

# ACADEMY NEWSLETTER MAY 2023

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Dear parent/carer

Welcome to our May Half Term 2023 newsletter.

This newsletter will set out some key information and dates for our parents/carers for next term. **All students will return to the academy on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023.**

DATE	EVENT
7 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	Y7 Parents Evening – 3.30pm – 5.30pm
W/C 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	Diversity Week
w/c 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	Futures Week
27 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	Cultural Evening – Taking place at Pathways Academy
26 <sup>th</sup> June 23 – 28 <sup>th</sup> June 23	Sports Day
3 <sup>rd</sup> July - 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Transition days for Y6 students
6 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Rewards Evening
6 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	National Pupil Celebration
7 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Y11 Prom
11 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Y10 Parents Evening
13 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Y5 Open Evening
18 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Drop Down Day
20 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Last Day of Term

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.

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## READY, RESPECTFUL, SAFE

As you may be aware from speaking to your child, we have been re-establishing our expectations with students around our positive behaviour expectations which we describe as being 'Ready, Respectful and Safe'.

In being 'Ready' we have re-iterated our expectations that all students are ready for learning. They arrive to the academy on time, ready for lessons to begin at 8:30am. To support students in doing this, we have a free breakfast club open daily from 8am. We also expect students to arrive in correct uniform and be fully equipped for lessons.

Our uniform expectations have not changed. All students must wear:

- Black or grey formal trousers or a skirt. Any skirt must go down to the knee.
- A white collared, buttoned shirt.
- A Parkwood tie, tied correctly.
- A Parkwood blazer.
- Black polishable, formal shoes.

Coats must be removed on entry to the academy building and must not be worn until leaving the building at the door.

Students are not permitted to wear facial piercings. This includes any 'clear' spacers or studs. Unnatural hair colours are also not permitted.

We insist all students carry equipment to ensure they are ready for learning. The equipment expected is:

- A black or blue pen plus a spare.
- A red pen for corrections in work.
- A pencil.
- A ruler at least 15cm long.
- A highlighter.

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## READY, RESPECTFUL, SAFE – continued

We expect students to carry a bag large enough to carry an A4 folder every day. This is also to carry the equipment, a knowledge organiser and any homework your child is issued with.

Mobile phones are banned in the academy. To avoid any confusion as to whether a student has been 'on' or using their mobile at any time we now insist phones are switched off on arrival to the academy gates and placed into the bag students are carrying. The phone, and any mobile phone accessories including ear pods, must not be seen whilst the student is on academy premises. This includes outside at lunchtimes. Therefore, if a mobile phone, or any accessory are seen, they will be confiscated and a parent will need to collect the item from Ms Cottingham's office.

The student council have previously decided around non-reusable plastic bottles in the academy. The students have ensured that non-reusable plastic has been eradicated from the canteen and have also requested that non-reusable plastic is not used in the academy. Therefore, students are not permitted to bring in drinks in plastic bottles. Any drink not in a re-usable drinks bottle will be confiscated. Fizzy drinks are also banned in the academy.

We thank you for your ongoing support to ensure our students within the academy can focus on learning and progress and invite you to contact any member of the team should you have any questions in relation to our expectations or any difficulties you may have in acquiring the necessary uniform or equipment.

Thank you  
Mrs Cottingham  
Headteacher

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## ATTENDANCE

As an Academy we expect all students to strive for 100% attendance. Research shows that good attendance to school is directly linked to good attainment and exam results. It also helps children's social relationships from being disrupted. We provide a number of exciting and inspirational extracurricular opportunities including visits and trips, residentials and additional activities within the Academy. Your child is at risk of missing these opportunities should their attendance drop below 97%.

Students who are continually present in the Academy with good attendance will be recognised and rewarded.

In line with the DfE and Sheffield City Council's latest policy we are no longer able to authorise term-time leave for any of our students unless under **exceptional** circumstances. All requests should be made in writing to the Headteacher well in advance by parents or carers. Only exceptional circumstances warrant an authorised leave of absence. Template forms to request term time leave can be found on the Academy website.

We recognise that some family's important religious festivals may fall outside of school holidays and therefore we will authorise up to 2 days per academic year for religious observance. Please think carefully whether your child really needs to miss school for a religious reason and always let the school know should this be the case.

Any contact that you need to make with attendance, please do so via [Parkwood.Attendance@E-ACT.org.uk](mailto:Parkwood.Attendance@E-ACT.org.uk)

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The Parkwood Why is to **inspire, invest in and celebrate learning so that our students become confident, happy, successful individuals who have enhanced opportunities for their future.** What happens in the classroom is central to our overall why. Paying attention to what our expert teachers are saying shows that we are invested in gaining confidence in our learning and ultimately being more successful as a result. We love celebrating our wonderful students and being a star gives us the ability to celebrate our pride in us working together as a clear team towards the same high standards. The learning in the classroom is the reason why everyone arrives at school every day. What we learn is vital to our future success.

We expect all our pupils at Parkwood Academy to strive to be a STAR every lesson.

**Sit up** because it shows that you are engaged

**Track the speaker** to show that theirs and your ideas matter

**Acknowledge others** contributions and ideas nodding and making reference to what has been said

**Respond in a full sentence** using academic vocabulary to rehearse for writing and to demonstrate knowledge

These clear expectations will be reinforced by class teachers. By ensuring that pupils pay attention to the teacher and to each other, we will maximise every minute of precious learning time to ensure pupils continue to achieve the best possible outcomes and exceed their targets.

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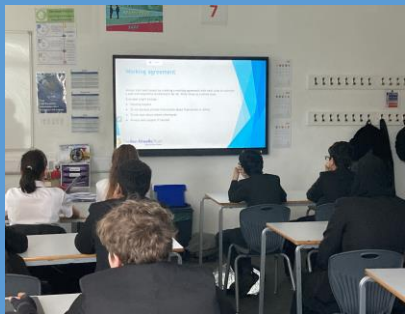
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BELOW ARE SOME OF THE AMAZING EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS THAT TOOK PLACE THIS TERM



- 21/04/23 - Eid celebration (gifts given to pupils)
- 25/04/23 - Esports taster session at Sheffield United ground
- 26/04/23 - Drama students went to Sheffield Lyceum to watch blood brothers.
- 28/04/23 - Dragon ball event at all saint's college
- 05/05/23 - Y10 students took part in the national scientific thinking challenge.
- 11/05/23 - Y10 visit to Sheffield Hallam university as part of Ditch the Doubt
- 12/05/23 - Y11 v staff football (Students won 4-1)
- 17/05/23 - Drop Down Day
- 18/05/23 - 'Your Stance' first aid session
- 23/05/23 - Student Conference at The Sheffield University



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## Cost of living assistance –

Please find below contact information for parents/carer 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](mailto:info@parkwoodacademy.org.uk). Thank you.

Organisation	Description	Contact Details
<b>Citizens advice Bureau</b>	Free, confidential information and advice to assist people with money, legal, consumer and other problems	<a href="http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk">www.citizensadvice.org.uk</a>
<b>National Debt line</b>	Provides a free, confidential and independent telephone advice service	<a href="http://www.nationaldebtline.org">www.nationaldebtline.org</a> 0808 808 4000
<b>Step Change</b>	Debt advice and recommend debt solutions to suit your situation	<a href="http://www.stepchange.org">www.stepchange.org</a> 0800 138 1111
<b>The Money Advice Service</b>	Advice and guides to help improve finances. Tools and calculators to help keep track and plan ahead	<a href="http://www.moneyhelper.org.uk">www.moneyhelper.org.uk</a> 0800 011 3797
<b>Turn 2 Us</b>	Help with identifying different government support you may be eligible for	<a href="http://www.turn2us.org.uk">www.turn2us.org.uk</a>
<b>UK Government</b>	Information on government services, including benefits, money and tax, housing and local services	<a href="http://www.gov.uk">www.gov.uk</a>

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