

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the summer term, we would like to confirm arrangements for the start of the new academic year and update you on recent events and up and coming changes.

Staffing – Our very best wishes to our Principal, Miss Eddery, who will begin her maternity in August. We are sure she will enjoy this precious time with her soon to be new family. She will be greatly missed and we look forward to her return next May.

Mr Will Pratt will lead the academy as Associate Principal during her maternity. He is an experienced leader in our Trust having worked in our Ripon and Doncaster academies. Mr Pratt will be closely supported by our Executive Principal Mrs James.

This year has seen much change in staffing as the academy has undergone a significant staff restructure and expectations have been raised. Unfortunately, in the short term this has resulted in more supply teaching than is desirable. We recognise the frustrations this may have caused especially in our younger year groups and thank you for your understanding in what is an unavoidable consequence of initial school improvement.

From September we welcome new staff in Science, Maths, English, Psychology, Economics and Geography. We congratulate Mrs Taylor on her appointment to Vice Principal and Mr Gaunt, from Outwood Academy Ripon, who joins us as Assistant Principal to lead the Sixth Form. We are delighted that Mr Kenway will join us full time from Ripon to lead Performing Arts. Mr Dickinson has been appointed as our new Inclusion coordinator to support our Inclusion Team. Excitingly, we are now in a position to advertise for a new Leader of Computer Science and Business so that in future Easingwold will finally be able to introduce Computer Science into the curriculum.

We say goodbye to Mr Carrivick, Mrs Baker, Ms Smith, Ms Brothwood, Mrs Arbon, Miss Flatman (moving to Outwood Academy Ripon), Miss Delaney (moving to Outwood Academy Acklam), Mr Preece and in our support staff Ms Lacey, Mrs Tranter, Mr Cook and Mr Wilbur.

We thank Mr Hanson for his support this year he is now supporting another school recently joining our Trust. We thank everyone for their service to the school and wish them well in their new ventures.

Building works and site improvements – Significant mechanical and electrical work began in the school at the end of June to rewire large sections of the main school and replace its heating system and water tanks etc. This work will continue across the summer break.

Once this major work is completed our phased programme of redecoration of classrooms will begin. Across next year there will be work to improve the teaching spaces for art, music, drama and design technology.

Included in the planned works is the much needed refurbishment and upgrade to the student toilets and significant work to improve drainage across the site. The major structural work required in the main hall will begin in early October and will be completed in the new year. Plans for the sports hall will also gather pace next term. Investment in our ICT will continue with plans to bring more interactive boards into departments, replace aging projectors and roll out of desktops in classrooms to better support teaching and learning.

Recent Events - This term has been a very busy one for students and staff. Year 11, 13 and 12 students demonstrated great resilience and effort throughout their examination. We are very proud of them and we look forward to sharing their success on results days.

A level results day is Thursday 16th August and GCSE results day is Thursday 23rd August both 9-11 a.m.

To celebrate the end of the exams both Year 11 and 13 enjoyed Proms and Leavers Breakfasts. Year 13 enjoyed an evening at the beautiful Aldwark Manor and nearly all then attended breakfast the following day to say good-bye to staff and friends. Likewise, Year 11 enjoyed the beautiful setting of Hawkhill with a great turn out to the breakfast and assembly the following day. We wish them all success in their future.

A big thanks to Mrs Hutchinson who organised a fabulous trip to the battlefields of Ypres in May. Y12 enjoyed a UCAS day at Sheffield Hallam University collecting information on universities to help them plan for their future. Y10 Geography students visited Hornsea for their GCSE coursework. Friends of Easingwold School generously funded an amazing opportunity for Y10 to experience Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet in the pop up Rose theatre in York.

In school, our Y8 students celebrated a wonderful graduation ceremony with parents and carers. Students looked resplendent in caps and gowns. Well done to all students who received additional awards! The Year 8 residential trip provided opportunity to take part in numerous outdoor activities and stay the night in tents. Well done to students who took part in Duke of Edinburgh expeditions.

Our athletics team had a great summer. Students competed in the Northern Family of Schools games against our academies in Redcar, Middlesbrough, Stockton and Ripon. Medals were won in abundance with Outwood Academy Easingwold winning

overall. Students performed at the Hambleton and Richmondshire Area athletics with our Y8 girls being overall winners. Well done a fantastic achievement! An elite group of students competed at the Outwood Family of School Games in Leeds. The qualification standard was high and our students acquitted themselves very well with many taking podium places. Well done!

Our talented performing arts students performed alongside students from across our academies at the Barbican Centre in the Human Stories Trust event. It was an excellent evening. Our Y12 students also did a wonderful job supporting younger students at the Trust's Primary Barbican event. This was a great opportunity to work with other students and staff across the Trust and experience a large performance in a professional setting.

Four Y7 students took part in a Modern Foreign Languages Spelling Bee competition. Competition was tough and our students were fantastic. Four Y8 students attended a Modern Foreign Languages gifted and talented event at Sheffield Hallam University - an amazing opportunity for them to immerse themselves in languages for the day. Whilst Y10 Modern Foreign Languages Young Leaders led our Year 5 languages event alongside Ms Sirvin. Students delivered lessons in French, German and Spanish to 259 Y5s over three days. It was greatly enjoyed by all!

Our Sports Young Leaders worked alongside Miss Robson all year, organising and refereeing fixtures for Primary Schools and leading in the Year 6 primary mini Olympics. Our Sports Leaders are a credit to our academy.

This year has seen 943 individual pledges achieved with 161 students achieving bronze (3 pledges), 10 students gaining silver (7 pledges) and amazingly 1 student has now achieved her gold badge!

New Academic Year - Monday 3rd September 2018 is scheduled as a staff training day and students are not required to be in the academy. The first day back in school for **Year 7 and Year 12 students** will be **Tuesday 4th September**; they will be the only students on site for that day in order to aid their transition. School transport is operational for Year 7 and Year 12 students.

Year 7 will spend time with their VMG tutor at the start of the day to help them settle in and issue their planner and timetables. There will be staff on duty to welcome our new Year 7 students when they arrive and to show them where they need to go at the start of the day. Uniform for new Year 7 students will be available for collection from the Post 16 Centre on **Friday 3rd August between 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Please ensure students are fully equipped and prepared for lessons.

Year 12 students will enroll on A Level courses on **Tuesday 4th September** and will receive a separate letter confirming the details of this process. Year 12 students should wear business dress.

On **Wednesday 5th September** we look forward to welcoming students from **all year groups at 8.45am**. Students will spend period 1 with their VMG tutor and will attend their timetabled lessons from period 2 onwards.

Thank you for your continued support over the past academic year. We hope that you and your family have a restful summer break.

Yours faithfully

Lynn James
Executive Principal

Laura Eddery
Principal

Mr Will Pratt
Associate Principal