

Dear parent/carer,

Welcome to a bumper edition of our termly newsletter. It has been an extremely busy term in the academy, filled with learning and fun activities, as well as events that have raised money for some very worthy causes.

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 provides you with some great news stories and achievements over this last term.

Last day of term - All students will finish on Thursday 21st July 2022 at 1.50pm.

Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September are INSET days, and students will return to the academy for the start of the new academic year as follows:-

- Year 7 and Year 11 return on Monday 5th September
- Year 8, Year 9 & Year 10 return on Tuesday 6th September

Wishing you all a relaxed and enjoyable Summer break.

What's happened this term?

On Friday 29th April, Parkwood Academy hosted its very first Ramadan charity event. Hosted by Miss Arif with the support of both staff and students, around 200 guests attended the event to support and raise money for charity. After the school had started working on developing diversity across the school, Miss Arif spoke to the Headteacher Miss Cottingham about students being given the opportunity to celebrate Eid and enhance their Ramadan experience. Miss Arif's aim was to bring the community, businesses, staff and students together to show the importance of their religion and to raise money for the students chosen charity, Islamic Relief.

The event went very well, with Parkwood managing to raise £1260 on the day! A special thank you should be said to Damascus Bakery & Sweets, Chai for Churros, Imrans, Harry Excavations, Treatz, Candy Corner and Zus Kitchen for sponsoring the event and the support they gave towards an amazing cause by donating food, desserts and containers. On the day itself, different stalls were set up with savoury food, milk cakes, sweets, cakes, donuts, mocktails and popcorn. There were also three very talented students applying henna (a popular tradition for Eid), along with activities in the sports hall. A raffle also took place where many prizes were won, including a Nintendo Switch.

We also ended our school day by giving every student a treat bag of chocolates with a message to celebrate Eid from the school.

Overall the event was a massive success. It has contributed to the aims of the school and shown how much Parkwood is willing to do for the community and students. Miss Arif quotes "I wanted to make a great impact, it was hard work but it was worth it as everybody enjoyed themselves and we raised an amazing amount of money for charity".

Ramadan Charity Event Continued –

Comments from students:

“The event was outstanding without a doubt, besides the difficulties faced” – Mohamed Abdelrahman

“The whole event was amazing when we sold all the desserts, the environment was perfect. Everyone left with a smile. Miss Arif designed it all and Insha’Allah (god willing) this will help her in the future for all the people she has helped” - Aziz Guven

“The celebration was something different and had never been done before. The dedication and commitment and effort made by Miss Arif was magnificent. She went all out for the benefits of the students. Elite celebration, elite teacher” - Aaron Horton

Following the event, Miss Arif organised an Eid lunch for the whole school and an Eid buffet on Tuesday 10th of May. Everyone came together and enjoyed experiencing food from different cultures. Many staff served food and students were grateful for our efforts made to celebrate Eid.



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What's happened this term?

On the 23rd June, we held a cultural event in the academy, to celebrate the diversity of our students, our staff and our community. We were joined by some of our Ambassadors, students, parents, staff and external speakers and the event was a real success and thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.



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What's happened this term?

Massive congratulations to our Y9s who made it to the Rugby League finals, which took place on Friday 24th June and was played at Sheffield Olympic Legacy Park.

Our Y7 rugby team also competed in a Rugby festival before the match.



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What's happened this term?

An amazing experience for the Parkwood girls on 6th July at the Women's European opening match and seeing England win! @WEURO2022 @ManUtd @ParkwoodAcademy [#womenseuros2022](#) [#ThisGirlCan](#) [#womensfootball](#) [#pe](#)



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What's happened this term?

The academy ran our annual sports days on 29th June – 1st July. Below are some photo's from the day/s.



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What has happened this term?

As a special treat for our Y9 & Y10 student ambassadors, who did a fantastic job supporting our Year 6 pupils with their transition days, we put on a celebratory lunch on 12th July. These student ambassadors are a real credit to the school and we certainly hope they liked their treat!



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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 your child has a bag large enough to accommodate this on their return in September.

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!

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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.

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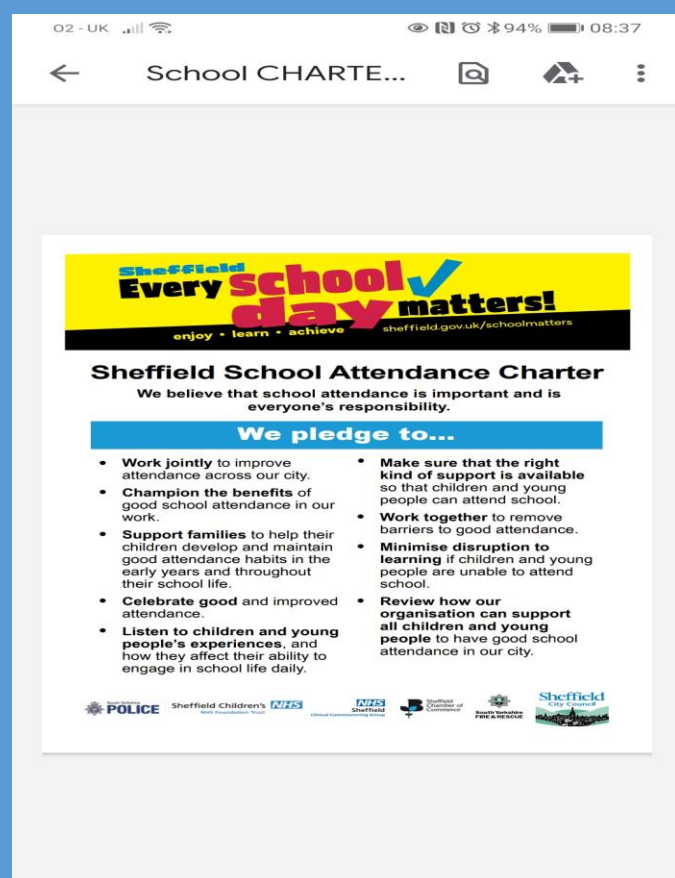


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Attendance

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.

Please see below the new Sheffield City Council's page for information of attendance and inclusion.



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

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Uniform

It is a basic expectation that all students wear full school uniform. The academy does not permit trainers or sports shoes of any description, nor do we permit students to wear leggings. Jewellery is also not permitted to be worn in the academy. Within PE lessons students are expected to wear a Parkwood PE T-Shirt, Black shorts/tracksuit bottoms or suitable black sports leggings and a pair of suitable sports trainers which can be any colour. Please use the following link <https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/parkwood> to order any uniform items via our uniform supplier, Price & Buckland. If you have any queries around uniform then please feel free to contact the academy via our info@parkwoodacademy.org.uk.

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What's happening next term? - Key Dates

1st & 2nd September – INSET days

5th September 2022 - Year 7 and Year 11 return to the academy for the start of the new academic year.

6th September 2022 - Year 8, Year 9 & Year 10 return to the academy for the start of the new academic year.

15th September 2022 – Y6 Open Evening

29th September 2022 – Y6 Open Evening

3rd October 2022 – Y8 HPV vaccinations

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

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