

Dear Parents/Carers,

This is the last newsletter of this academic year. The year behind us included our successful Ofsted Monitoring visit in December and becoming part of Weydon Multi Academy Trust in April. The year has been dominated by the coronavirus pandemic. As a community we have adapted to the national lockdown, social distancing, and home learning. There have been many challenges and I would like to thank parents and carers for the way you have worked with the school to meet each of these challenges. After the May half term, we were able to welcome more than half the students back and we look forward to welcoming all our students back in September. At the end of June we were able to give our Y11 leavers a good send off at the 'socially distanced' Record of Achievement. We wish them all well as they move on to their college and post-16 school placements.

We start the 2020-2021 academic year with:

- Tuesday 1st September - INSET day
- Wednesday 2nd September - Y7 only Orientation day 9am
- Thursday 3rd September - all students return at 9am

We will be liaising with Surrey transport across the summer about school transport and will keep you informed as we have any updates. We will send out details of the new lunch system, the arrangements for the staggered start and finish and all the changes for the Autumn term in a letter on the 1st Sept. If you are in receipt of the Edenred vouchers please check you emails (and junk folders) for any vouchers you haven't redeemed.

Student learning in school and at home

Some parents have had concerns about students catching up academically. Whilst it is good to carry on reading across the summer, we will be focusing on rebuilding core skills in English and Maths and on our recovery curriculum in the autumn term.

Pastoral support in the autumn

It would really help us to know what your son or daughter's experience has been during the lockdown. For example, if you could let tutors and TAs know if you have had family members in hospital with Covid19 or have suffered any bereavements as a result of the coronavirus it helps us plan our pastoral support in the autumn.

Summer Holiday Support

If you need to contact school because you are worried about your child or have a concern that you feel the school needs to know about, then please email us on holidaysupport@thepark.surrey.sch.uk so that a member of the school leadership team can contact you directly.

Autism Survey

If your son or daughter is on the autistic spectrum, Surrey is carrying out an all age autism strategy consultation which you can find here:

https://www.surreysays.co.uk/csf/autismstrategy/?utm_source=Twitter&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=SocialSignIn&utm_content=Inclusion

Wellbeing and recovery

Please look at our new well-being section on our website where you can find more information about the recovery curriculum, ELSA and organisations that offer support: <https://thepark.surrey.sch.uk/recovery>

Farewells

We have a number of farewells this year. Michael Ginn and Elyse Hale have been on our associate staff this year. Elyse is leaving to start university and Michael moves onto another school. Alan Holgate has been our premises team since 2009. He has helped keep the grounds in the amazing condition they are in. Tracey Kurn leaves our catering team as does Sharon Burkin. Sharon has been our school catering manager since 2008. Every day Sharon has cooked an exciting and varied menu whilst meeting a whole range of different dietary needs. She will be remembered for the fantastic Christmas lunches she laid on. We wish all our leaving staff success in their future endeavours.

As we reach the end of another academic year, we have created an end of year assembly video for our students which you can view by following the link we will send out by text message. I would just like to thank all the staff for their hard work and commitment and wish students, staff and their families a great summer break.



Paul Walsh: Headteacher

Term Dates 2020-2021

Summer Term 2020

Wednesday 22nd July

Last day of term

Autumn Term 2020

Tue 1st Sep

Wed 2nd Sep

Thu 3rd Sep

Mon 26th-30th Oct

Fri 27th/Mon 30th Nov

Thurs 17th Dec

Fri 18th Dec

INSET 1

Y7 Orientation Day (Only Y7 in school)

Year 8-11 return to school at 9am

HALF TERM

WMAT Late November Break

Prize giving assemblies

End of term 12 noon

Spring Term 2021

Mon 4th Jan

Tue 5th Jan

Mon 15th -19th Feb

Wed 31st Mar

Thurs 1st Apr

INSET 2

Students return to school at 9am

HALF TERM

Prize giving assemblies

Break up at 12 noon

Summer Term 2021

Mon 19th Apr

Mon 3rd May

Mon 31st May-4th Jun

Thu 15th Jul

Fri 16th July

Mon 19th - Wed 21st

Students return to school at 9am

May Bank holiday

HALF TERM

Prize giving assemblies

Break up at 12 noon

INSET 3-5