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Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, we would like to say a big welcome back to all our students and families from the last academic year and to all our new students and families. We are pleased to be able to share with you that the academic year has got off to a good start with the majority of students engaging well with their learning and looking smart in their school uniform.

General updates

Building update

Following the opening of our modular building in February, premises plans and developments continued in to the summer break with the arrival of two adjoining classrooms for the rear of school. We are delighted that all our students are now situated on one site for their education for the first time in 7 years.

Headteacher 'Drop in' sessions

Headteacher drop-in sessions will commence once again after half term, providing you with the opportunity to meet with Mrs McKenna to discuss any issues you may have and your thoughts on how we may work together more effectively in an attempt to further improve outcomes for our young people. Drop in mornings will take place every fortnight on a Thursday morning between 9.30am and 11.30am; the first such event taking place on 7th November.

Parent/Carer Programme

We are in the process of organising a parent programme for all our current parents/carers and will let you know the finer details pertaining to this programme after the half term break. Our aim is to meet with as many parents, guardians and family members as possible in a relaxed and friendly environment.



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Key worker programme

As part of our pastoral support programme each student is assigned a key worker with whom they meet on a weekly basis. During these meetings discussions take place in the areas of attendance, behaviour, wellbeing and general all-round progress and concerns. Your child's key worker will be responsible for contacting you on a regularly basis to update you on your child's progress. They should be the first point of contact if you have any general concerns.

Oswaldtwistle School's Careers platform – 'Unifrog'

In keeping with our commitment to provide students with outstanding careers guidance and tailored support when choosing their next steps after school, we will now be using Unifrog; an award-winning, online destinations platform. All students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 now have access to this website.

Unifrog is the universal destinations platform and is designed to support learners in making the most informed decisions about their futures and has a range of tools that are suitable for all year groups. Each student has their own account where they can explore all the career and next step options available to them and find information on everything from managing their workload to writing a winning CV. Students have access to a wide variety of video and written content, and interactive quizzes and tests

Students access the platform by clicking a link in their welcome email, where they create a password and can begin using the platform. They sign in to Unifrog using their email address and password and they can do so from any computer, tablet, or smartphone. We would encourage you to use the platform with your child so you can support them through the process of deciding their next step.

You can also have your own Unifrog account. You'll be able to research careers, attend webinars delivered by employers and universities to learn more about their opportunities, and compare pathways so you can support your child in making an informed decision about their next steps. The sign up code you need is: **OSWSpaents** and you can sign up here: www.unifrog.org/code. You can also sign up to Unifrog's parent / carer newsletter when you first sign in to get expert advice and guidance on supporting your child with their next steps.

For more information, go to www.unifrog.org or contact Mrs Amin-Yasin

Finally, we wish to remind you that we will finish for the October half term on Friday 18th October, at the usual time, and will re-open at 8.30am on Monday 28th October.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and enjoyable half term break.

Best wishes,
The staff at Oswaldtwistle.