



PARKSIDE

COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of another half term at Parkside Community School, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your continued support and to reflect on what has been a very positive and successful few weeks for our school community.

A Strong Half Term at Parkside

It has been a particularly productive half term, with students demonstrating a positive attitude towards their learning, high levels of engagement in lessons and a continued commitment to meeting our expectations. Across the school, we have seen students taking pride in their work, contributing to school life and representing Parkside well, both in and out of the classroom. This collective effort from students and staff has helped create a calm, purposeful and supportive environment in which everyone can thrive. It's amazing to see how many praise points have been awarded to students in lessons this half term; your children have been epic!

Year 11 Exam Update

I would also like to take this opportunity to recognise our Year 11 students, who have approached the examination period with maturity, resilience and determination. They have made a very strong start to their GCSE examinations.

As we move into the final phase of the examination period, there are only a few more weeks remaining after the May half term. It is vital that students continue to attend school throughout this time, as lessons and in-school support remain invaluable in helping them to consolidate knowledge, address misconceptions and maximise their performance in upcoming exams. As outlined previously, we will continue to carefully manage study leave on selected days, but students are expected to remain in school at all other times so they can benefit fully from the planned programme of support.

We are incredibly proud of the way Year 11 have conducted themselves so far and are confident that they will continue this strong approach through to the end of their examinations.

Summer Uniform – Half Term 6

Following the May half term break, we move into the final half term of the academic year and would like to remind families of our summer uniform expectations.

During Half Term 6, students have the option to wear elements of summer uniform to ensure they remain comfortable as the weather becomes warmer. This includes:

- The option to leave blazers at home (these must not be replaced with hoodies or non-school jackets)
- The option for both boys and girls to wear black tailored school shorts instead of trousers

It is important to note that all summer uniform must continue to meet our usual expectations around smartness, neatness and appropriateness. Only tailored shorts are permitted — items such as tight-fitting, sports or lycra shorts are not allowed. Please see image overleaf

Your support in ensuring students attend school in the correct uniform each day is greatly appreciated.

Stay Connected – School Communication and Social Media

We are continuing to strengthen how we communicate and celebrate the work of our students and staff. Our school social media accounts are regularly updated with news, achievements and important reminders, giving an insight into daily life at Parkside.

I would encourage all families to follow our social media platforms to stay up to date with what is happening in school, as well as to celebrate the many successes of our students. These platforms are an important part of how we share positive messages about our school and keep our community informed.

Dates for diary

26 June – INSET – school closed to students

3 July – Y9 HPV catch up immunisations

6 July – 10 July – Y10 Work Experience

7 July – Y8 HPV immunisations

23 July – last day – 12.30pm finish

Looking Ahead

As always, the final half term is a busy and important one, with opportunities for celebration, transition and continued learning across all year groups. We are looking forward to maintaining the strong momentum established this half term as we move towards the end of the academic year. Please ensure your child returns to us on Monday June 1 at 8.25am fully equipped, in the correct uniform and shoes, ready to learn.

Thank you again for your continued support of Parkside Community School. I hope you and your family have a restful and enjoyable half term break.

Yours faithfully

Mr Andy Kelly
Headteacher

