

IN TOUCH

newsletter



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PROVISIONAL KEY DATES FOR THE DIARY (next academic year)

Progress evenings (next academic year)

We are pleased to welcome you into our academy on the following dates to meet with our teaching staff.

- Y7 & 11 9th Nov (TBC)
- Y8, 9, 10 & 11 22nd Feb (TBC)

Praising Stars (next academic year)

Information regarding your child's progress and effort will be issued on the following dates.

- PS1 wc 23rd Oct (TBC)
- PS2 wc 18th Dec (TBC)





**Alison
McQueen**
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Principal

As we prepare to end our academic year, I wanted to take the opportunity to write to you and thank you for your ongoing support in maintaining our expectations and standards. I believe, through my years of experience, that a great school is always willing to do what it needs to do in order to get better. This is us! We always reflect and we are prepared to go the extra mile for our students. I know that we have made a real impact in the last few weeks and have prepared all year groups ready to step-up in September.

We work closely with you as parents and carers, albeit sometimes a difficult one to start. In the end this is to achieve the best for our students, your children. They deserve the best!

We have had an incredible summer term with lots to celebrate and to be proud of. Year 11 conducted themselves impeccably during the exams and we celebrated in style at Prom and our Prom Breakfast. We look forward to celebrating with them again in August when students will receive the outcome of their hard work on results day.

We have had a number of highlights this term: Y9 Graduations, Y6 transition events, Shafton Shines and our trip to Paris, to name just a few. There have also been a huge number of very personal achievements, both in and out of the Academy, for some of our students. We have a lot of talent to celebrate! We thank our families for the good news stories that they regularly share with us.

Summer holidays are a special time for families and a chance for our young people to relax, recharge and have fun. Please remind our young people to be safe around open water, South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue shared information with us earlier this year about water safety and you can find that information [here](#).

Whatever you have planned, home or away, I wish you a very happy and a very safe summer on behalf of all of the staff here at Outwood Academy Shafton.

Yours faithfully,

Alison McQueen

Principal

How to contact a member of the Senior Leadership Team

Please direct all communication to our enquiries email address, this will then be directed to the most appropriate member of SLT for a quicker response.

enquiries@shafton.outwood.com



MEET THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM



Julian Mellor

Vice
Principal



Tom Peel

Vice
Principal



Ian Simpson

Associate Vice
Principal



Esther Littlewood

Assistant
Principal



Phil Jeffries

Assistant
Principal



Miles Crosby

Associate
Assistant Principal



Kate Wragg

Associate
Assistant Principal



Sarah Riley

Associate
Assistant Principal



Rob Keen

Associate
Assistant Principal



Josh Bray

Associate
Assistant Principal



Laura Kaye

Associate
Assistant Principal



Joe Turner

Associate
Assistant Principal



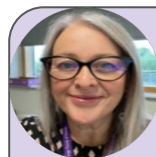
Jane Goldthorpe

Business
Manager



Leanne Burgin

SENDCO



Sarah Phillips

PA to the
Principal
(Social media and enquiries email)



STUDENT VOICE

You said...

'We would like a quiet area in the dining room'

We made sure

That we listened to you and one is being trialled in the atrium every lunchtime

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THE IN TOUCH NEWSLETTER UPDATE

Again, thank you for your feedback regarding the second edition of our In Touch newsletter, it certainly seems we are moving in the right direction. However we still want to improve so please keep your suggestions for improvements coming.

Our final newsletter of the year is very much about celebration. Hence why there are so many articles about what has happened in the final term, celebration events that have taken place and how the Academy and the community continue to come together. We hope you enjoy reading about the great things that our students have been involved in.

Along with news of celebrations the newsletter continues to be a source of information about how to contact members of staff in school. Therefore we continue to include staff email addresses and information about the best ways to share updates with us. You'll notice that at the end of this Newsletter there is still a section with information on the key members of staff who will be able to help you with your enquiries.

THE INCLUSION QUALITY MARK

In November, we were very pleased to announce that we had been awarded the IQM Flagship School Award. The overarching aim of Flagship status is that an individual school which has achieved this status can now further its work in Inclusion through internal research activities.

As an IQM Flagship school we were able to broaden our inclusivity and apply to become one of the first IQM National Champions. We are delighted to say that we were named as a winner of this prestigious status. Only 8 other schools in the country have achieved this award so we are extremely proud of this wonderful achievement.

Please email these members of staff with any questions or concerns you may have. The first port of call for general issues should be the Learning Manager for your child. They will be able to help and support with most of your queries. However we would also advise that you copy in the 'enquiries' email address into all correspondence, that way your email can also be forwarded to other relevant members of staff if needed. The enquiries email address is enquiries@shafton.outwood.com

If you are wanting to inform the Academy of a student absence please dial the Academy telephone number and choose option 2 to speak with the attendance team. However if this line is also busy you can send an email directly to the attendance team using the address attendance@shafton.outwood.com

Kind regards

Mr Simpson
Associate Vice Principal



INTERVENTIONS UPDATE

We have had a fantastic range of interventions happening throughout the academic year to support our students with SEMH. It has been fantastic to engage with different external providers and to receive positive feedback from students and families to say that the sessions have been successful and made a difference for our students. As we plan ahead for the next academic year, we are pleased to be partnering with:

- iSpace**
- Adastra**
- Compass**
- The Boxing Academy**
- Think For The Future**
- Active Futures**

BIKE FEST

Wow - what a day! Bike Fest 2023 has raised close to £4000 - that's well over double the amount last year! An excellent effort by everyone, thank you!

We have had some excellent feedback from the event, with the school field being absolutely full of motorbikes, an old diesel road roller attended and to top it off - the Yorkshire Air Ambulance landed as well!

What a fantastic day it was - we had well over 1500 people attend the event, besides all the Bikers that attended. Again thank you. We are already planning next year's event - Watch this space!

Mr Rooke/The Charity Committee

ACE PROGRAMME

It has been a fantastic year for ACE. As we approach the end of the academic year, we have students who have successfully completed their Bronze, Silver and Gold ACE status. We are looking forward to our celebration event in the last week of term to celebrate their successes. Our Year 7 students have shown remarkable progress this year and we are really proud of them!



STUDENT VOICE

You said...

'We would like a BEE KIND campaign to really spread kindness in the Academy'

We made sure

That we supported your ideas and the BEE KIND campaign starts today!





AMEY CHALLENGE CUP WINNERS

Today two teams of year 8 females from Outwood Academy Shafton and two teams of students from Dearne Academy took part in the Amey Challenge cup. This was a day focused on Careers in STEM. The day started with a marshmallow challenge! Students were given raw spaghetti, some string, some sellotape and two large marshmallows. They had to make a structure that would hold the marshmallows, the tallest structure won. We then looked at skills we had that could lead to careers in the future. We also learnt about Amey as a company.



The girls were then introduced to their main challenge. The challenge was to design a school for the future, making sure it was sustainable.

We then heard from some of the Amey guests about careers, and how they had started to work for Amey and their Career path so far, with some words of advice. Then it was time to present, each group got up and presented their ideas, and did amazing work. All the teams had great ideas, and presented them really well. The Judges (all from Amey) then voted on which team was the best, and Shafton won! The school that our team designed was called Evergreen, and received great feedback and praise. Well done all.

Mrs Myers



SUSTAINABILITY PROJECTS

Our Eco Warriors have again been hard at work since the last newsletter was issued! We've been hard at work filling the bottle banks in our sustainability garden, as well as preparing ourselves for our second visit to Elland Road for the Climate Change and Sustainability Conference. A select few outstanding students have the opportunity to represent Outwood Academy Shafton as well as the other Outwood Academies on the main stage to discuss all things eco friendly. We had such a fantastic and insightful time at the last conference, and we're really looking forward to having another go at it on July 19th. Our next focus will be on the allotment on the school grounds, with the aim of having it completely ready to go for the start of the 2023/24 academic year. We're also looking for new recruits for September - and now would be a perfect time to show an interest and try and apply some sustainable techniques throughout the summer holidays to see how much you can lower your carbon footprint!



STUDENT VOICE

You said...

'We would like a
Breakfast Club'

We made sure

That Ben's idea was
taken straight to Jim in
the canteen and a
breakfast club will be
tried in July.



*If you can dream it,
you can do it!*

Scholars Programme

Our Y9 Scholars Programme cohort all successfully graduated! They completed amazing assignments. Their university tutor, John Leach, said "They did really well, with the highest marks of any school I've worked in yet, including six Firsts and five 2-1s". To celebrate their achievements, the students visited the University of Sheffield for their Scholars Programme Graduation!



HeppSY She Can programme



A group of Y10 girls have completed HeppSY She Can Programme. They took part in a workshops called talk the talk. They learned skills in communication, expression and presentation. At the end they went on a trip to Sheffield Hallam University, where they each gave an individual presentation on a topic of their choice. All the presentations were fantastic and the girls made a great impression throughout the day.

Y10 Barnsley College Vocational Taster Day

A group of Y10 students went to Barnsley College to sample vocational subjects. Half the students did Business & Catering. The other half did Computer & Digital.



Upcoming Taster Days



Barnsley College A-Level taster – 29th June
 Dearne Valley College taster – 30th June
 New College Pontefract taster – 12th July
 Hemsworth Sixth Form taster – date TBC

Careers Festival 2023

Students in years 9-11 had a fantastic opportunity to talk to employers and higher/further education providers from across a wide range of different industries. The event was well attended, and we received excellent feedback from everyone involved. A special mention should also be made for our Careers Ambassadors. Some amazing students from Y7 and 8 volunteered to support the event and made us really proud with their professionalism and positivity.



Coming up...

Y10 Mock Interviews – 17th July
 Photography Careers Workshop – 19th June
 Girls into STEM Amey Challenge Cup – 27th June
 Army Elite Skills Academy – 18th July
 HEPP Belong workshops for Y8 – 11th July
 HSBC Finance workshops – Date TBC

 Outwood Academy Shafton is excited to announce the ...

Y10 Mock Interview Day!

Monday 17th July 2023

If you would like more details or need some support, please speak to Mr Keen (4-20) or Mrs McKinney (careers area). Mrs McKinney will be available at lunchtimes on Mondays and Thursdays to drop in for 1-2-1 interview advice.

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Vive La France! Outwood Academy Shafton's Parisian Sojourn...

Bonjour fellow Outwood Academy Shafton students and wider community! Get ready to embark on a captivating journey as we unveil what our students got up to on their recent school trip to the vibrant city of Paris.

A mix of excitement and anticipation filled the air as our intrepid travellers set sail on a ferry, ready to immerse themselves in the beauty and culture of the City of Lights. Their journey began with a touch of elegance as they arrived at their charming accommodation for the weekend, a beautiful chateau.



One of the highlights of the trip and of course no Parisian trip would be complete without it - reaching new heights at the iconic Eiffel Tower. Students set their sights high as they climbed the iron structure, taking in the breathtaking views of the city that unfolded before their eyes.

Leaving the Eiffel Tower behind, students and staff dove into the realm of magic and wonder at Disneyland Paris. Our students encountered beloved Disney characters, experienced the infamous Disney parade, and immersed themselves in a world where dreams come true. The enchantment of Disney allowed students and staff to embrace their inner child and explore the magic that resides within each of us.

Continuing their adventure, our spirited explorers embarked on a picturesque boat tour along the Seine River, revealing the hidden treasures of Paris. Majestic bridges, riverside cafés, and world-renowned landmarks like Notre Dame. It gave students a chance to appreciate the beauty that surrounded them and the cultural heritage of this beautiful city.

As our eager travellers bid adieu to the City of Lights, we hope they carry with them a treasure trove of memories and experiences. The school trip to Paris not only provided an opportunity for adventure and exploration but also fostered personal growth, cultural understanding, and an appreciation for the beauty that lies beyond our familiar surroundings.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all the teachers, staff and organisers who made this journey possible.

Au revoir, until our next extraordinary adventure!





**Pastoral
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**Outwood Academy Shafton is an
Anti Bullying Community**

Bullying, unkind behaviours or hurtful comments will not be tolerated in our academy. We recognise that at times our students will need people to speak to and reach out to. It is important that students know how to do this. In short - any member of staff in the academy can support. This could include Form Tutors, Teachers, Learning Managers, SLT or the Safeguarding Team. It is however most likely that students will report such concerns to their Learning Manager first thing in the morning, during break-time or lunchtime. If students do not feel comfortable doing this then they can report any issues via the Learning Manager Referral Boxes located in the main reception area.



*Assemblies last
½ half*

Attendance

Mr Bray

Careers

Mr Keen

**Holocaust
Memorial Day**

Miss Guest

**Girls and
Women into
Stem**

Miss Wragg

**Safer Internet
Day**

Miss Smith

**World Book
Day**

Miss Peasegood

Pi Day

Miss Kirkham

*Assemblies this
½ half*

World Art Day

Miss Moxon

Enrichment

Miss Goddard

**Science to
Inspire**

Mr Crosby

**Random Acts of
Kindness**

Mrs Wragg

**Mental Health
Week**

Mr Peel

Kindness

Mr Jeffries

**National Bike
Week**

Mr Jepps

Uniform Expectations

We are proud of students and how they represent their community. We pride them on being smart and ready to learn each day, skills that they will take into the world of work. We really value your support in ensuring their uniform meets academy expectations and that they are prepared everyday with their tools for learning; schoolbag, planner and basic equipment. Please contact the academy and encourage your child to speak to adults if they require support in meeting these expectations.

Additional items can be purchased via your personal iPay account or by contacting the school office or a Learning Manager.

Uniform Policy Update

In reviewing the policy, we have taken the decision to remove the requirement for students to wear logoed trousers and skirts. This change will be effective from 1 January 2023. Students will still be required to wear appropriate school trousers and skirts, as described in the letter sent home in December 2022. Students wearing items that do not match these descriptions will be asked to change and support will be given to parents/carers to source acceptable garments. There is a guide on our [website](#) that includes images of what is and is not acceptable that students, parents and carers may find useful when purchasing non-logoed school trousers and skirts.

Life Curriculum Overview (Term 3)

- Y7** Let's Talk About Anti Semitism
Christianity
- Y8** Media and International Relations
RSE and Health Education
- Y9** Being Safe Online
Universal Human Rights
- Y10** Rights and Responsibilities
Relationship and Family Life

Our Academy Curriculum

For more information about our curriculum visit our Academy website at:

<https://www.shafton.outwood.com/curriculum>