

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been wonderful to be able to welcome back the students to school during March. We have been very impressed with all our students this month. They have all come back with really positive attitudes to learning, enjoyed spending time with their friends and showed great resilience. The month has gone really quickly, and we hope that they all have a great Easter break and we are all looking forward to the summer term.

### **Covid Catch Up**

The government has given all schools a Covid Catch up grant to support school recover any lost learning. We have a range of plans in place which you can find on our website but we will update you in the summer term to outline all the opportunities we will put in place.

### **Covid 19**

In the unfortunate (and increasingly unlikely) event that your child tests positive for COVID – 19 during the holidays, 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](mailto: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.

### **Testing at home throughout the Easter holidays for schools and colleges**

Following the success of the asymptomatic testing programme on the return to school and college, the Department for Education are asking everyone to keep testing at home throughout the Easter holidays and into the summer term. They have asked staff and students to test twice a week (Sunday & Wednesday) at home from now on (all those who are able to). Following testing you report results online as positive, negative or void. This information is critical in helping Public Health England to understand the prevalence of the virus across the country. Staff and students are asked to continue to test twice weekly (Sunday & Wednesday) over the Easter holidays and test before returning to school or college for the summer term.

### **Building work**

Our building project is going well with the foundations in place and the blockwork going up. Here are two photos of the work including the customizing James Horton is doing of the compound fence.



## Parent Governors

Following our parent governor elections earlier in the term I am pleased to announce that Judi Ashley (parent of a Y8 student) and Jaime Gridley (parent of a Y7 student) are joining the governing body. We also have two new staff governors Fiona Dunckley (Middle Leader and English and PE Lead) and Luke Boothman (one of our KS4 Teaching Assistants). We are looking to working with them as an important part of our whole governing body.

## Water bottles

During the summer term it is really important for students to bring named water bottles on PE day.

## Wellbeing and recovery

Creative Education have a range of courses to support parents support their children's mental health. If you are interested you can find more information and how to register for Creative Education parent webinars at <https://www.creativeeducation.co.uk/veydon-multi-academy-trust-parent-webinars/>

We hope that you all have a healthy and restful Easter break.



Paul Walsh: Headteacher

## Term Dates

### 2020-2021

#### Spring Term 2021

Wed 31<sup>st</sup> Mar

Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Apr

#### Summer Term 2021

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Apr

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> May

Mon 31<sup>st</sup> May-4<sup>th</sup> Jun

Thu 15<sup>th</sup> Jul

Fri 16<sup>th</sup> July

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

### 2021-2022

#### Autumn Term 2021

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Sep

Thu 2<sup>nd</sup> Sep

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Sep

Mon 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> Oct

Fri 26<sup>th</sup>/Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Nov

Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Dec

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Dec

#### Spring Term 2022

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan

Tue 4<sup>th</sup> Jan

Mon 14<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> Feb

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March

Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> Mar

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Apr

#### Summer Term 2022

Tue 19<sup>th</sup> Apr

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> May

Mon 30<sup>th</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Jun

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Jul

Tue 19<sup>th</sup> 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