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Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of the spring term, I would like to take the opportunity to reflect on what has been a highly positive and successful period for Parkside Community School. Our students have been truly brilliant this term. Their attitude to learning, conduct around school and contribution to the wider life of our community have been consistently impressive. Staff are immensely proud of the way students have conducted themselves both in lessons and beyond, and it has been a pleasure to see their hard work, resilience and kindness shine through. Thank you, as always, for the support you provide at home.

Embark Parental Survey – Final Opportunity

I would like to remind parents and carers that there is a final opportunity to complete the Embark Parental Survey, which provides us with valuable feedback and helps shape our future priorities. The deadline for completion is Friday 27 March. Thank you to everyone who has already taken the time to respond.

Parkside Community School Parent
and Carer Questionnaire 2025-26



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Last Day of Term – Friday 27 March

On our final day of term, Friday 27 March, students may attend school in non-uniform. We are inviting a voluntary £1 donation, payable via the Arbor app, in support of Ashgate Hospice, a charity chosen by our students themselves. On this day, school will finish at 12.30pm.

Please note that the canteen will be closed at lunchtime, so students entitled to Free School Meals should purchase their lunch during the morning brunch period.

Year 11 Easter School and Exam Preparation

As we approach the Easter break, I would like to stress the importance of the coming weeks for our Year 11 students. All Year 11s have been invited to attend Easter School, where they will work closely with their teachers and receive focused support in preparation for their GCSE examinations. Sessions will run from 9.30am to 12.30pm on Monday 30 March, Tuesday 31 March, Wednesday 1 April, Tuesday 7 April and Wednesday 8 April. Students must attend either a subject-specific session they have been invited to or the library, where structured revision support will be provided by staff.

With only the final three school weeks remaining before exams begin, it is absolutely vital that Year 11 students revise thoroughly and make the most of this opportunity over the Easter break. To further support students and families, we will also be holding a Year 11 Parents' Evening on Tuesday 14 April. Please ensure you attend with your child, as this evening will provide essential advice and guidance to help students approach the exam period with confidence.

PE Kit Expectations – Reminder

I would like to remind families of our PE kit expectations. Students are expected to wear black tracksuit bottoms, leggings or shorts (short Lycra or Nike Pro-style shorts are not permitted), a Parkside embroidered t-shirt, and trainers. An optional Parkside embroidered quarter zip may be worn. Additional layers may be worn underneath PE kit, such as thermal base layers, and a plain black or navy round-neck or quarter-zip jumper may be worn over the top, provided it does not have a hood. PE kit must be brought to every PE lesson, even if a student is injured or unwell, and sanctions will be applied where expectations are not met. Official Parkside PE kit can be purchased via <https://parksidepe.deco-apparel.com/>. Thank you for your support of this.

Smart Return After Easter

After the Easter break, we look forward to seeing all students return to school smart and ready for learning. This includes wearing correct uniform and shoes, following jewellery rules, and bringing the appropriate equipment. If there are any issues, please use the two-week break to resolve these so that the summer term begins positively and with high expectations.

Staying Connected

Please continue to keep up to date with school news, reminders and celebrations via our social media channels, where we regularly share highlights from across our school community.

Dates for diary

27 March – Last day of school – early finish, students leave at 12.30pm

13 April – School returns 8.25am

14 April – Y11 Parents' Evening

Finally, I would like to wish all our students and families a wonderful and restful Easter break. We look forward to welcoming students back to school on Monday 13 April at 8.25am. Thank you once again for your continued support of Parkside Community School.

Warm regards,
Andy Kelly
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