

19 September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope this letter finds you well. I'm delighted to share that we've had a fantastic start to the school year here at Parkside Community School. The energy and enthusiasm across the school have been truly inspiring. Our new Year 7 students have settled in brilliantly, showing great maturity and eagerness to learn. Meanwhile, all other year groups have returned with a focused and determined attitude, ready to make the most of their year. I am incredibly proud of our students and the positive atmosphere they are helping to create.

We've also seen a record number of reward points issued in the first two weeks, which is a testament to the excellent behaviour, effort and engagement shown by our students. It's a brilliant start, and we're excited to keep building on this momentum.

Canteen arrangements – Brunch 2 and Lunch 2

As part of our ongoing efforts to improve the lunchtime experience, we are introducing new arrangements for Brunch 2 and Lunch 2, which affect Years 7, 9, and 11. Our canteen space is limited, and with three year groups sharing the same slot, it's essential we maintain a calm and orderly environment where students can eat, relax, and socialise comfortably.

Starting Monday, we will operate a rota system for entry into the canteen:

- Year 7 and Year 11 will enter the canteen immediately after the Brunch 2 and Lunch 2 bell
- Year 9 will enter 15 minutes later

This staggered entry will ensure all students have sufficient time to enjoy their meals and socialise, while helping us maintain a peaceful and well-managed space. Next term, the rota will rotate, and Year 9 will enter on the bell, with another year group entering later.

Please be assured that all students will continue to have enough time to eat their canteen food during both brunch and lunch. We've carefully planned these changes to ensure no student is disadvantaged, and that everyone can enjoy their break in a calm and supportive environment.

Community Cupboard, Coffee and Chat ! Every Tuesday at 2.15pm in the school library

We're pleased to continue offering our Community Cupboard every Tuesday. This is a valuable opportunity for parents and carers to access free food and home supplies, and to have a friendly chat with members of our staff and other parents. We encourage you to come along and make use of this supportive initiative.

Year 5 & 6 Open Evening – 29th September

We're excited to welcome prospective students and their families to our Open Evening for Year 5 and 6 on Thursday 29th September. It's a great chance to explore our school, meet staff and students, and see what makes Parkside such a special place to learn and grow.

Stay Connected – Arbor App & Satchel One

A reminder to ensure you are logged into the Arbor App and Satchel One. These platforms are essential for staying up to date with your child's progress, homework, attendance, and school communications. If you need help accessing either app, please contact the school reception.

Learning packs & equipment

All students received their new learning packs and learning organisers last week, which are vital tools for supporting their education. Please ensure your child brings these to school every day, along with the correct equipment. Being well-prepared is key to successful learning, and we appreciate your support in reinforcing this at home.

Reminder of dates for your diary

- Friday 24 October – INSET Day
- Friday 7 November – INSET Day
- Thursday 27 November – Flu Immunisations
- Monday 1 December - Y7 Parents' Evening

Stay connected – Follow us on social media

To keep up to date with all the latest news, events, and celebrations at Parkside Community School, make sure to follow us on our official social media channels. We regularly share updates, student achievements, reminders, and glimpses into daily school life. It's a great way to stay informed and feel part of our vibrant school community.

You can find us on:

Facebook: [Parkside Community School]

Twitter/X: [@ParksideSchool]

Instagram: [@ParksideCommunitySchool]

We love sharing the fantastic things happening across the school – don't miss out!

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. I look forward to working with you and your child this year to ensure their success and well-being.

Yours faithfully

Mr Andy Kelly
Headteacher