

Dear Parent/Carer

From Monday your child will begin the last leg of their 5 year journey at Outwood Academy Shafton working towards the exceptional outcomes that we know they are capable of. Every second counts and because we believe so strongly in this, we will be holding your child's first assembly as Year 11 in which we will talk to **all** students about what they have in store in their final academic year at Shafton as well as the high expectations we will have of them.

Our current Year 11 have made us especially proud this year having demonstrated our expectations and the qualities of good citizens throughout their time at Shafton, but none more so than during their time as Year 11s. They have really raised the bar and standards of what we expect of our students and we are so very proud of them. It is now the job of the class of 2024 to set the next standard for what it means to be Year 11 at Shafton and we are so excited to give this special year group the chance to really step up and shine.

In order to reach their academic goals, students must forge habits of excellence and from Monday we will expect our current Year 10s to demonstrate these habits of excellence that we see as our Basics for Learning:

The Basics for Learning mean that every student no matter their background is fully prepared to achieve in their lessons and focus fully on the knowledge that is being taught.

Outwood basics for learning

A B C D E F

A	Accept that your actions are your choice	B	Be on time, every time
C	Come to school fully equipped for learning	D	Do all classwork and homework to the best of your ability
E	Ensure that you keep hands, feet and unkind words to yourself	F	Follow all instructions, first time

In order to ensure all students can meet these basic expectations we will remove all barriers on Monday by ensuring that all of our current Year 10s who need them on Monday will be given stocked pencil cases and temporary planners. Should students not do the 'basics' in terms of preparation for learning from Monday onwards, we want to ensure there is clarity that a sanction will be a certainty and we ask for your support in ensuring that your child arrives on time and ready to take on the challenge of Year 11. If we get the basics right, then all of our focus and attention is learning and that is what will transform lives.

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Uniforms must meet our expectations. This includes not wearing any jewellery and wearing the appropriate skirt and shoes. All students must wear ties. Unfortunately we will have to send any students home to correct any uniform issues and then they will be welcomed back on their return. As always, all students must have a bag to store their essentials and this must be big enough to hold revision books and resources.

We will also explain to your child the rites of passage that will be bestowed upon them should they meet our expectations throughout Year 11 and we will be very transparent about what we expect every minute of every day at Outwood Academy Shafton.

Regardless of anything that has come before, your child now has the opportunity to achieve greatness and construct a legacy that will be remembered for years to come at Shafton, but also a legacy that will be remembered in their community and the wider world. We have the highest expectations of every student that walks through our doors because we know that there is no ceiling to what our students can achieve. We ask for your full support and backing in our mission to ensure the class of 2024 surpasses the high bar that has been set by the class of 2023.

Yours faithfully

Tom Peel
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