

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am delighted to welcome you and your child to Outwood Academy Hemsworth as they continue their educational journey into Key Stage 3. It is such a pleasure to be able to tell you that the year group have had a fantastic start here at Hemsworth, and staff have been full of praise for the year group's attitude and approach to lessons.

Primarily, I would like to introduce you to the Year 7 team, so you are aware of who to contact with any queries. The first point of call is, of course, your child's form tutor who is there to provide pastoral support and is a consistent face at the start of each school day. Our Y7 learning manager is Mr Dunwell, who you will have already met at our induction sessions, and he will be your main contact between home and school for any pressing concerns. Finally, the SLT links for Y7 are myself, Ms Backhouse, Assistant Principal and Miss Marlow, Associate Assistant Principal, and our role is to monitor the year group from a senior leadership perspective and to assist with any more problematic issues. In addition, our teaching staff will contact you directly regarding any additional praise or pending sanctions.

We will also keep you updated termly with progress reports, which are titled Praising Stars reports and you may wish to take note of the date for parents' evening which will be Tuesday 14th November. More information will be shared in advance of each reporting schedule.

I strongly recommend that you follow us on both Facebook and Twitter to keep abreast of all our news and events and our website also contains all key information. In particular, if you have any questions regarding uniform, please see the relevant page on our website.

Finally, please could you share the date of our Year 6 Open Evening, Tuesday 26th September, with all friends and family as it is a great opportunity for our community to come and see first-hand what we offer.

We look forward to following your child's progress at Outwood Academy Hemsworth and celebrating all the achievements, big and small, that we know they will make during their time with us.

Yours faithfully,

Sarah Backhouse
Assistant Principal