

16<sup>th</sup> July 2019

### **Outwood Academy Easingwold Newsletter**

As this academic year draws to a close here is an update on what's been happening in school including some important dates for next academic year.

**Sporting news:** This term has seen some fantastic sporting success. Our Y9 Girls narrowly missed out on the area rounders title, losing by just one rounder to Queen Mary's School, Thirsk in the final. Our Year 7 girls entered their first ever Rounders tournament last week coming third, with stand-out performances from Hattie Alexander and Holly Thornton. Our Year 8 Boys qualified for the area cricket final which takes place on Wednesday. In athletics, our students are competing at York University in the annual Outwood Family of Schools Games for the Trust's elite athletes. Our PE department's nominated star athletes for the term are Erin Price Y9, Libby Courtney Y9 and Stephanie Needs Y7. All three girls have achieved more than one Outwood standard in athletics, which is a fantastic achievement. The Year 9 athletics team retained the area title at the Middlesbrough Sports Village, having won the event last year as Year 8. Alex Colton in Year 12 qualified for the English School's Athletic Championships in Birmingham last weekend coming 4<sup>th</sup> in the country in Triple Jump – a phenomenal achievement! Finally, in Tennis Year 10 twins Milly and Georgia Ainely won the North Yorkshire area tennis championships with their successful doubles partnership – well done girls!

**In Science:** Our 6<sup>th</sup> Form students experienced a wonderful scientific and cultural trip to Genève at Easter visiting CERN, an international research company which focuses primarily on the interactions of particles on a sub-atomic level and visiting the United Nations, and Switzerland's capital city.

**In English:** Four Y7 pupils attended the regional final of the International Literature Quiz KidsLit whilst our Year 10 team entered the Battle of the Books competition. We are very proud of our student and their knowledge of junior fiction. Following on from last year's success we were delighted that two Year 8 pupils were shortlisted into the last 500 of the BBC 500 Words short story competition. Our Year 10 enjoyed a visit by the Young Shakespeare Company who performed Romeo and Juliet; many students said how helpful the performance was at improving their understanding of the play. This week published author Tanya Landman visited the school, working with Y7 and Y9 students and running a fantastic Murder Mystery writers' workshop. The end of year has seen celebratory assemblies for reading: 8 students are reading millionaires reading over a million words this year on the Accelerated Reader programme. Celebration also for 8xy1 who scored the highest mark on the quizzing element of Accelerated Reader with a 92% pass rate. Finally, two Y8 pupils completed Mrs Amess' Rainbow Reading Challenge.

**In Creative Arts:** At Easter students visited London and enjoyed among other things a workshop run by the cast of Wicked! Our summer concert last week was a huge success. Acts included School of Rock, soloists and the Orchestra, Miss Fosher's Performing Arts group showcased two fantastic pieces of acting and dance and the school choir were joined by the wonderful Singing for all Community Choir for a lovely collaboration. All acts wowed the audience with their talents. Next year we will miss our very talented Year 13 students Hal Butcher, Ella Bond and Becky Hawkins and

Outwood Grange Academies Trust, a company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales with company number 06995649.

Registered office address: Potovens Lane, Outwood, Wakefield, West Yorkshire WF1 2PF.

VAT number: 158 2720 04. Outwood Grange Academies Trust is an exempt charity.

A list of Directors' names is open to inspection at our registered office.

we wish them well in their future careers and higher education and offer special thanks for their many years of involvement with school performances.

**In MFL:** Over three days, our Languages department welcomed over 250 Year 5 students from local primary schools for some amazing Language workshops. Fifteen Year 9 and Year 10 students completed a mini teaching qualification before leading all of the language activities with enthusiasm and gusto! Fun was had by all who took part. Thank you to our Lovely Language Leaders for their professionalism and to our Year 5 visitors for all their effort and energy! An excellent three days.

**Staffing:** As we waved goodbye to your incredible Year 11s and 13s we commend them on their excellent work ethic through their GCSE and A-Level examinations, we hope they are now enjoying a well-earned break before results day on 15<sup>th</sup> August (A-level and AS-Level) and 22<sup>nd</sup> August (GCSE) between 9am and 11am on both days.

We welcome back Miss Eddery from her maternity leave and say a huge thank you and good-bye to Mr Pratt, who led the school so well in her absence. We wish him well in his next headship at Outwood Academy Ripon. We also say farewell to some long-serving staff: Mr Neary and Mrs Hutchinson who together have over 50 years of service at Easingwold. We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Robinson who has been a fantastic addition to the Design & Technology department and Mr Kemp who has worked so well as a one to one Maths Tutor. Thank you all for your contribution to the academy and its students past and present, we wish you well in your next ventures. This term we welcomed new Learning Manager Laura Baggely who will join our Sixth Form Team. In September Mrs Zervakis, Mrs Duncan and Mrs Kennedy will all be starting their maternity leaves - we wish them well with their impending new arrivals!

**Site:** Improvements continue: the Easter holiday saw the start of a flooring replacement programme through corridors and classrooms which will continue over the summer break. Work will commence next year on decoration of the Main Hall, further toilet refurbishment and the long-awaited Sports hall and all-weather pitch.

**School Website and Social Media:** We have recently launched a Facebook page (Outwood Academy Easingwold) for the academy to accompany our Twitter page (@OAEasingwold), as a way to keep you informed of student achievements, school events and other activities. We will be sending out data forms for all students in the new academic year and will be asking for consent to use student photographs to celebrate successes on social media, our website and on our marketing materials and presentations. It would be fantastic if you could follow us if you use either of these platforms.

**New Academic Year:** Students return on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019.**

Thank you for your continued support and wonderful engagement we wish you all a sunny, safe and relaxing summer.

Yours faithfully



Lynn James  
Executive Principal

Laura Eddery  
Principal