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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the final term of this academic year. It was a pleasure to see students back in school in March ready for the challenge ahead and we cannot wait to get started this term with the exciting developments and greater opportunity to get creative in the classroom.

We are also excited to welcome the students who have selected to attend Outwood Academy Freeston next year, 210 students will be in Y7 in 2021 making us full in that year group. We will be in contact very shortly with those parents to discuss uniform arrangements, data collection and the up and coming events.

As we move into a new term, I wanted to highlight the expectations we have of students when they return:

- Over the next half term we will continue working with Y11 students to collect the evidence needed to support the teacher assessed grades. It is important that students maintain high levels of attendance and attend the enrichment sessions to support this progress. Please remember that predicted grades on the latest praising stars 4 report can change both upwards and downwards depending on the evidence we gather.
- Students should return to school equipped with, pen, pencil, ruler and a calculator. Students will be asked to present these items when they arrive at school on their first day back in tutor time. This is to make sure we are not wasting time handing out equipment and students are ready to learn.
- Students should still bring coats to school to wear when outside. As the weather is warmer, students can continue to wear a plain black jumper/school jumper in lessons. We will monitor the weather and will allow students to put coats on in the academy ONLY when it is unseasonably cold (as we always have done), the teacher in the room will state when this is necessary. The heating will remain on until the May half term to support the ventilation guidance.
- Students should be in the correct uniform, guidance is in the school planner and also on the website – <https://www.freeston.outwood.com/uniform> If anyone is struggling with purchasing a uniform there is a fund available to support.
- As notified on the 6th April 2021, the Government **still requires students to wear masks** in lessons and areas where social distancing cannot be maintained as a precautionary measure to help limit the risk of transmission; this will remain in place until further notice (as a minimum until 17th May 2021). Please ensure that your child has a stock of masks ready for Monday unless exempt.
- Please remember that students with consent for at home testing should continue to do this every 3-4 days and submit their result to us and the NHS.

In addition, please remember that there is a weekly Principal's Blog released on the academy website every Friday evening with key information.

As ever, thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully



Lisa Allott  
Principal



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