

Monday 5th February, 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. Our students have had an excellent start to the year 2024 at Outwood Academy Ripon and it brings me great pleasure to see their enthusiasm and commitment to learning.

Having carefully considered the structure of the school day, we feel that there is greater opportunity to maximise learning time and reduce the number of transitions that were introduced during the pandemic. Next half term, the school will move to a key stage break time rather than the existing year group break times. This reduces transitional periods from five to two. Last week, students were informed about the changes during an assembly and their form tutors will be discussing this further during the coming days. Students will observe the following structure:

Year Group	Time
Y7	10.45 - 11.00
Y8	
Y9	
Y10	11.05 - 11.20
Y11	

We also intend to offer a Breakfast Club provision open to all students who wish to attend from 08.15. A selection of hot and cold breakfast food will be available to purchase. Our intent is to ensure that all students are ready to learn and that curriculum time is maximised to further foster the academic development of our students. We believe that consolidating break times and introducing Breakfast Club provision will contribute to a more focused and productive learning environment. By optimising the schedule, we aim to enhance the overall educational experience for our students.

As we approach the upcoming half term, we kindly request your continued support in encouraging your child to strive for 100% attendance and good punctuality. Regular attendance is crucial for academic success and your involvement plays a vital part in reinforcing the importance of being present and engaged in the learning at all times. Additionally, I would like to draw your attention to the importance of adhering to our uniform policy. Please ensure that your child arrives at the academy with the correct uniform.

Your support with these matters is greatly appreciated and contributes significantly to the overall success of our students and the academy as a whole. If you have any questions regarding the planned changes, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your continuous support; we look forward to a successful continuation of the academic year.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Donohue'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, prominent 'D'.

Ms R.A Donohue (M.Ed; FCCT)
Principal