



July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

End of Year Letter from the Principal

As the end of the academic year quickly approaches I wanted to take the opportunity to thank parents/carers for their continued support during this academic year. Additionally, in this letter, I hope to provide you with some key information for the end of term and the start of next academic year.

Positive Recognition and Year 11 and 13 Celebrations

Unfortunately, we have not been able to run our usual end of term Positive Recognition event this term due to the ongoing coronavirus restrictions. In place of this, all pupils who are eligible for our event will be given a golden ticket. This ticket will allow entry to one of our events next half term. Watch this space and our pupil SharePoint platform for further information!

This term we have however, been able to celebrate our Year 13 students and Year 11 pupils. Our Year 13 leavers had an outdoor party on Academy grounds with street food, music and speeches. Whilst it was not our usual send off the students enjoyed the opportunity to celebrate together. Thankfully, this year, we have been able to say 'farewell' to our Year 11 pupils in our usual style. On Monday 19 July, given the lifting of further coronavirus restrictions, our pupils were able to enjoy their leavers prom at King's Croft Hotel in Pontefract. I am pleased to report that pupils and staff had a lovely evening and it was an absolute pleasure to wish our Year 11 pupils well after the challenges they have all faced this year.

Pupil SharePoint Platform

Our SharePoint platform continues to be the central place we will share information with pupils both in the final days of this term and over the summer break. From speaking to pupils and staff, we know that this platform has proven to be a really useful site for pupils to visit to keep up to date on Academy news. If your child has not done so already please support them to download the SharePoint app. This will allow them to keep up to date with all Academy news over the summer break.

Examination Results Days

Tuesday 10 August 2021 – A Level/BTEC Results

The Academy will be open for students only to collect their A Level examination results from 8.30am-10am, all results will be collected from the David Drake building.

Please note parents/carers will not be permitted to attend Academy site with their child due to minimising the number of people on Academy site at any one time.

Members of staff will be available to support students with UCAS queries. Please ensure all students bring their own mobile phone should they wish to contact any universities on the day. In addition, please return any ambassador T-shirts, text books or other resources they may have borrowed from the Academy on this day.

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All results not collected during the allocated times will be communicated to pupils electronically via their school email address from 11.00am onwards on 10 August and then via post after 2.00pm

Thursday 12 August 2021 – GCSE Results

Similarly, the Academy will be open for pupils in Year 11 to collect their GCSE examination results on Thursday 12 August from the Sports Hall. Please note parents and carers will not be permitted to attend Academy site with their child.

To support the continued need for social distancing, pupils will only be able to attend at the times below to collect their results:

8.30am - 9.00am - 11Bta, 11Cby, 11Cla, 11Cne and 11Csa
9.00am - 9.30am - 11Ela, 11Kba, 11Kbu and 11Kda
9.30am - 10.00am - 11Lba, 11Lwa, 11Nge, 11Nkr, 11Pch and 11Rak
10.30am - 11.00am - 11Sbw, 11Sfi, 11Sma and 11Jde

All results not collected during the allocated times will be communicated to pupils electronically via their school email address from 11.00am onwards on 12 August and then via post after 2.00pm

Please be advised that further information relating to our appeals process will be available on our website and shared with pupils, students and their parents in advance of our results days.

The Accord Sixth Form Enrolment

Enrolment for students joining the Accord Sixth Form will take place in Frankland Hall from 8.30am until 11.30am on Thursday 12 August 2021. Once GCSE results have been collected students will be directed to the necessary area to enrol for Sixth Form.

Further details in relation to the enrolment process for Accord Sixth Form applicants has also been shared via an applicant information and enrolment letter. For further details please contact enquiries@accordsixth.co.uk

The Academy Day from September in light of Coronavirus Management

As parents/carers will be aware the guidance for the management of coronavirus in schools was changed in line with the lifting of national restrictions on Monday 19 July 2021. All schools nationally have been issued with further operational guidance in support of the safe return of pupils in September 2021. A copy of this guidance can be found here <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak>.

In accordance with this guidance I can confirm the following steps have been made to our Academy arrangements for the autumn term in the first instance:

- The Academy will continue to place a significant focus on the health and safety of pupils and staff whilst on Academy site. This will include:
 - a requirement that pupils/students who are ill stay at home and report their absence to the Academy via the usual absence channels attendance@ossett.accordmat.org or telephone 01924 232832.
 - robust hand and respiratory hygiene.
 - enhanced cleaning arrangements.
 - active engagement with NHS Track and Trace as and when required.
 - the implementation of our Outbreak Management plan as and when required.

In relation to the last bulletin point, the Academy will continue to keep in place the following measures in September:

- Staggered start and end of the Academy Day for year groups. This allows for all pupils to arrive and leave site safely and helps us to reduce the number of pupils walking on the footpath next to the busy Storrs Hill Road. (Please see below the plan for the Academy Day to show the start and finish times of each day by Year group).
- The zoning of form groups into year group areas in different Academy spaces. This will allow for the easier reinstating of zones for bubbles should this be required in the future.
- The use of a one-way directional flow system across all Academy buildings to alleviate congestion.
- The continuation of additional break and lunchtime spaces allowing pupils in different year groups to have their own social space at lunch and break time.

Further specific details of the arrangements outlined above will be shared with all pupils as part of their on-site induction during the first week of the new term in September. During this week, pupils will be given their timetable alongside details of their start and end time as well as key reminders about the health and safety measures that remain in place.

Start of Term Arrangements for Year 7 to 13 Students

Given the increased chances of pupils mixing with others over the summer period the government have advised all schools nationally that pupils should receive 2 negative Lateral Flow tests on Academy site prior to their full return in the autumn. With this in mind, the Academy will be opening its testing site and allowing all pupils and students to access two lateral flow tests prior to their return. **These tests will take place on Friday 3 September and Tuesday 7 September.** Further information relating to the times and locations for testing pupils will be shared with parents on a year group basis. **Please be advised that if you have previously consented for your child to be tested on site, your consent will remain in place. If you have not previously consented to on site testing, or wish to remove your consent for testing please inform the Academy at the following email address enquiries@ossett.accordmat.org. For all parents of new Year 7 pupils a separate communication will be coming out to you to confirm our consenting arrangements for new pupils.**

In line with the continued focus on health and safety on site, it is essential that all pupils receive a full and comprehensive on-site induction when they return in September. This induction process will focus primarily on pupils' health, safety and the changes we have made to social spaces for pupils. This induction will additionally allow our new Year 7 cohort a full programme of focused transition, as sadly we were unable to offer them this opportunity in the summer term due to the restricted number of people allowed in the Academy at any one time.

Outlined below are the specific details of each year group's Lateral Flow testing and induction day/s:

Friday 3 September 2021 – Pupils Lateral Flow Test 1

All pupils and students will be invited into the Academy for their first on site Lateral Flow test. The test centre will operate from 8:00am until 6:00pm. Pupils will be sent a time to attend the Testing Centre in a separate communication.

Monday 6 September 2021 – Staff Inset Day

Monday 6 September is an Inset Day, and the Academy is therefore closed to all pupils.

Tuesday 7 September 2021 – Pupils Lateral Flow Test 2 and Year 7 Induction

All pupils and students will be invited back into the Academy for their second on site Lateral Flow test. **All pupils and students with the exception of Year 7 will then leave site following their test.** Year 7 pupils will remain on site and complete their Year 7 Induction/transition day. Please be advised the testing centre will run from 8:00am until 6:00pm on this day. Pupils will be sent a time to attend the Testing Centre in a separate communication.

Wednesday 8 September 2021 Onwards – All Year Groups Return to Lessons

All pupils will return to their full timetable of lessons on Wednesday 8 September having undergone a process of induction for the first 30 minutes of their day.

Period	Time	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12/13
1	8.30 – 8.45	FLT			FLT	FLT	
	8.45-9.00						PS
2	9.00-10.00	Period 2	Period 2				
3	10.00-10.15	Period 3	Break	Period 3	Break	Period 3	Period 3
	10.15-10.30		Period 3		Period 3		
	10.30-10.45	Break					
	10.45-11.00	Period 3					
	11.00-11.15		Break	Break			
4	11.15-12.15	Period 4	Period 4				
5	12.15-12.45	Period 5	Lunch	Period 5	Lunch	Period 5	Lunch
	12.45-1.15	Lunch	Period 5		Period 5		Period 5
	1.15-1.45	Period 5		Lunch	Lunch		
6	1.45-2.45	Period 6	Period 6				
7	2.45-3.00		FLT	FLT		Recovery Curriculum Tue/Wed/Thurs	PS
	3.00-3.15						
	3.15-3.45						
	Dismissal Time	2.45	3.15	3.15	2.45	2.45/3.45	3.00

FLT – Form Learning Time

**Pupils in Year 11 will be expected to remain on site until 3:45pm on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. On these afternoon’s pupils will engage in compulsory sessions to support our Recovery Curriculum in light of the impact caused by coronavirus self-isolation and lock down.*

Year Group	Start	Finish
7	8:30am	2:45pm
8	9:00am	3:15pm
9	9:00am	3:15pm
10	8:30am	2:45pm
11	8:30am	2:45pm/3:45pm
12/13	8:45am	3:00pm

Any detentions will run from the finish time for each year group.

Year group	Site entry point	Academy building entry point
7	The Street (left hand side)	The Maths block entrance
8	The Street	Frankland Foyer entrance
9	The Alley	Frankland Foyer entrance
10	The Alley	1920’s far entrance
11	The Street (right hand side)	1920’s far entrance

Each year group will use the allocated entry point to site so that checks can be done on a morning, at the end of the day all pupils will exit site using The Street only. 6th Form students can use either entry point.

Year 11 – Supporting Your One Big Year - Compulsory Intervention

From September 2021 all our Year 11 pupils will have a compulsory extension to their Academy Day on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. On these days all pupils in Year 11 will be directed to attend either compulsory Recovery

Curriculum sessions or enrichment sessions from 2:45pm until 3:45pm each day. Further information in relation to these sessions will be shared with all pupils when they return to the Academy in September. We hope by creating these additional hours for pupils in Year 11 we can support them to address any gaps in their learning and experience as a result of coronavirus and absence from in person teaching.

Standards for Success September 2021

All pupils will be expected to be in full Academy uniform with equipment, as per our Standards for Success without exception.

In order to effectively support all pupils to meet our Standards for Success when they return in September and to support the need to avoid the sharing of equipment amongst pupils we would ask that all pupils arrive to the Academy prepared for learning with the following items of essential equipment, these include:

- At least one black pen
- A purple pen
- A pencil, ruler and sharpener
- A scientific calculator and protractor
- A reading book that is age appropriate
- A suitable bag in which to carry their books, planner and any specific equipment for practical activities.

In terms of uniform, our high expectations remain the same as this academic year. Specific details of our uniform expectations are available on our website however, for clarity I would ask for your support with the following in preparation for a smooth return to the Academy:

1. Pupils should continue to wear their colour coded lanyards and are expected to return to the Academy with the lanyard they have been issued this academic year. The colours assigned to pupils this academic year will continue into next year. Where required new lanyards will be issued to pupils on their return to the Academy in September.
2. Pupils should continue to bring a suitable face covering with them to the Academy each day. Pupils will then be directed as to if, when and where these should be worn.
3. Pupils are in receipt of the correct uniform (as per the Academy website) and understand how to wear it correctly. This includes ensuring that skirts are of the correct length, are not rolled or bunched at the waist; shirts are long enough to be tucked into trousers and trousers are not skinny fit but are a tailored school trouser.
4. Pupils are in receipt of appropriate school shoes and these should be broken in (worn in advance) so as not to cause blisters. Pupils will not be permitted to change into alternative footwear should this issue arise.
5. Pupils should not wear makeup of any description. This includes artificial nails, fake tan or false eyelashes.
6. Pupils should not wear piercings of any kind.
7. Pupils should not wear jewellery of any kind.
8. Pupils should have appropriate outer wear and all pupils are reminded that no hoodies are permitted.
9. **Pupils should no longer arrive to Academy site in their PE kit.** Our changing room facilities are accessible again and pupils will change into their kit when on site and in PE lessons. Hooded tops are no longer part of our PE uniform.

Senior Leaders will continue to greet pupils on The Street at the Academy each morning to ensure they are fully prepared and ready for the day's learning.

Should you require any support with uniform in advance of our return in September please contact the Academy via enquiries@ossett.accordmat.org where we will be happy to support you with this.

Calendar Dates for 2021/2022

The following represents the confirmed Inset Day arrangements for next academic year with a full breakdown of the term dates and Academy calendar available on our website

<https://ossett.accordmat.org/https://ossett.accordmat.org/>

- Friday 3 September 2021 – On site Lateral Flow testing of all pupils and students (test 1)
- Monday 6 September 2021 – Inset Day
- Tuesday 7 September 2021 - On site Lateral Flow testing of all pupils and students (test 2) and year 7 Transition and Induction day
- Wednesday 8 September 2021 – All pupils and students return to lessons
- Friday 22 October 2021 – Inset Day
- Friday 3 December 2021 – Inset Day
- Friday 18 February 2022 – Inset Day
- Monday 25 July 2022 – Inset Day
- Tuesday 26 July 2022 – Inset Day

Please note the additional Inset day for 2021/2022 is in lieu of the Jubilee additional Bank Holiday in May.

Contacting the Academy over the Summer

Whilst the Academy will only be operating with minimal staffing during the summer break, should you need to make contact you can do so by either contacting main reception on 01924 232820 or by emailing enquiries@ossett.accordmat.org. Further to this, please rest assured that it is my intention to communicate with you again during the summer holidays to ensure that all parents, carers, pupils and students are provided with any updated information in relation to our September return.

In conclusion, I would like to take this final opportunity to thank all staff, governors and pupils/students for their continued positive contributions to Ossett Academy this year. The year has presented our Academy community a variety of challenges and difficulties. Despite the adversity faced, the majority of our pupils/students have worked incredibly hard either whilst in the Academy or when learning remotely. I would like to also extend my thanks to all our parents/carers and family members of our pupils/students who have supported the Academy this year in many different ways. I am incredibly proud of our pupils/students and how resilient and mature they have been in very challenging circumstances.

I hope all pupils/students and their families have a safe and relaxing summer break, and I very much look forward to welcoming all of our pupils/students back into the Academy in September.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Samantha Broome
Principal

Beat – Support and Information about eating disorders – 0808 8010677.
www.beateatingdisorders.org.uk

Calm Harm App – An award winning, free app to support people to overcome feelings of anxiety and self harm. Featured on the NHS digital app library and found in the Apple and Play store.

Childline – 0800 1111
Childline provides a free counselling service for young people up to their 19th birthday.

Cruse Bereavement – 0808 8081677
Cruse offers support, information and advice when someone dies.

GASPED - 0845 146 0002 (24-hour confidential helpline).
GASPED is a registered charity established in 1995 offering information, advice, help and support for the parents, partners, families and carers who care for or are affected by a loved one's drug and/or alcohol misuse.

Local Children First Hub – 01924 307 878
Children's First Hub provides support for families in the local area.
255 Barnsley Road, Wakefield WF1 5NU
Email: WFTSouthWestAdmin@wakefield.gov.uk
Website: Family Hubs – www.wakefieldfamieliestogether.co.uk/community-support/familyhubs

Kooth – www.kooth.com A website which provides an online counselling service for young people, provided by the NHS.

NSPCC - 0808 800 5000 for adults concerned about a child or 0800 1111 to speak to Childline if you are a young person.

Place2Be – Mental Health Charity. www.place2be.org.uk
Provides resources for parents, including supporting your child starting primary and secondary school.

Samaritans – 116 123 (Helpline) or 01924 377011 for Wakefield Branch.
Open 8am – 10pm to receive callers at the door at 37-39a Charlotte Street, Wakefield, WF1 1UL. Website <http://www.samaritans.org/branches/samaritans-wakefield-and-district>

Star Bereavement Support Service – 01924 787384 www.starwakefield.org.uk.
Providing Advice, support and counselling for families and young people in our region.

Turning Point Inspiring Futures (Substance Misuse Support) 0300 123 1912 www.turning-point.co.uk/services/wakefield

Wakefield District Domestic Abuse Service - 0800 915 1561
WDDAS <http://www.wakefield.gov.uk/health-care-and-advice/adults-and-older-peopleservices/domestic-abuse>

Wakefield District Housing - OneCALL 0345 8 507 507. WDH <https://www.wdh.co.uk/ContactUs/>

Wakefield Well Women's Centre – 01924 211114
<http://www.wellwomenwakefield.org.uk>