

ACADEMY NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2022

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Dear parent/carer

Thank you again for your unwavering support this term. As always, it is very much appreciated. Our students continue to work extremely hard, as do our staff, in order to continue to strive to provide the best educational experience that we can.

This news letter will set out some 'need to know' information for our parents/carers and also provide you with some great news stories and achievements over this last term.

Monday 21st February is an INSET day, **so all students will return to the academy on Tuesday 22nd February.**

Wishing you all a relaxed and enjoyable half term break.

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On Monday 31st January, we were lucky enough to have the Circus Workshop come into the academy as part of the E-ACT passport and engage with our students. The pupils loved the experience and we'd like to share a few images from the day:-



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The Invisible Man

Some students in year 10 were treated to a performance of 'How to Be Lucky' sharing and understanding the impact of civil war and migration on individuals and their families through an interactive workshop.



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Children's Mental Health Week.

The mental health and wellbeing of children is of upmost importance to all staff here at Parkwood, and in support of Children's Mental Health Week, on Monday 7th February, our KS3 students and staff took part in a 'wellbeing walk' around the academy. It' was great to see the students interacting differently with staff and peers and having a chance to be mindful and improve their wellbeing through different methods.



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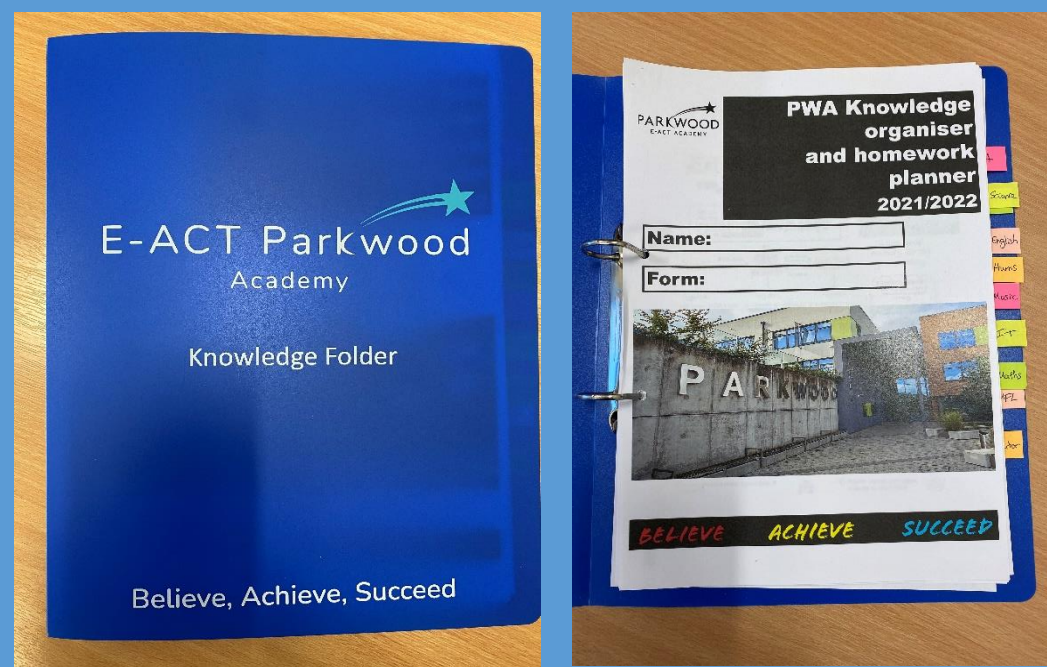
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Knowledge is power.

All our students in Year 7, 8 and 9 have been given a 'Parkwood Academy Knowledge Folder' to organise all the important information and knowledge they need for their subjects. This will also support them to be able to revise at home and prepare for any assessments. Parents and Carers can also see what students are learning about too, getting involved in revising by quizzing (without having to know it all yourself). Students are expected to have these with them every day on their desk to support them with their learning too.



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We continue to strive for the highest standards and expectations

In our ongoing quest to provide a high quality learning experience for all our students, we need your support in ensuring your child is accessing this through continued high levels of attendance. Whilst we recognise that COVID has impacted some students attendance this academic year, we need to work together to minimise learning time lost. Please continue to ensure that:

- Your child is in school ready to access their Personal Development session at 8:30am daily
- Your child is ready for learning – they have correct equipment and correct uniform
- Your child accesses non-emergency medical appointments outside of school time
- Holidays are booked outside of term time

We expect students to maintain attendance levels above 97%. If your child's attendance levels drop below 90%, you will be invited in to meet with a member of the team. If you have concerns about your child's attendance or feel we need to be made aware about a barrier affecting your child's attendance to school, please do not hesitate to make an appointment with your child's progress team to discuss this further.

To find out more about attendance, please visit our attendance page on the Academy website: [Attendance - Parkwood Academy \(e-act.org.uk\)](https://e-act.org.uk/attendance) or watch out for videos recorded by students and staff and shared via our social media pages.

Thank you to all the parents who continue to support us with ensuring their child is dressed appropriately for school. In these cooler months, please be advised that black sweatshirts are not part of the school uniform and your child will be asked to remove their sweatshirt inside the building. It is advisable too that waterproof coats are worn daily as your child will be expected to go outside during breaks and lunch times.

If you have any queries about the Academies uniform expectations please see the Academy website [Uniform - Parkwood Academy \(e-act.org.uk\)](https://e-act.org.uk/uniform) or contact your child's progress team.

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ACADEMY WEBSITE

As always, the academy website is a really effective way in which to communicate with parents/carers and the wider community. We are currently in the process of updating the website, and hope that all the changes we are making will better enable us to keep you updated with what is happening here at Parkwood.

Y9 OPTIONS EVENING – 24TH FEBRUARY 2022

Following a very successful Y9 Parent/Progress evening on 2nd February, we will be having the Y9 Option evening on Thursday 24th February. Parents/carers of Y9 students will have already received an 'options letter', but if you require further information, then please contact the Y9 Progress team, Mr John Hallam at john.hallam@pwa.e-act.org.uk or Ms Abbie Armitage at abbie.Armitage@pwa.e-act.org.uk.

E-ACTS GOT TALENT - REGIONAL CELEBRATIONS EVENT – TUESDAY 29TH MARCH 2022

We are extremely proud at Parkwood to be hosting the Regional Celebration Event, where we will be celebrating the talent of students from across the region. If your child has been selected to receive an award for this celebration, you will be notified in due course.

BANK HOLIDAYS – 2022

As you may already be aware, the Queen is celebrating her Platinum Jubilee this year, and as a result, the May Spring Bank Holiday, which normally takes place on 30th May, has now been moved to Thursday 2nd June, and an additional holiday, the Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday has been added on Friday 3rd June, both of which fall within the Summer half term week.

All term time dates, Bank Holidays and INSET dates are listed on the academy website.

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COVID vaccinations during the Half Term Holidays for 12 – 15 year olds

The Sheffield Children's 0-19 Vaccination and Immunisation team are offering first and second doses of the COVID vaccine to 12-15 year olds.

The team are focusing on young people ages 12 to 15. If any 16 and 17 year olds want to receive a COVID vaccination, we recommend that bookings are made through the national booking system here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/>

Half Term Clinics

There are also drop-in clinics for 12-15 year old vaccinations with the Sheffield Children's team during half term:

Walk in venue	February 2021
St Columba's Church (W) 547 Manchester Rd, Sheffield S10 5PL	Mon 14 Feb 9:30-15:30pm
Handsworth Methodist Church (E) 289A Handsworth Rd, Handsworth, Sheffield S13 9BN	Tue 15 Feb 9 :30-15:30pm
Learning Zone (N) 320 Wordsworth Ave, Sheffield S5 8NL	Wed 16 Feb 9 :30-15:30pm
Shortbrook Family Centre (E) First Floor Shortbrook Primary school site, Westfield Northway Sheffield, S20 8FB	Thur 17 Feb 9 :30-15:30pm
Sharrow Community Forum Vincent Rd, S View Rd, Nether Edge, Sheffield S7 1DB	Fri 18 Feb 9 :30-15:30pm

Best wishes,
Sheffield Children's Vaccination and Immunisations 0-19 Team

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