

ACADEMY NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2022

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Dear parent/carer

Welcome to our October Half Term 2022 newsletter.

This newsletter will set out some key information and dates for our parents/carers

Last day of term - All students will finish on Friday 21st October, following out last lunch sitting at 1.50pm. Y10 & Y11 students will be able to leave from 1.15 should they wish to do so. Monday 31st October is an INSET day, so students will return to the academy for the start of the new term on Tuesday 1st November.

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.

What's happening next term? - Key Dates

31st October 22– INSET day – no students in the academy.

1st November 22 – All students return to the academy.

4th November 22 – Y7 School Photos.

8th November 22 – Y11 Parents Evening – 3.30pm-5.30pm.

9th November 22 – Careers Fayre (further details to follow).

8th December 22 – Rewards Evening – 3.30pm – 5.30pm.

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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Attendance –

Recognising Good Attendance at Parkwood:

Since returning in September, we have monitored each student's attendance and you may have already received communication from the Academy if your child's attendance has dropped below our 97%. This will continue should your child's attendance continue to drop. We want to work with families to ensure all students attendance remains at a high level and we will be contacting you to offer support should it not. Attendance below 90% is classed as persistent absence, which means your child may achieve up to 2 grades below what they are capable of and also puts you at risk of prosecution from the local authority. It is important to us that we recognise and reward good attendance. This week we are promoting our rewards with students:

Weekly 100% raffle. From 1st November, if students get 100% in one week, their name will go in a raffle on the Friday. 10 Amazon vouchers available every week for 100% attenders

World Cup starts – first England game is 21st November 22 at 1pm. Students need to have 100% attendance from 17th October – 21st November to be able to watch this opening game

Music Concert in School – Bailey333 will be performing in November here at Parkwood for Y7-9 students. Students need to have 97%+ attendance for half term 1 to be able to watch

Yorkshire Wildlife Park Visit – Y8/9 who achieved 97%+ last academic year will receive an invitation letter for this trip

We also launched a family raffle. Invitations were sent by text message for families to sign up to a 100% raffle. We have 5, £40 Tesco vouchers up for grabs, and you have 4 chances of entering into the raffle. Each week your child has 100% attendance, you will receive a raffle ticket. This will run from 7th November to 2nd December 22. To be in with a chance of winning, please click on the link you receive.

Further rewards will be shared through the year. Each half term attendance reward activities and trips will run for students who achieve the 97% target the previous half term.

Wishing you all a relaxed and enjoyable half term break.

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Cost of living assistance –

Please find below contact information for parents/carers to access if needed. If you require any support from the academy, please feel free to get in touch with Mrs Husband, Deputy Headteacher, via info@parkwoodacademy.org.uk. Thank you.

Organisation	Description	Contact Details
Citizens advice Bureau	Free, confidential information and advice to assist people with money, legal, consumer and other problems	www.citizensadvice.org.uk
National Debt line	Provides a free, confidential and independent telephone advice service	www.nationaldebtline.org 0808 808 4000
Step Change	Debt advice and recommend debt solutions to suit your situation	www.stepchange.org 0800 138 1111
The Money Advice Service	Advice and guides to help improve finances. Tools and calculators to help keep track and plan ahead	www.moneyhelper.org.uk 0800 011 3797
Turn 2 Us	Help with identifying different government support you may be eligible for	www.turn2us.org.uk
UK Government	Information on government services, including benefits, money and tax, housing and local services	www.gov.uk
BT offers a 50% massive discount.	Please check that there is no cost for moving from whatever they are on at the moment.	Broadband deals for low income families Social tariffs on universal credit (uswitch.com)

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