



PARKSIDE

COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this letter finds you well. It has been a pleasure to welcome students back to Parkside following the Easter break, and we are delighted with their positive return to school life. They have settled back into their learning with enthusiasm, and we are excited for the rest of the academic year.

New Staff Members

We are pleased to introduce two new members of staff who have joined our team this term.

Mr Kawalek has joined us as Senior Leader for English and Whole School Literacy, bringing with him a wealth of experience. Additionally, we are delighted to welcome Mrs Hutton as Deputy Head of Science, who will be a great asset to our Science department. Please join me in giving them both a warm welcome to the school community.

Year 11 Exams

Next week marks the start of the Year 11 exam period. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our Year 11 students the very best of luck as they begin this important phase of their education. We are confident they will approach their exams with dedication and determination. Our thoughts are with them as they prepare to showcase their hard work.

Year 11 Hoodies and Prom

The Year 11 leavers' event and Prom will take place on **July 4**; students will be informed if they have been successful in meeting the prom's attendance requirements next week. We look forward to celebrating the achievements and memories of our Year 11 students.

To commemorate these special occasions, Year 11 hoodies will soon be available to order. Please note that the hoodies will only be worn at the leaver's event; they are not to be worn during the school day. Further details on how to place an order can be accessed [HERE](#).

Warm Weather and Uniform Update

With the warmer weather this week, we are pleased to allow students not to wear their blazers for the remainder of the week. However, please be reminded that all other normal uniform rules still apply. We kindly ask that students do not replace their blazers with non-school jumpers or hoodies, as these are not permitted. Normal blazer expectations will return next week when the weather looks to be cooler.

Parent Forum Meeting – 8 May

We would like to invite all parents and carers to attend our Parent Forum Meeting on Monday 8 May, from 9:15 am to 10:00 am. This is a great opportunity to share feedback, discuss any concerns, and get involved in the school community. We hope to see many of you there. As always, please email srussell@parkside.derbyshire.sch.uk to confirm your attendance to the meeting.

Extracurricular Timetable

A new extracurricular timetable for this half-term has been distributed to students. We encourage all students to participate in a variety of activities that will help them develop new skills and make the most of their time at school. The timetable can be seen at the bottom of this letter.

Reward Trip to Alton Towers

As part of our ongoing efforts to celebrate student achievement, we are excited to announce a Reward Trip to Alton Towers on 18 July. To be eligible for this trip, students must meet the following criteria:

- 96% or higher attendance from 22 April.
- 2 'Best in Lesson' awards per week (or 18 over the 9 school weeks).
- No more than 10 negative points and C3 data considered

Please note there will be a cost for this trip, but we will do our best to reduce the price as much as possible. Currently, the cost stands at **£45**.

Stay Connected with Parkside Community School!

We are excited to share the many wonderful activities and achievements taking place at Parkside Community School. To stay up-to-date with all the latest news, events, and celebrations, we encourage you to follow us on our social media accounts. These platforms provide a great way to see the fantastic work our students are doing and to celebrate their successes alongside us.

You can find us on Facebook, X (formerly Twitter) and Instagram. We look forward to connecting with you and sharing our vibrant school community!

Reminder of dates for your diary

- Parent Forum Thursday 8 May
- School INSET day Monday 23 June (students not in school on this date)

We are looking forward to rewarding and exciting few months ahead and appreciate your continued support. Thank you for your ongoing partnership. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours faithfully

Mr Andy Kelly
Headteacher

Extracurricular Activities				
Monday		Activity	Room	Week
Lunchtime	Both	Puzzles and Jigsaws	A19	1
Lunchtime	Y7, 9, 11	Board Games	E1	1 and 2
Tuesday				
Mentor Time		Choir Practice	A13	1 and 2
Lunchtime	Both	Quiet Reading	Library	1
Lunchtime	Y8,10	Fitness Suite	Fitness Suite	2
Lunchtime	Y7, 9, 11	Fitness Suite	Fitness Suite	2
Lunchtime	Y7, 9, 11	Warhammer	M2	1 and 2
Wednesday				
Mentor Time		Windband	A13	1 and 2
Lunch	Both	Choir	A13	1 and 2
Lunch	Y7, 9, 11	Felting	A5	1 and 2
Lunch	Y7, 9, 11	Board Games	E1	1 and 2
Thursday				
Lunchtime	Both	Quiet Reading	Library	1
Lunchtime	Y7, 9, 11	Board Games	E1	1 and 2
Lunchtime	Y8, 10	Warhammer	M4	1 and 2
After School		Awesome Art Club	B1	1 and 2
After School		Drama Club	Hall	1 and 2
After School		Chess	Library	1 and 2
After School		Basketball Club Y9, 10 and 11	Basketball courts	1 and 2
Friday				
Lunch	Y7, 9, 11	Warhammer	M2	1 and 2
Lunch	Y7, 9, 11	Board Games	E1	1 and 2
Intervention Sessions				
Tuesday				
Lunchtime		Y11 geography homework/drop in	A6	
After School		Y10 H&S coursework catch up	C1	
Wednesday				
After School		BTEC Support, Y10 and Y11	C1	
After School		KS4 Art Intervention	B1	
After School		Duke of Edinburgh Drop in	A19	