can help visit
www.westyorkshire.police.uk/talktosomeone