

20 July 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you

I am writing to you in the last few days of the academic year with news and updates for the year ahead, but also to say thank you. Your support for your children and our school community is greatly appreciated - thank you.

Our students continue to make us proud, with their commitment to learning and kindness towards others. I hope you have been able to share in some of these successes with your children if they have received praise postcards or awards, or perhaps when featured in our Facebook and Twitter pages.

I would like to also extend a very sincere thank you to every member of our staff team. The opportunities to make progress and develop that they offer to our students are a credit to their commitment and enthusiasm.

The new school year

We are looking forward to welcoming our students back to school after the summer break in September.

Students in **years 7 and 11** will return to school on **Monday 5 September 2022**.

Students in **years 8, 9 and 10** will return to school on **Tuesday 6 September 2022**.

Students must arrive at school before 8.20am each day to allow for a prompt start in tutor rooms at 8.25am. For those who would like to arrive earlier, and enjoy a nutritious breakfast, we welcome students into our breakfast club from 8.00am. Our breakfast club is free of charge and runs each school day; students wishing to use this facility should arrive via the bottom gate and will be directed to the dining hall by staff.

Uniform and equipment

Thank you for ensuring your child is in full uniform every day. Details of how to purchase additional uniform items are available on the uniform page on our website. Shirts, PE socks and PE shorts can be bought anywhere, as long as they match our uniform expectations. All shoes must be plain, black and polishable. We do not allow piercings, false nails, false eyelashes or makeup in school. Any summer piercings or nails should be timed so they are removable by the start of term. Students must have a

sensible bag, such as a rucksack, to carry equipment to and from school and this should include a pencil case containing pens, pencils and a ruler.

Saying farewell

Thank you to those colleagues who are moving on to new roles: Mr Burke, Ms Byrne, Mrs Glasper, Mr Harrison, Miss Kay, Miss Keen, Mrs Watson, Dr Wilson, Mrs Yates. Their dedication to our students, as with all colleagues at Outwood Academy Bishopsgarth, is greatly appreciated.

I am also moving to Outwood Academy Normanby as Principal in September, and I am delighted to inform you that Mr Jason Rhodes has been appointed as Head of School here at Outwood Academy Bishopsgarth from September. Mr Rhodes will be writing to you at the start of the new academic year and I know our students and community will make him very welcome.

Thank you again for your support and commitment to the Bishopsgarth community. I wish you and your family a safe and restful summer.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Robinson', with a horizontal line underneath.

Mark Robinson
Head of School