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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am delighted to share that our students have made a fantastic start this half term; we are incredibly proud of their commitment and enthusiasm. Already this half term, we have celebrated Pancake Day and World Book Day, both of which were great successes. The students thoroughly enjoyed these events and engaged with the activities on offer. If you haven't done so already, please access our social media outlets to see the fantastic things our students do – Facebook, X (formerly known as Twitter) and Instagram.

### **Arbor Parent App**

At the end of March, work will be undertaken to move the school to Arbor Payments. This means we will no longer be using Parent Pay. All existing meal balances on Parent Pay will be moved over to Arbor. From April, all electronic payments will need to be made through the Arbor Parent App. We will be sending parents/carers more information regarding this over the coming weeks but until that point it is essential that all parents/carers create an account on this platform. There are many benefits of the Arbor Parent App beyond your ability to pay for your child's lunch at Parkside. It also provides parents/carers with easy access to important information about your child's progress and school activities; this includes academic report cards which will be available for all year groups by the end of this half term. If you have not yet activated your Arbor Parent account, please email us on [info@parkside.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:info@parkside.derbyshire.sch.uk) and we will send your login details.

### **Parkside's Got Talent**

I am also delighted to invite you all to our Performing Arts showcase on Tuesday 18 March. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the diverse talents of our students, and I encourage you to attend and support the event. Doors open at 5.15pm with the event starting at 5.30pm.



Parkside Presents

**Performing Arts Showcase 2025**

*Tuesday 18 March*



*Doors open 5:15pm  
5:30pm start  
Parkside School Hall  
Free Entry*

All Welcome

## Homework

Much of our homework is set on the online platforms Satchel One and our latest addition Sam Learning. Parents/carers can access their child's homework by logging into their child's Sam Learning account. This will then clearly show the tasks that have been set by their teachers.

If you require any support with your child's homework or have any queries, please contact us on [Info@parkside.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:Info@parkside.derbyshire.sch.uk) FAO Mrs Asher.

## Extracurricular clubs

I am pleased to share our extracurricular timetable; we encourage all students to get involved. Participating in these activities can have a hugely positive impact on a student's overall development and well-being. Please see below the clubs available this half term for all students:

Extra-Curricular Activities				
Monday		Activity	Room	Week
Lunchtime	Both	Puzzles and Jigsaws	A19	1
Lunchtime	Y7, 9, 11	Board Games	E1	1 and 2
After School		Football (girls)		1 and 2
<b>Tuesday</b>				
Mentor Time		Choir Practice	A13	1 and 2
Lunchtime	Both	Quiet Reading	Library	1
Lunchtime	Y8,10	Fitness Suite		1
Lunchtime	Y7, 9, 11	Fitness Suite		2
Lunchtime	Y7, 9, 11	Warhammer	M2	1 and 2
After School		Netball (girls)		1 and 2
<b>Wednesday</b>				
Mentor Time		Windband	A13	1 and 2
Lunch	Both	Choir		1 and 2
Lunch	Y7, 9, 11	Felting	A5	1 and 2
Lunch	Y7, 9, 11	Board Games	E1	1 and 2
<b>Thursday</b>				
Lunchtime	Both	Quiet Reading	Library	1
Lunchtime	Y7, 9, 11	Board Games	E1	1 and 2
After School		Awesome Art Club	B1	1 and 2
After School		Drama Club		1 and 2
After School		Basketball Club Y9, 10 and 11	Basketball courts	1 and 2
<b>Friday</b>				
Lunch	Y7, 9, 11	Warhammer	M2	1 and 2
Lunch	Y7, 9, 11	Board Games	E1	1 and 2

## Subject Learning Journeys

To support your child's learning, you can find their subject learning journey for this half term on our website at <https://parkside.derbyshire.sch.uk/index.php/curriculum/subject-learning-journeys>. I hope you find this information useful.

## Parent Forum

It was fantastic to host our Parent Forum on Wednesday. Our next Parent Forum meeting is scheduled for 8 May, and I would like to extend an open invitation to all parents and carers to attend. This is an excellent chance to engage with the school and provide valuable feedback.

## Reminder of dates for your diary

- Y8 Parents' Evening – Monday 10 March
- Y10 London Trip (History) – Friday 14 March
- Parkside's Got Talent – Tuesday 18 March
- Y11 Parents' Evening – exam focus – Tuesday 25 March
- Y9 Parents' Evening – Monday 31 March
- End of term – 12.30pm finish – Friday 4 April
- Bank Holiday – Monday 21 April
- School open – Tuesday 22 April

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education.

Please see below from the office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Yours faithfully

Mr Andy Kelly  
Headteacher

*The Listening to You survey, which runs throughout the year, helps to inform the Police and Crime Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan and ensures that resources continue to be channelled to the areas that matter most to the public and delivers the best impact on safety.*

*The office of the Police and Crime Commissioner are looking for more responses from young people for the current 2024/2025 survey to ensure a whole county representation. It is appropriate for Year 10 and above and the closing date is the 31 March 2025.*

*The survey can be reached here: [Listening to You | Office of the Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner](#)*