

## Message from the Principal

This newsletter finds us right in the midst of public examinations at GCSE, BTEC and Advanced level.



Students have been working extremely hard in class, at home and at the 'masterclass' revision sessions that will run right through the examination period.

I have no doubt that they are as well prepared as any other students in the country and will attain results that they deserve and will be proud of. This time always signifies a watershed in a young person's life as it leads to the next significant chapter. Our young people are nervous about the exams, cautious about what is next and have an agonising wait for the summer results. Amongst all of this they know that the mixture of emotions they are experiencing will make them stronger people.

*"I will not pretend I wasn't petrified. I was. But mixed in with the awful fear was a glorious feeling of excitement. Most of the really exciting things we do in our lives scare us to death. They wouldn't be exciting if they didn't."*

Roald Dahl,

Danny the Champion of the World.



Again, you will see from the newsletter the range of other activities that are coming up and the opportunities available for our young people. A recent highlight at the Academy, of course, was the school production of 'We will Rock You'. It involved a wide range of students across all year groups, a massive staff commitment, and was an absolute spectacle. Well done again to all involved.

Best wishes for the half-term break.

Mr Steve Merifield, Academy Principal

### Parent Voice

Due to unforeseen circumstances the meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> June has been cancelled. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

### Dates for your diary

**25<sup>th</sup> May** – Parents' Evening

**19<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 6 Induction Evening 6pm – 7.30pm

**20<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 6 Induction Day 8.45am – 2.45pm

**20<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 6 Uniform fitting – Trutex – 3pm – 6pm

**27<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 12 Airline Masterclass

**28<sup>th</sup> June** - Y12 UCAS Convention, Leeds Beckett University

**29<sup>th</sup> June** - Y11 Prom at The Angel, Topcliffe - 7.30pm – 10pm

### Lunch Meal Deal

We would like to inform you that the lunch meal deal price will increase from September 2017 from £2.30 to £2.35. This includes main meal, dessert and a drink and we feel still offers great value for money.

### Parent Governor Vacancy

**The Academy Council (Governing Body) of Outwood Academy Ripon has a vacancy for a Parent Governor from September 2017.**

If you are interested or would like more information on becoming a member of the Academy Council please contact the Academy Council Clerk at [academy.council@ripn.outwood.com](mailto:academy.council@ripn.outwood.com)



## Prom

The Year 11 Prom is Thursday  
29th June at The Angel at  
Topcliffe  
7pm till 11pm.

The Academy's subsidised cost is  
£13.50 to students. A letter home will  
be sent out by the end of the week and  
will be available on the website.

### Attendance Lottery Draw

Congratulations to the winners of the lottery draw.

 **Louis Sutcliffe from Peru VMG**  
**6<sup>th</sup> form winner Josh Ramsbottom from Portugal VMG**

For your chance to win a £50 Amazon voucher your attendance needs to be 100% between 5<sup>th</sup> June and 25<sup>th</sup> July

**Did you know? Research suggests that 17 days missed from school equates to dropping a whole GCSE grade!**

### Careers & moving on...

Congratulations to our year 11 students who have gained apprenticeships, we are very proud.

Nathan Chapman, Brad Sanderson, Tilly Elliott, Paiton Houseman, Bradley Rowatt, Beth Johnson are a few of our year 11 students who have secured their apprenticeship.

Year 11 have several destinations this year ranging from apprenticeships and post 16 providers - St Aidan's and St John Fisher, Harrogate Grammar, Rossett High School, Harrogate College and Darlington College.

**There will be an exciting career event for year 10 in July, we are currently in the middle of planning it, so look out for details coming shortly.**

Year 12 are attending the UCAS Convention at Leeds Beckett University on the 27th June.

The induction days for next year's 6th form are on the 12th and 13th July and shortly will be invited to attend an enterprise 'Airline Masterclass' event run by Young Enterprise and Leeds Bradford airport.

Mrs Atherley, Associate Assistant Principal & Learning Manager



### Technology and Creative Arts

As we fast approach the end of the summer term, the Art department is very busy planning some inspiring educational visits for the students.

The **GCSE groups** will be going to the coast to develop initial studies and research for projects relating to illustration, architecture and interior product design.

**Year 7's** will visit the Yorkshire Sculpture park to prepare for their year 8 project. They will explore the environment and art at YSP, They will then create interesting outcomes around the theme of art, sculpture and the YSP.

As an academy department, we value the importance of inspirational experiences and the impact this can have on our students ideas and outcomes.

Mrs Emma O'Brien, Head of Department



### Summer Concert

**20<sup>th</sup> July – Time to be confirmed**

Tickets will be available shortly from the finance office ... this is a great event to start the summer with a bang so please do come.

### Student Catering Accounts

Parents and Careers of overdrawn student catering accounts will receive a text message to make sure the account is brought into credit.

### Good Luck!

We wish all students taking their exams the very best of luck, we are certain you will all do well. A reminder for revision techniques below:

- **Chunking of information**
- **Spider diagrams/mind maps**
  - **Reading out loud**
  - **Flash cards**
- **Re-writing notes in bullet form/images**

More information about revision strategies and some downloadable resources are available at:  
<http://www.ripon.outwood.com/revision-2016>

Students accessing the 'Stress Buster' sessions are given tailored support ranging from advice on how to produce a revision timetable, to simple breathing techniques. If any students feel they would benefit from the 'Stress Buster' sessions, they need to speak to their VMG tutor in the first instance.