

4<sup>th</sup> July 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the end of the 2015/16 academic year I would like to take the opportunity to wish you and your family an enjoyable and restful summer break.

Can I also please draw your attention to the important information below which is relevant to all students and their families.

**End of Term – July 2016**

- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July is the last day of term for students with a finish time of 2.30pm. There will be no enrichment activities on that day.
- At Outwood Academy Portland we continue to work up to the end of each term. If your son/daughter is absent on the last day, they miss 5 hours of lessons and could potentially miss work that is imperative to their course. Homework that is to be completed during the holidays in preparation for the next term may also be distributed on the last day. Without this work, children could be at a disadvantage when they return to lessons after the summer break. **Please ensure your son/daughter is present on the last day.** Please do not be fooled into thinking we watch DVDs or play games on the last day of term, as this is not the case. All students work up to the last bell.

**New Term – September 2016**

- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – INSET/admin day – academy is closed to students.
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September - the academy re-opens for **Year 7 students only**. Students need to be in the academy for 8.15am.
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September - the academy is open to **ALL students**, when Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 will return and join the new Year 7s.

Last year, our exam results put us in the top 1% of schools nationally and we are expecting record breaking GCSE results again this year. However, the most amazing thing about Outwood Academy Portland is what happens every day in lesson. The students at this academy are remarkable, their commitment to learning is amazing and we would like to thank them for their dedication and hard work throughout 2015/16.

Yours sincerely



**Mrs C Gill**  
**Associate Assistant Principal**