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Dear Parent/Carer

The Future of Kirkby College

As you will all be aware Kirkby College was judged to be inadequate for a second time following its Ofsted inspection in November 2021. As a result of this, Outwood Grange Academies Trust (OGAT) has been asked by the Department for Education to consider whether Kirkby College can join its family of schools. We are delighted to inform you that, following a rigorous due diligence process, the OGAT Board have confirmed that Kirkby College will join the Outwood family in the summer term.

Outwood is a strong trust with a long proven history of supporting failing schools. The Trust sponsors 28 secondary schools and 12 primary schools based in the north of England and has an outstanding track record: we are all excited about the future for the Kirkby community. Outwood run inclusive academies that are placed at the heart of their communities where all children are cared for and where standards are raised and lives transformed.

We will be holding Parent/Carer Meetings on **Wednesday, 16 March 2022** at 5:00pm and repeated again at 6:15pm in the Performance Hall. This will provide Outwood colleagues with an opportunity to share with you an overview of the Trust and its plans to support the transformation of Kirkby College. To support our planning for this event, we would appreciate you completing the short form found [here](#) to confirm your attendance. It will be wonderful to meet you but should you be unable to join us we will also upload a copy of the presentation to the school website. You are bound to have lots of questions so we have set up an electronic form for you to use. A link to this form can be found [here](#). It can also be found on the school website.

One of the most frequently asked questions is about uniform. There will be a change of uniform at an appropriate point but please do not worry about this as Outwood will provide a free uniform bundle for all children. However, we will issue students with an Outwood tie which we expect them to wear after we have delivered the vision and expectations assembly to students. We will share more details about uniform at a later date but for now, children will continue to wear their existing uniform.

We are working closely with the DfE to develop the plans for a brand new school on the existing school site and we will provide more information about this at the Parent Meeting. We will be making lots of changes in the school to all areas of school life eg. behaviour, attendance, learning, culture and ethos, and environment etc. and it is important that we all work together to ensure the success of the school and its students going forward.

It is also important that we keep you well informed and updated of any changes that may occur as a result of Kirkby College joining the Outwood family and therefore we will provide you with regular updates and share the responses to the questions you raise on the dedicated FAQ site which can be found [here](#). In the meantime, if you would like to find out more about the Trust, the Prospectus can be accessed [here](#) or by visiting www.outwood.com.

We are all excited about this collaboration and to see the impact of this rapid transformation.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



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