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Dear Parent/Carer,

Students have made a fantastic start to the new school year, we are very proud of them. Year 7 students are settling in well and other year groups have excellent focus in lessons.

Our summer results in August were exceptional with Post 16 and GCSE students making very good progress. The table shows summer GCSE results:

Measure	2017	Comments
Maths & English C+/4+	61.1%	6 <sup>th</sup> in Doncaster
Maths & English 5+ (New Strong pass grade)	46.7%	4 <sup>th</sup> in Doncaster
Attainment 8	44.8	Above National Average
Progress 8	+0.38	3 <sup>rd</sup> In Doncaster and in the top 30% of schools nationally

Every student's progress, effort and attainment is very important to us. Praising Stars reports show how your son/daughter is succeeding in each subject area. Learning Managers analyse each student's progress across the school, and present this information to the Senior Leadership Team.

We look forward to celebrating successes with all students at our Praising Stars assemblies and for those students with excellent effort grades, they will be invited to have hot chocolate with the Principal.

### **Parents Evening**

On Tuesday 14 November Outwood Academy Danum will be holding the first parents evening of this academic year. Parental appointments can be made between 4:30pm to 7:30pm, either at visitor reception or via your son/daughter's subject teachers. This is an opportunity for you to meet with staff and discuss your son/daughter's progress, effort, behavior and successes. The academy's Inclusion Coordinator will also be available, alongside your son/daughter's Learning Manager. We look forward to seeing you on this evening. Please make appointments even if your son/daughter's teachers have not specifically asked to see you.

### **Careers**

The careers education and guidance programme at Outwood Academy Danum seeks to positively support students to acquire the educational, social and employability skills necessary for lifelong success in a diverse and changing world of work.

We work with Careers Inc, an external, independent and impartial careers guidance service, who will support your son/daughter's career goals and aspirations.

It is our aim to help equip students with the understanding and knowledge required to make the correct personal decisions regarding their future. All students will have opportunities to meet with careers advisers.

If your son/daughter would like to talk to one of the specialist advisers they can contact their Learning Manager who will be able to arrange an appointment. Careers Inc are available during break, lunch and after school for drop in appointments regarding any careers information or guidance. This service is available for all year groups.

There is also a bespoke website designed to support students in all aspects of careers which can be found by visiting the academy website under the Careers section found on the information tab.

### **Upcoming events to note**

Friday 27 October 2017	Last Day for Students – Half Term begins
Monday 6 November 2017	All Students return to Academy
Tuesday 14 November 2017	Parents Evening (4:30pm – 7:30pm)
Saturday 18 November 2017	Family Focus Day
Friday 24 November 2017	Inset Day – Academy closed to Students
Tuesday 28 November 2017	Post 16 Open Evening
Thursday 21 December 2017	Last Day for Students – Christmas Holidays

### **Communication**

Can I please ask you to use our website and social media pages to ensure that you stay fully up to date with what is happening at Outwood Academy Danum. Find us on Facebook and follow @OutwoodDanum on Twitter.

### **Family Focus Day**

On Saturday 18 November Outwood Academy Danum will be holding our first ever Family Focus Day. The event will provide an opportunity for students to proudly welcome their families into the academy. There will be a chance to meet passionate staff in an informal environment who would like to invite you to experience a range of exciting workshops that showcase their subject areas. The event will begin at 8:45am and conclude at 12:45pm. Refreshments will be made available throughout the event. We would value your presence as we are striving to highlight to our community the fantastic improvements we have made to the academy over the last academic year. Please note this event is exclusively for ticket holders only. If you would like a ticket for the event please complete the reply slip below.

Yours faithfully,



Jayne Gaunt  
Principal

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**REPLY SLIP - Please return to student information desk.**

**Family Focus Day – Saturday 18 November 2017 8:45am – 12:45pm**

I would like to attend the Family Focus Day and would like to reserve \_\_\_\_place(s).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of student: \_\_\_\_\_