

Dear parents and careers,

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your continued support and involvement in your children's Ousedale journey. Your partnership with teaching staff has been instrumental in ensuring a nurturing and stimulating environment where all pupils thrive both personally and academically. This year our pupils have shown great dedication and resilience, excelling in lessons and in extracurricular activities. This has been evident both through the Performance Reviews and results in external extracurricular competitions.

I am particularly proud of the innovative leadership projects where students have demonstrated creativity, critical thinking, and teamwork. Another proud moment and highlight of the year, being the appointment of our team of Student Ambassadors. We very much look forward to working with these pupils throughout year 11. They have already been involved in small projects but have a lot of work ahead.

With year 10 complete, we are one step closer to year 11 and the new adventures it brings. We will see mock exams start in December as we fast approach exam season. We are also looking forward to the school production of Oliver. With Les Misérables being an incredible spectacular, we can only imagine the professional standard of Oliver!

We finish the year with pupils off site and in their work experience placements. It has been a pleasure to see the pupils flourishing and proudly representing Ousedale. Pupils have had placements far and wide and have been embedding new found skills and getting a taste of the responsibilities that come with the world of work.

Wishing you all a relaxing summer holiday with family and friends and we look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Kind regards,  
Mrs Baines

Please see below a reminder of key information sent out last week by Mr Burton.

**First day of term September 2024:**

School starts at 08.40am on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024, for years 7 to 11 & 13 (all term dates available at <https://www.ousedale.org.uk/term-dates>)

School starts at 08.40am on Fri 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024 for year 12.

**Uniform for September 2024:**

A reminder that trainers are not allowed, plain black shoes must be worn (Nike, Adidas, Puma etc do not make school shoes)

A reminder that any unnatural hair colours, false nails, false eyelashes, and facial piercings from the summer holiday need to be removed.

Ousedale branded PE kit is optional, non-branded kit is available.

Good quality pre-worn uniform at much discounted rates is available at the Willen Hospice shop in NP. Donations from Y11 leavers gratefully received at the shops.

Full details re uniform requirements at <https://www.ousedale.org.uk/parents/school-uniform>

**Attendance**

The DfE has published a new version of [Working together to improve school attendance](#). This will become statutory guidance on 19 August 2024.

**Basic equipment for September 2024:**

Please ensure pupils come to school with the following (all New Starter information available at <https://www.ousedale.org.uk/new-starter-information>):

Pen – black or blue

Pen - purple

Pencil

Pencil sharpener

Ruler

Rubber/eraser

Protractor

Set square.

Compass

Calculator

**Exam results:**

Statistics exam - Pupils should come into school at 10.00am on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2024 should they wish to collect their results before September.

**Period poverty over the summer holidays:**

If pupils are worried, they may not be able to access sanitary products over the summer holidays they should see their PAL (Head of Year) or Health Co-ordinator who will ensure they are given enough free products to cover the 6-week summer holidays.