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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the final few days of the Spring term, we would like to thank you, once again, for your ongoing support this term and share with you, news and information regarding school life and the summer term.

Spring Term activities at Oswaldtwistle School

On Tuesday 24th February several guests were invited into school to carry out mock interviews with several of our students. The interviews focused on 'next steps' and invited our students to talk about themselves and career aspirations. Feedback from our guests was so positive and we were extremely proud of our students who found the experience very beneficial.

Our KS4 football team participated in a Football Tournament on 2nd March and despite only winning 2 games played extremely well and were a credit to the school.

Our GCSE History students enjoyed a visit to Oswaldtwistle Mill this term and learned about the site; it's function over time and the architecture of the building. Next term will see our GCSE Geography students carrying out 2 field work visits in line with their programme of study.

A group of students visited the Octagon Theatre in Bolton on Tuesday 10th and enjoyed a performance of Macbeth. I believe the students demonstrated exemplary behaviour and were a pleasure to be with.

Our second Parents Evening of the year took place on Wednesday 11th March and proved to be a most successful event. Thank you to all who attended, working closely together really makes a difference to your child's progress and performance.



Our end of term rewards trip is scheduled to take place during the last week of the spring term and will see several of our students attending the Trafford Centre in Manchester.

This half term also saw several groups of children, both boys and girls, engaging with the Empowered Programme, a programme organised by Lancashire's Police Crime Commissioners Office. The aim of the programme is to understand the views of children and young people in relation to Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG). In engaging with the programme, our students displayed a most mature attitude to the questions that were posed and were very insightful with their responses. Well, done to all who participated in this activity.

Inclusion Award

We are also proud to share with you that we are currently working towards the Inclusion Award with SENDIA and in so doing maximise outcomes for our young people - [Inclusion Awards for Schools | AwardPlace](#).

Parent/Carer Programme

We are in the process of organising a parent programme for the summer term and will let you know the finer details pertaining to this programme after the Easter break. Our aim being to meet with as many parents, guardians and family members as possible in a relaxed and friendly environment and by working together, improve the outcomes of our young people.

Attendance

Attendance data does not read as well as we would like now and as such please can we once again emphasize the importance of regular attendance at school. Research shows that pupils who are frequently absent from school can often fail to meet their full potential as the absences from school disrupt their learning and impact on their relationships within school. We would really appreciate it if you could encourage your child to attend every day to reach their full potential. If you would like any support in this area, please do not hesitate to contact our school's Attendance Officer or Family Support Worker.

Year 11 summer exams

This year's GCSE exam season commences week beginning 4th May and ends on Monday 15th June. Individual exam timetables will be circulated to all year 11 students before we break for Easter, along with associated exam information.

In preparation for these exams please can we ask all parents/carers of year 11 students to encourage their child to engage with some exam revision over the Easter break. Our main online learning platform in school is SAM Learning for

which your child already has their own personal login details. Other useful sites include BBC Bitesize Revision and the following subject specific sites.

Maths revision sites

[onmaths|The home of GCSE Maths](#) Allows students to work through maths papers online. They are marked as the student progresses through the paper, correct answers are shared and a grade is given at the end.

[Corbettmaths – Videos, worksheets, 5-a-day and much more](#) Videos, worksheets and practice exam questions

[PRACTICE PAPERS | 1st Class Maths](#) – This site produces predicted papers for 2025 that students can work through with guidance from a video that walks them through each question

Science revision sites

Pupils can access Seneca using the link and class code below. To log in students will need to use their school email and password.

<https://app.senecalearning.com/sign-up> **sptzy43aqw**

The site below has videos for all required science practical experiments.

<https://www.freesciencelessons.co.uk/gcse-biology-paper-1/biology-paper-1-required-practicals/>

English revision sites

Seneca and English Department documents from school.

Please also remind your child that GCSE revision guides and workbooks are available in all subjects.

Exam Timetable 2025/6

Tues 5 May	9:00:00 AM	2 hr	EDEXCEL	Health & Social Care	BTEC
Tues 12 May	13:00 PM	1 hr 45 minutes	AQA	Biology Paper 1	GCSE
Wed 13 May	9:00:00 AM	1 hr 30 minutes	AQA	Geography Paper 1-Living with physical environment	GCSE
Thurs 14 May	9:00:00 AM	1 hr 30 minutes	EDEXCEL	Mathematics Non Calculator Paper 1	GCSE
Mon 18 May	9:00:00 AM	1 hr 45 minutes	AQA	Chemistry Paper 1	GCSE
TBC	9:00:00 AM		EDEXCEL	Sport On Screen Test	BTEC
Thurs 21 May	9:00:00 AM	1 hr 45 minutes	WJEC	Eng Language 20th Cent Lit Component 1	GCSE
Tues 2 June	9:00:00 AM	1 hr 45 minutes	AQA	Physics Paper 1	GCSE
Wed 3 June	9:00:00 AM	1 hr 30 minutes	EDEXCEL	Mathematics Calculator Paper 2	GCSE
Thurs 4 June	9:00:00 AM	1 hr 45 minutes	OCR	History B Paper 11-19 British history - thematic study and depth study	GCSE
Fri 5 June	9:00:00 AM	2 hr	WJEC	Eng Language Non Fiction Component 2	GCSE
Wed 3 June	13:00 PM	1 hr 30 minutes	AQA	Geography Paper 2 - Challenges in the human environment	GCSE
Mon 8 June	9:00:00 AM	1 hr 45 minutes	AQA	Biology Paper 2	GCSE
Tues 9 June	13:00 PM	1 hr 45 minutes each	OCR	History Paper 31-39 - World history - period study and depth study	GCSE
Wed 10 June	9:00:00 AM	1 hr 30 minutes	EDEXCEL	Mathematics Calculator Paper 3	GCSE
Thurs 11 June	9:00:00 AM	1 hr 30 minutes	AQA	Geography Paper 3 - Geographical applications	GCSE
Fri 12 June	9:00:00 AM	1 hr 45 minutes	AQA	Chemistry Paper 2	GCSE
Mon 15 June	9:00:00 AM	1 hr 45 minutes	AQA	Physics Paper 2	GCSE
Wed 24 June	All day	N/A	All exam boards	Standard contingency day for any national disruptions to exams	N/A
Thurs 20 Aug	N/A	N/A	All exam boards	Exam Results Day	All

Year 11 Exam Days – uniform expectations

Please can we emphasise that all students must attend in full school uniform for their exams and that failure to do so may result in a student being refused entry into the exam.

Core subjects and part day closures

Please be aware that during core exam sessions (Maths, English and possibly Science), school may have to be closed to students in years 7-10, to facilitate the necessary access arrangements for our year 11 cohort. Further information regarding this will be sent out nearer the time.

Retirement of the Headteacher

We would also like to share the news that our Headteacher, Mrs McKenna, will be retiring at the end of the Spring term. Mrs McKenna arrived at Oswaldtwistle School in January 2015 and has worked tirelessly to raise standards and in so doing, secure the best possible outcomes for all our young people. We thank her for her dedication over the years and wish her a happy and healthy retirement. In turn, we warmly welcome Mr Christopher Whittaker, current Deputy Headteacher at Coal Clough Academy, who will be taking over the role of Headteacher at the commencement of the summer term.

Free School Vouchers

If you are entitled to a Free School Voucher these have now been issued and will be emailed out on the 25th of March. Please ensure that all contact details are up to date, as any that are incorrect will not be able to re issue vouchers and you may miss out.

Finally, we wish to remind you that we will finish for the Easter holidays on Friday 27th March, at the usual time, and will re-open at 8.30am on Monday 13th April.

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

Best wishes,
The staff at Oswaldtwistle.

