

Dear Parents / Carers,

We reach the end of term and the end of another very different year with sunshine and some better weather. It was wonderful to be able to welcome the students back to school during March and have a relatively uninterrupted summer term. Our students have all shown really positive attitudes to learning, enjoyed time to see their friends and have shown great resilience. We are looking forward to our end of year assemblies where we can celebrate student successes and progress. Here are some of the highlights of this term.

Y11 Prom and Record of Achievement

Y11 were able to finish their time at The Park with their own activities week and a Prom. The Prom was held at Gosden House school. All the students looked amazing in their prom outfits and it was fantastic to be able to celebrate their time at The Park with them!



End of term activities

Students have been enjoying a range of activities in the last week



Y9 Teambuilding



Y7 at the petting farm



Y10 taking part in their bake-off

Covid 19

With the increase in cases of Covid in schools and the requirement to limit the numbers of visitors in schools, we have unfortunately, had to postpone the Friends AGM until after the summer holidays.

If your child tests positive for COVID19 next week, it is important that you notify the school of this **immediately, so** that we can identify any possible contacts. Please use the holidaysupport@thepark.surrey.sch.uk email to let us know. We will not be taking calls to the school office so **please do not telephone the school during the holidays**. We will only inform you of a positive case during the school holidays if your child has been identified as a contact. You are welcome to use the holiday support email for any messages during August. The Department for Education are asking all secondary schools, including special schools, to have on-site asymptomatic testing at the start of next term. This will involve two tests three to five days apart. We are currently planning how we will do this with the least disruption to learning. As many students have been using the lateral flow tests at home and are familiar with the routines involved, we plan to send out consent forms on the INSET day on the 1st September and then test students in small groups on the first and second day of term followed by a second test the following week. The government may change its guidance across the summer, and we would update you at the start of term. The most important factor is that we have a smooth start to term and the least disruption.

Staff and students are asked to continue to test twice weekly over the summer holidays and test before returning to school or college for the summer term. You can order extra test kits from <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Building work

Our building project is progressing well with a short delay because of shortages of building materials. However, the plan is that it is still going to be ready for the start of next term.



Goodbyes

We are saying goodbye to Michelle Stephenson who has been Deputy Headteacher at The Park for two years. We would like to thank her for all she has done for the school, for her amazing English lessons, her leading of the Y7 team and work developing key areas of the school. We are saying goodbye to Luke Boothman and Alexandra Perez. Luke who is moving on to be a Behaviour and Welfare Officer at another local school. Luke has been with us since 2016. He has worked mainly in KS4 supporting specific students. Alexandra is moving onto work in a mainstream school. We would like to thank them for all they have done here at The Park and we wish them well in the future endeavours.

I would just like to say thank you to all the staff for their hard work and flexibility across the year and wish everyone a healthy and restful summer break.



Paul Walsh: Headteacher

2021-2022 Diary

Change to the end of the day

The main change for September is that we are putting tutor time back in at the end of the day. Tutor time will be from 2.50pm to 3pm with loading onto taxis by tutor group from 3pm. Parents pick up will be the same from the pedestrian gate. The morning routine is the same with arrival from 8.50am and registration / tutor time from 9am.

Autumn Term 2021

Wed 1st Sep

Thu 2nd Sep

Fri 3rd Sep

Mon 25th-29th Oct

Fri 26th/Mon 29th Nov

Thurs 16th Dec

Fri 17th Dec

Spring Term 2022

Mon 3rd Jan

Tue 4th Jan

Mon 14th -18th Feb

Monday 14th March

Thurs 31st Mar

Fri 1st Apr

Summer Term 2022

Tue 19th Apr

Mon 2nd May

Mon 30th – 3rd Jun

Mon 18th Jul

Tue 19th Jul

INSET 1

Y7 Orientation Day

Year 8-11 return to school at 9am

HALF TERM

Late November Break

End of term assemblies

End of term 1.30pm

Bank Holiday

Students return to school at 9am

HALF TERM

INSET 2

End of term assemblies

Break up at 1.30pm

Students return to school at 9am

May Bank holiday

HALF TERM

End of term assemblies

Break up at 1.30pm