



PARKSIDE

COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families had a restful and enjoyable May half term. It has been a real pleasure to welcome students back to school since then, and I am delighted with the positive start to the final half term of the academic year. Students have settled quickly back into routines, demonstrating strong attitudes to learning and contributing to the calm, purposeful atmosphere that we are proud of at Parkside.

Last week was a particularly important one for the school, as we welcomed Ofsted inspectors on Tuesday 9 June and Wednesday 10 June. I would like to thank our entire school community for the way they responded during the visit. Our students were, as always, polite, engaged and a real credit to the school, and our staff demonstrated their professionalism, commitment and care throughout. Together, they provided a fantastic reflection of just how special Parkside Community School is.

As is standard, we are not able to share any judgments or outcomes until the final report has been published. However, we are pleased that there were many positive aspects highlighted during the visit, and we look forward to sharing the full report with you as soon as it is released.

This is always a particularly exciting time of year, with a great deal to look forward to over the coming weeks.

Looking Ahead

We have a busy and rewarding half term ahead, including:

- Year 10 Work Experience Week (w/c 6 July) – a valuable opportunity for students to gain real-world experience and develop important skills for the future. If you have any questions, please do contact Mrs Wigston
- Year 6 Transition Days – we are very much looking forward to welcoming our new Year 7 students to Parkside and supporting them as they begin their journey with us
- Sports Day – always a highlight of the school calendar, showcasing teamwork, effort and school spirit
- Aspirations (Culture Day) – an important opportunity for students to broaden their horizons and think about future pathways
- Reward Events – recognising the hard work, effort and positive contributions of our students, culminating in our end-of-year Alton Towers trip, which is always a fantastic celebration

Year 11 Update

Our Year 11 students have continued to impress us throughout the examination period with their maturity, resilience and commitment. They have worked incredibly hard and conducted themselves brilliantly, and we are very proud of the way they have approached this important time.

Today marks the final examination for our Year 11 students, bringing to a close a demanding and significant period in their school journey. We want to congratulate them on all they have achieved and the determination they have shown right to the very end.

We now look forward to celebrating their time at Parkside with:

• **Year 11 Leavers' Assembly – Friday 19 June**

• **Year 11 Prom – Friday 3 July**

Both will be special occasions to recognise their achievements and mark this important milestone.

Year 10 Update

Year 10 students are now entering an important phase of the academic year. Their mock examinations will begin this week, following the completion of the Year 11 exams. These provide a valuable opportunity to prepare for Year 11 and to understand next steps in their learning.

We are also looking forward to seeing our Year 10 students represent the school positively during Work Experience Week (w/c 6 July). We know they will make us proud.

Embark Dance Event

We are incredibly proud of our students who took part in the Embark Dance Event on 3 June. The event brought together over 250 young people from 16 Embark schools to celebrate dance, creativity and performance. It was a truly special occasion, with an atmosphere filled with positivity, encouragement, friendship and joy.

Our Parkside students represented the school brilliantly. Our performance showcased creativity, confidence and the dedication that has gone into rehearsals; every student who represented the school should feel immensely proud of their achievement.

A huge thank you must go to Mrs Hunt, whose commitment, enthusiasm and many hours of preparation made these performances possible. Her dedication to our students is greatly appreciated.

Summer Uniform – Half Term 6

As we enter warmer weather, a reminder that students are able to wear elements of summer uniform:

- Students may choose to leave blazers at home (these must not be replaced with hoodies or non-school jackets)
- Students may wear black tailored school shorts instead of trousers

Please note:

- All items must continue to meet our expectations for smartness and appropriateness
- Only tailored shorts are permitted (sports shorts, lycra or tight-fitting items are not allowed)

Thank you for your continued support in maintaining our high uniform standards.

Stay Connected

We are continuing to strengthen how we communicate and celebrate the work of our students and staff. Our social media platforms are regularly updated with:

- School news
- Student achievements
- Important reminders
- A window into daily life at Parkside

I would encourage all families to follow these accounts to stay informed and to celebrate the many successes of our students. These platforms are an important way in which we share positive messages about our school community.

Dates for diary

26 June – INSET Day – school closed to students

3 July – Y9 HPV Immunisations – catch up

7 July – Y8 HPV Immunisations

23 July – last day. 12.30pm finish

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are looking forward to a successful and enjoyable final half term.

Yours faithfully

Mr Andy Kelly
Headteacher