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**3rd May 2024**

Dear Parent/Carer,

This week we hosted a fantastic careers event linked with local careers/industries, colleges, universities, apprenticeships and opportunities for discussions on career aspirations. An event enjoyed by all! We have also ended the week with over 25% of our students attending Praise Friday celebrating great achievements with us.

### **Meet the SLT**

After three weeks in my role, I can genuinely say that working with the students and staff at Outwood Academy Brumby has been a joy. I've had the chance to connect with our staff, student government, and as many students as possible to collaborate on enriching our learning environment. Looking ahead, I warmly welcome any parents/carers who would like to meet me and my newly assembled Senior Leadership Team to an **informal drop-in event on Thursday, May 16th, from 4:30 to 6:30 pm**. If you do wish to attend, please indicate by responding to the Google form [here](#).

We are relentlessly raising standards and in order for our conversations to be focused on learning, we are seeking your support in ensuring your child is in correct uniform

### **Uniform**

As we approach the time of year for planning next year's uniform, I want to ensure you have ample notice to review our uniform policy and the standards we uphold at our academy. I appreciate the majority of students adhere to our uniform policy, a testament to the outstanding support we receive from you.

### **Shoes**

**Shoes** are to be plain black and do not resemble a trainer-like shoe in any way. If you have any queries, please send us images before purchasing and we can confirm if they meet policy expectations. Correct shoes should be worn with plain black socks - not ankle socks.

### **Skirts**

For total clarity, **skirts** must be a tailored formal style and must sit on/just above the knee. We have noticed skirts which are not of this style/length therefore do not comply with policy.

On the first day back in September, there will be thorough checking of uniforms which will continue throughout the year. Any student who arrives in the incorrect uniform will be supported to rectify this by loaning items of uniform from the school. Parents/carers will also be contacted so you can assist in ensuring the correct uniform is worn in future. Refusal to follow a reasonable request will lead to sanctions.

The drive to ensure the uniform is right is so that we have the highest standards and then our focus becomes conversations about learning and developing your child's knowledge and skills.

### **Blazers in warmer weather**

It is likely we should encounter some warmer days soon so I would like to remind all parents/carers of the expectations of blazers. Students are expected to wear their blazers to school in warm weather, however, we will call a no-blazer day when outside temperatures reach very humid conditions in which case, students can then remove their blazers for the rest of the day. We will send a text message home when this occurs. For clarity, unless it is a blazer off day, blazers are worn at all times unless whilst sitting in lessons.

### **Key dates coming up - save the dates!**

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to share with you some upcoming dates:

- **Monday 17th June until Tuesday 25th June:** Year 10 mock exams will take place
- **Thursday 20th June:** Year 7-9 sports day will take place
- **Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th June 9-10.30am:** Year 9 Graduation ceremonies (official invites to Year 9s to be distributed shortly)
- **Wednesday 3rd July 4-6pm:** For all Year 10 parents/carers, our Steps to Success evening will be held to share key information about preparing for the final year of school and achieving your child's potential (further details to be shared nearer the time)

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs D Fitzgerald  
**Principal**