

Dear Parents/Carers,

At Outwood Academy Hemsworth we are delighted to announce the return of the popular **Outwood Masterclass series for students in Years 7-9**. The aim of our Masterclass series is to inspire and challenge students to go further in their learning journeys, providing them with the opportunity to develop and extend their curriculum beyond the classroom. Here is a [link](#) to an information video for parents/carers where you can find out more about this provision.

Each Masterclass has been written and delivered by a member of staff from one of the academies in the OGAT Central region covering Wakefield, Barnsley and North Yorkshire. As explained in the parent/carer video, students will access each Masterclass using a dedicated [Masterclass Google Site](#) and they will register their attendance by clicking on the link in the student resource sheet for each Masterclass. Students should make sure that they are logged into their academy Google account when they do this.

Each academy will reward students with 'gold', 'silver' and 'bronze' certificates to acknowledge their effort and engagement. Each Masterclass is pre-recorded and has resources and links embedded within the site. This means that students can complete their Masterclass either in the school library or at home at a time that suits them; they can even return to a Masterclass if they haven't completed it in one session. Each Masterclass is approximately one hour and, in the first half term, focuses particularly on the core subjects of English Maths and Science, with additional Masterclasses in Geography, History, Design Technology and RE/Life.

The Masterclass website will 'Go Live' on Monday 8 November 2021. Each week we will send out reminders to students through tutor time as well as to parents/carers using our social media. At Outwood Academy Hemsworth from **Monday 15 November will be running Masterclass Club in the Library each Monday from 2.30-3.30pm** where students can get extra support and be treated to a hot chocolate when they complete their Masterclass. Should you have any questions about our Masterclass enrichment programme please do not hesitate to contact Mr Ives at the academy.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Toby Rutter
Principal