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Dear Parents and Carers

I write to you as we commence the penultimate week of this half term. I am happy to share that our students continue to impress me with their friendliness, good manners and attitudes to learning. These positive student behaviours remind me how lucky I am to work with our young people every day.

Parental coffee morning

It has been fantastic to meet parents and carers at school events since I became Headteacher in November. I am delighted to share that we will be hosting a parental coffee morning on Tuesday 27 February (9.30am – 10.30am) at Parkside. This will be an opportunity to meet with myself as well as other parents/carers. To secure your place at this event please email srussell@parkside.derbyshire.sch.uk and also share any questions you may have as this will shape an informal Q&A session.

Attendance

Your child's attendance is incredibly important to us at Parkside Community School. Thank you for ensuring that your child attends school, every day, ready to learn. This ensures that they have the very best chance of school success. If attendance is poor it results in lost learning time that can negatively affect a student's life chances. Excellent attendance to school is one of many things we reward students for at Parkside Community School. Please do speak to your child about the importance of attending school on time every day; thank you to all parents/carers for their support on this.

Parental Governor position

At Parkside Community School we are extremely fortunate to have a brilliant group of Governors. The challenge and support they provide staff is central part to our school's success. We now have a parent governor vacancy on our governing board. Parent governors are elected by and from parents and carers of children who are currently in our school. Parental perspective is so important and greatly valued. We are looking for someone who is keen to make a difference in helping us to further develop excellence at Parkside. Is this you? We will be sending out more information about the role in the coming weeks and look hearing from you.

Parkside Parliament

Student voice is incredibly important to us at Parkside. We are here to truly serve your child so it's vital that they are heavily involved in supporting our school to be the very best. Our student leadership group is called Parkside Parliament and consists of students from Year 7 to Year 11. Their job is to measure how students are feeling and gather their opinions on how we can make our school even better. All positions for 2024's Parkside Parliament are now filled after a thorough application process. I am excited to meet these students this week and look forward to starting many exciting projects with them that will further improve all students' experiences at Parkside.

Parental parking

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

Parkside social media

Since the Christmas break, we have had much student success to celebrate with a photography competition winner and numerous QQP (quality, quantity and presentation) winners for exceptional work to name just two. Much of our exciting news is shared on our social media platforms – Facebook, X (formerly known as Twitter) and Instagram. Please log on and keep yourself updated on all things Parkside!

Dates for your diary:

Monday 12 February - Y10 Parents' Evening

Friday 16 February - Students' last day at Parkside before the half term break

Monday 26 February - Students return to Parkside

Tuesday 27 February (9.30am - 10.30am) - Parental coffee morning at Parkside Community School

Monday 18 March – Y7 Parents' Evening

Tuesday 19 March - Y9 Booster Vaccinations - <https://bit.ly/3umDPfy>

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

Yours faithfully

Mr Andy Kelly
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