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Dear Parent/Carer

End of Year Letter from the Principal

Principal: Mrs Samantha Broome

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. In this letter, I hope to provide you with some key information for the end of term and the start of next academic 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 continues 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

Thursday 18 August 2022 – 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.

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, textbooks or other resources they may have borrowed from the academy on this day.

All results not collected will be communicated to students electronically via their school email address from 11.00am onwards on 18 August and then via post after 2.00pm.

Thursday 25 August 2022 – GCSE Results

Similarly, the academy will be open for pupils in Year 11 to collect their GCSE examination results on Thursday 25 August from Kendall Hall from 8:30am until 11:00am.

All results not collected will be communicated to pupils electronically via their school email address from 11.00am onwards on 25 August and then via post after 2.00pm.

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 25 August 2022. 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

Start of Term Arrangements for Year 7 to 13 Pupils/Students

Monday 5 September – INSET Day for all staff. No pupils on site

Tuesday 6 September – Induction Day for all pupils

Year Group	Start	Entry	Finish
7	8:30am	The Street	2:45pm
8	9:30am	The Street	3:15pm
9	10:30am	The Street	3:15pm
10	10:00am	The Street	2:45pm
11	9:00am	The Street	2.45pm
12	10:00am	The Street	2:45pm
13	9:00am	The Street	2:45pm

Wednesday 7 September – Following normal timetable

Year Group	Start	Entry	Finish
7	8:30am	The Street (Left)	2:45pm
8	9:00am	The Street	3:15pm
9	9:00am	The Alley	3:15pm
10	8:30am	The Alley	2:45pm
11	8:30am	The Street (Right)	2.45pm 3:45pm on Tue/Wed/Thurs (Recovery Curriculum)
12/13	8.30am	The Street	2.45pm

Standards for Success September 2022

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 all pupils should 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 (Casio FX-83GTX) and protractor.
- A suitable bag in which to carry their books, planner and any specific equipment for practical activities.
- Please note pupils can bring a reading book from home should they wish but will also be able to borrow a book from our LRC in the first week of term.

Pupils are able to purchase these items from the LRC if required.

In terms of uniform, our high expectations remain in place. 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 are in receipt of the correct uniform (as per the academy website) and understand how to wear it correctly.

This includes:

- a. Ensuring that skirts are of the correct length and style, are not rolled or bunched at the waist.
 - b. Shirts are long enough to be tucked into trousers.
 - c. Trousers are not skinny fit but are a tailored school trouser.
 - d. Trousers must cover the ankle.
 - e. Socks must be plain black and also cover the ankle.
2. Pupils are in receipt of appropriate school shoes that are plain black and without embellishments or decoration. 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.
 3. Pupils should not wear makeup of any description. This includes artificial nails, fake tan or false eyelashes.
 4. Pupils should not wear piercings of any kind.
 5. Pupils should not wear jewellery. A watch may be worn and is advised, but this cannot be a SMART watch.
 6. Pupils should have appropriate outer wear and all pupils are reminded that no hoodies are permitted.
 7. Pupils are no longer required to wear a lanyard.

All pupils in Years 7 – 10 will receive a new tie on 6 September as part of their induction day. Year 11 pupils have already received their silver ties.

Senior Leaders and Pastoral Year Leaders will continue to greet pupils on entrance to 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 2022/2023

The following represents the confirmed term dates and arrangements for next academic year with a full breakdown available on our website <https://ossett.accordmat.org/>

INSET DAY – Monday 5 September 2022

School Photographs -Thursday 8 September 2022 – Year 7,9,11 School Photographs (A further communication regarding the arrangements for this will be shared with parents/carers on return)

Half-Term – Monday 24 – Friday 28 October 2022

INSET DAY – Friday 2 December 2022

School Closed for Christmas Break – Monday 19 December 2022 – Monday 2 January 2023

INSET DAY – Friday 10 February 2023

Half-Term – Monday 13 – Friday 17 February 2023

School Closed for Easter Break – Monday 3 April – Friday 14 April 2023

May Day Bank Holiday – Monday 1 May 2023

Half Term – Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June 2023

School Closes to pupils for Summer Break – Friday 21 July 2023

INSET DAYS – Monday 24 July, Tuesday 25 July 2023

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.

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. 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 what has continued, in part to be 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 – <https://www.wakefieldfamiliesstogether.co.uk/>

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>