

25 March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

As we head into the last week before the Easter break, I am delighted to report it's been a fantastic term. The students at Parkside have been a credit to the school as they have continued to work hard to meet our high standards and expectations; it's a privilege to watch our young people thrive.

On Thursday 28 March we will be hosting a non-uniform charity day and students will be dismissed at 12.45pm. Following on from the success of the previous charity food collection, we are asking parents/carers again, if they could kindly donate an item of food on this day. This can be a tin, box or packet. All items will be given to Gussie's Kitchen to support the work they do for our families and the community that we serve.

Year 11

Many thanks to those parents/carers who attended the recent Year 11 Parent Revision Sessions. It was lovely to have the opportunity for the school to share key messages and inform parents/carers of the various ways they could support their child. The information shared during the meeting has been shared with all families via our school communication. Please contact us if you would like any further information on how to support your child during the exam period.

As the Easter holiday approaches, please continue to support and encourage your child to complete as much revision and preparation for their upcoming exams as possible. All subject areas will have set revision activities to complete over the holidays; details of which can be found on SatchelOne.

Uniform expectations

At Parkside it is important that students meet our uniform expectations. Our high standards of appearance:

- Demonstrate pride in the school
- Promote a feeling of belonging
- Support student wellbeing
- Prepare students for when they leave school

A polite reminder to all parents and carers of our uniform expectations on page 14 in the link below. In particular please could I highlight our expectations on shoes.

[Behaviour Policy.pdf \(parkside.derbyshire.sch.uk\)](#)

A big thank you to all for their support in this area.

Punctuality to lessons

In my last letter I highlighted the importance of punctuality to lessons and the negative impact this has on learning. Although punctuality to lessons was not an issue for the vast majority of our students, lessons are disturbed if a young person arrives late. Punctual students enable lessons to start sharply and allow Parkside staff to teach to the best of their ability. I am pleased to report that students have responded positively to this messaging at the start of this half term. Thank you for your support of this.

Parental parking

A polite request to parents and carers who drop off and/or collect their children in cars at Parkside. Unfortunately, I have again received complaints from our neighbours due to parents/carers parking on double yellow lines or blocking resident's driveways, especially at the bottom gate. Please could you ensure that you avoid these situations. Your support in this area is much appreciated.

Parkside social media

A reminder that you can keep track of the latest goings on at our school through our social media outlets – Facebook, X (formerly known as Twitter) and Instagram. Latest updates include world book day celebrations and many examples of sporting success. Please log on and keep yourself updated on all things Parkside!

Dates for your diary:

- Monday 15 April – School returns from Easter Break
- Monday 22 April – Y8 Parents' Evening
- Tuesday 30 April – Y10 Geography Trip
- Monday 6 May – Bank Holiday

Thank you for your ongoing support. If you have any queries, please get in touch with us at Info@parkside.derbyshire.sch.uk.

Wishing all of our families a happy and healthy Easter!

Yours faithfully

Mr Andy Kelly
Headteacher