



19 May 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are writing to you with an update on the transfer of Kirkby College to Outwood Grange Academies Trust. The formal legal process of joining Outwood is now expected to take place on 1 September 2022. This short delay is to allow the school to complete a separate legal process relating to the temporary closure of its Post-16 provision. We have and will continue to work closely with Mr Golden and the team to support Year 11 students taking examinations and to prepare for the exciting changes that will take place in the new academic year.

Thank you to the parents/carers who were able to attend the recent Parent Meetings; it was a pleasure to meet so many of you. Following the meetings we received lots of great questions and these have been formulated into frequently asked questions which can be found [here](#).

Since our last letter, Outwood specialist Subject Directors have been supporting Year 11 students in some subjects with their revision and exam preparation. We look forward to meeting the Student Council next week to answer their questions about being part of the Trust. The focus for next half term will be preparing for September. This will include introducing and training staff on Outwood systems and policies, and introducing and preparing students for the changes. As previously communicated this will include issuing students with their Outwood tie as we launch the Trust's behaviour policy. After half term we will welcome current Year 6 students, who will be joining us in September, for what we hope is an exciting two-day transition event.

We will shortly be sending further information about the consultation regarding changes to the timings of the school day.

We continue to work closely with colleagues at the DfE, planning and preparing for the new build, and will provide you with updates as and when we are able to.

Outwood Grange Academies Trust, a company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales with company number 06995649.

Registered office address: Potovens Lane, Outwood, Wakefield, West Yorkshire WF1 2PF.

VAT number: 158 2720 04. Outwood Grange Academies Trust is an exempt charity.

A list of Directors' names is open to inspection at our registered office.

It has been wonderful to meet the many parents/carers who have been into school to try on uniform. Please remember to submit your child's order for their free uniform bundle using the below links by Sunday, 22 May 2022.

- [Girls Order Form](#)
- [Boys Order Form](#)

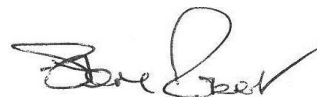
If you need any assistance, please contact the school on 01623 455925. The dates of the uniform collection and exchange events can be found [here](#).

If you have not had the chance to view the [online prospectus](#) for Outwood Grange Academies Trust, please take the time to have a look. We are very excited to be welcoming Kirkby College into our family of schools and for the opportunity to work with you in raising standards and transforming the lives of the young people in this community.

Yours faithfully,



Julie Slater
Chief Executive Principal, Secondary



Steve Roberts
Lead Principal