

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are delighted to welcome your child back to school and into an exciting new chapter as a Year 8 student at Outwood Academy Hemsworth. The academic year will present countless opportunities for your child to thrive and develop, and we look forward to supporting your child's progress as the year unfolds.

I am extremely excited to introduce myself as Assistant Principal at OAH. A major part of my role will be working alongside Miss Dickinson and the fantastic team of form tutors to support your child throughout Year 8 and I am thoroughly looking forward to getting to know you and your child over the coming weeks and months.

The Year 8 team of staff will continue to be your child's first point of contact on a morning during form time. Our role is to form a wider team of support with you as parents/carers to ensure that your child is prepared for the day and work with them to reduce any barriers to learning.

As the year progresses you will be regularly informed of your child's progress via the 'Praising Stars' report. Similar to last year, this will include an academic assessment for each subject in addition to effort grades, attendance figures and progress that has been made over time.

In addition to the extensive and exciting curriculum that awaits your child within lessons, we will be offering an amazing number of opportunities and events to allow your child to flourish outside of the classroom. Such opportunities include praise events, KS3 awards evening, 'careers across the curriculum', World book day, sports day and a continuation of the random acts of kindness (RAK) movement.

Furthermore, the academy will continue to offer an exceptional weekly enrichment programme which will provide your child with the opportunity to explore their passions and find new hobbies beyond 'normal' school hours. This enrichment programme will be communicated with you in the very near future and we hope that your child will be able to attend as many of these opportunities as possible.

I look forward to being in further contact with you as the year progresses. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns about Year 8, please do not hesitate to contact me or the Year 8 team at the academy.

Yours faithfully,

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Mr L. Allington  
Assistant Principal