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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 6th June 2022 will be an INSET day for staff, so we look forward to welcoming back all students on Tuesday 7th June 2022.

Wishing you all a relaxed and enjoyable half term break.

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What's happened this term?

On Wednesday 20th April, we were lucky enough to have the band, Here at Last come to perform at the academy and to speak about the importance of talking about mental health to Year 8 and Year 9 pupils.



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What's happened this term?

As an academy, we ran two main events for Eid. A Ramadan charity event, which took place on Friday 29th of April and a whole school Eid lunch, which took place on Tuesday 10th of May. Students were treated to gifts and goodie bags, and we received a lovely message from the local mosque Ghausia:-

"After taraweeh (this is an optional prayer) in the last ten days, it's a tradition in our mosque to listen to the Quraan recitation together - and we served the stuff you sent today, alongside tea. May Allah accept your efforts".

Thanks to the extremely generous donations from both the staff and members of the community, we managed to raise an impressive £1250, which will be donated to Islamic Relief UK, a very worthy cause.



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Home Learning at E-ACT Parkwood Academy 2022/23

Homework is incredibly important to us here at E-ACT Parkwood Academy. Homework has huge impact on students' learning by enabling pupils to undertake independent learning to practice and consolidate skills, conduct in-depth inquiry, prepare for lessons or revise for exams.

It is important in raising student achievement. An Education Endowment Foundation study shows that homework has a positive impact on average (+ 5 months), particularly with pupils in secondary schools.

To help your child to succeed, they now have Knowledge Organisers, which are folders full of the core knowledge that they need for each subject. These Knowledge organisers will support your child to complete their homework. To that end, they will need to be carried every day and so **your child will need a bag large enough to fit an A4 folder in it.** Please ensure that they have a bag large enough for their return on the 7th June.

Not all homework is done at home; in fact, for some pupils who find it hard to work at home, or for some tasks which may require resources (books, software, equipment) more readily available at school, it is necessary or desirable to carry out the task at school. We have support on hand every day after school to help your child succeed. Please contact us if you or your child needs support!

Home Learning at E-ACT Parkwood Academy 2022/23

Tips to support you child completing homework

1. **Know the teachers — and what they're looking for.** Attend our school events, such as parents evenings, to meet your child's teachers. Ask about their homework and how you should be involved and how you can help.
2. **Set up a homework-friendly area.** Make sure your child has a well-lit place to complete homework. Keep supplies — paper, pencils, glue, scissors — within reach.
3. **Schedule a regular study time.** Some kids work best in the afternoon, others may prefer to wait until after dinner.
4. **Help them make a plan.** Encourage your child break up the work into manageable chunks, and ensure that they have breaks
5. **Keep distractions to a minimum.** This means no TV, loud music, or phone calls.
6. **Make sure kids do their own work.** They won't learn if they don't think for themselves and make their own mistakes. Parents can make suggestions and help with directions. But it's your child's job to do the learning!
7. **Be a motivator and monitor.** Ask about assignments, quizzes, and tests. Give encouragement, check completed homework, and make yourself available for questions and concerns.
8. **Set a good example.** Do your children ever see you diligently balancing your budget or reading a book? Children are more likely to follow their parents' examples than their advice.
9. **Praise their work and efforts.**
10. **If there are continuing problems with homework, get help.** Talk about it with your child's teacher, encourage your child to attend Homework Club, or pop in.

FREE FOOD VOUCHERS FOR MAY SPRING BANK 2022

The Government Household Support Grant has been extended to assist with rising food and energy costs. Sheffield City Council recognises that many families continue to face financial difficulties because of the pandemic, changes to Universal Credit, and rising costs for food and energy.

A £15 food voucher will be sent to the following groups to help over the May Spring Bank Holiday:

- Families who claim income based Free School Meals (FSM).
- Families who get income assessed Early Years Support (2-4 Year Olds).
- Young people leaving their care setting (Care Leavers).

As before, parents/carers need to go to the following website to redeem their Easter vouchers - www.selectyourcompliment.co.uk/grocery

Enter their unique 16-digit e-Code and select their chosen supermarket. Edenred give you a choice of 10 supermarkets: Aldi, Tesco, Asda, Sainsbury's, Waitrose, M&S, McColl's, Company Shop, Iceland and Farmfoods.

Parents/carers are able to download your vouchers for more than one supermarket. For example, £10 for Aldi and £5 for Asda.

The downloaded E-Gift Card/Voucher will arrive by email within 24 hours. If you can't find this, you should check their Junk/Spam folder.

Please note that codes need to be activated within 3 months or they will be cancelled.

Once you have claimed your voucher on the Edenred website the voucher will be valid for 12 months.

The FSM voucher helpline will be available on 0114 2734567, option 4, option 3, and can offer help to parents/carers experiencing difficulties with their e-Codes or with general FSM enquiries.

Parents/carers can also contact Edenred directly with an enquiry about an eCode or voucher at freeschoolmealsparentscarers@edenred.com or telephone 0333 400 5932.

If a parent/carer is facing financial hardship, there is free advice and support available at www.citizensadvice.org.uk or call on 0808 278 7820. You can also find further information about support at:

www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/your-city-council/coronavirus-hub/support-for-people

Thank you

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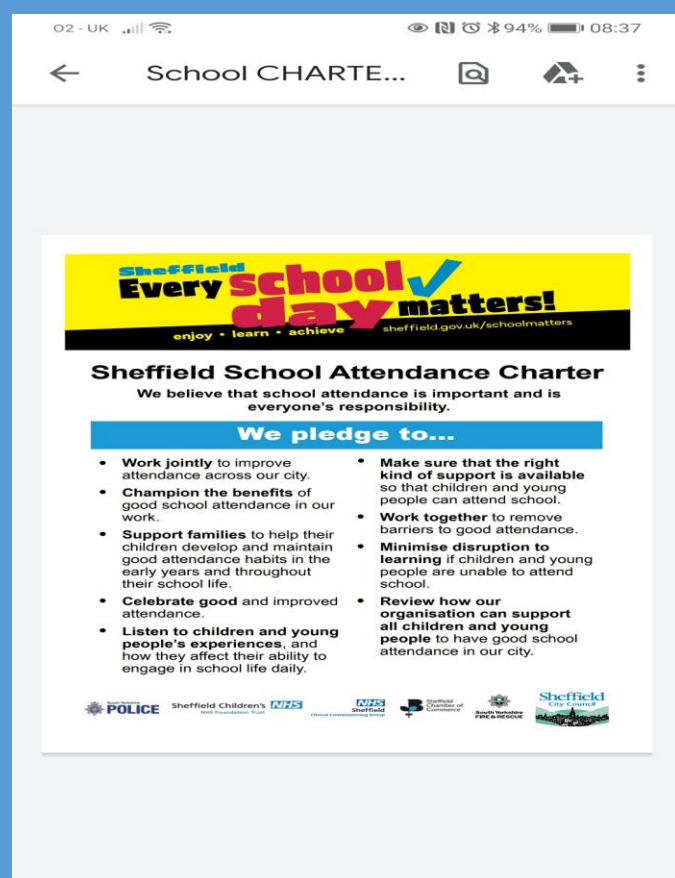
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Attendance

Attendance is at the heart of what we as academy do, to ensure that all students attend each day, ready to learn, and to be prepared and equipped for their future's outside of the academy.

With this in mind, please click on the link below, which will take you to the new Sheffield City Council's page for information of attendance and inclusion:-

<https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/schoolmatters>



For all attendance related enquiries, please contact our attendance team on Parkwood.attendance@e-act.org.uk

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What's happening next term? - Key Dates

06.06.2022 – INSET day – no students in the academy.

07.06.2022 – All students return to the academy for the start of the new term.

15.06.22 – 23.06.22 – Y10 Mocks.

w/c 20.06.2022 – Diversity Week.

23.06.2022- Cultural Evening with AAG.

29.06.2022 – Parkwood Sports Day!

1st July 2022 – The Y11 prom will be taking place at the OEC Sheffield.

5th July – 7th July – Y6 Transition Days.

07.07.2022 – Y7 Parents Evening.

07.07.2022 – National Pupil Celebrations in Birmingham.

11.07.2022 – ‘Mop up’ session for Y8 & Y9 HPV vaccinations.

14.07.2022 – Y10 Parents Evening

15.07.2022 – Duke of Edinburgh training day for a small number of Y9 & Y10 students.

21.07.2022 – Last day of term.

Further details will be shared with parents/carers in relation to the above events throughout the course of the term. Please continue to check the academy website and social media pages for updates. Thank you.