

Friday 7th July

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday 11th July your child will be transitioning from Year 10 to Year 11. We would like to take this opportunity to introduce the Y11 pastoral team who will support your child through their final year at Oakwood High School.

Head of Year 11:



My name is Emily Hall and I have been a teacher since 2008, teaching in schools across Rotherham and Sheffield. I joined Oakwood in 2019 as an English teacher. Over the years, I've supported thousands of children through their GCSE year, helping them to prepare for their final exams whilst ensuring they are ready for the next stage in their lives. I have also experienced it from a parent's perspective and I understand how challenging it can be for parents as well as pupils. I am committed to supporting families and ensuring that all our pupils secure the outcomes they need to succeed in the future. Together, we will guide our young people towards a very bright, happy future.

Deputy Head of Year 11:



I am Alasdair Grant and I have worked at Oakwood since 2018. I lead on PSHE and Careers alongside being the Deputy Head of Year 11. A big part of my role with Year 11 pupils is preparing them for the next steps after leaving Oakwood to make sure they are on the right pathways in further education. It is my hope that every Year 11 student leaves with a thorough understanding of what they intend to do as well as being a well rounded young person who is ready to start the next chapter of their lives.

Our roles focus on providing pastoral and academic support for all pupils in Y11. We have an excellent team of experienced tutors who will be delivering our comprehensive tutor time programme every morning alongside a weekly assembly. This programme will focus on helping our pupils develop the right learning habits so they can do well in the future. We want all our pupils to be **Determined to Succeed**. We believe resilience and determination are at the heart of happy, successful futures and we want to promote and cultivate these attitudes in all our pupils.

During transition, we will start by getting the basics right and making sure our pupils are in the right routines for success. This means excellent attendance and punctuality, perfect uniform, exemplary manners, and displaying a positive attitude to learning.

It is our absolute pleasure to lead and support this year group and we are looking forward to working closely with you next year to secure success for all.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us using the details below.

Yours sincerely,

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