10 July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

We are writing to you to remind you of the arrangements for the final day of term and also the return to school in September.

All students will be bringing their final report of the year home with them before the end of term. Please take time to look at this with your child and discuss their successes and areas for focus next year.

The report will include their time for a tutor one-to-one on Wednesday, 2 September, for Years 7, 8 and 9. Please keep these appointment times safe.

Crazy Hair Week (and a half) - Monday 13 July - End of term
A reminder that next week is Crazy Hair Week. This is an opportunity for students to express their individuality with whatever hairstyle and colour they wish. Please ensure that hair is back to an acceptable style and colour for the start of the new school year.

The Great Tie Exchange - Tuesday 21 July
Students are encouraged to hand over their current ties for recycling by school in exchange for chocolate bars. Of course, if they wish to keep them, they are free to do so. A new tie will be given to each student in September.

Arrangements for the final day of term - Wednesday 22 July
Students will be dismissed from school at approximately 13.00pm after their lunch and an end of year assembly.

Mrs Bannard leaves us after 30 years at Park. She has taught many of your family over the years. We know you will join us in sending thanks and best wishes to Mrs Bannard for her much deserved retirement.

Mr Macefield also leaves us at the end of term. We wish him all the best for the future.

In addition, the following staff have joined us this term in preparation for September - Mrs Gibbard (Humanities and outdoor learning teacher), Miss Okunwa (Science teacher), Mr Stevens (Maths teacher), Miss Turner (Star teacher), Mrs Johnson (Head of Year 7 and PE teacher) will join us in September.

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Return to School in September

The 'Welcome to Park' booklet for September 2026 is on our website and linked here: welcome_to_park_2026.pdf

Please take time to read it through with your child so they are ready to start strong in September.

- **Wednesday 2 2026:** Year 7 in all day from 8.25am and should meet outside the Sports Hall. Year 11 in 11.30-14.30 for GCSE ready day. Years 8-10 will attend for one-to-one appointments with their tutors. Your child will bring this appointment home next week.

- **Thursday 3 September 2026**: All years in school, start times are phased for this day only:

Year 7	8.25am - line up in Year 7 area
Year 8	9.05am - line up outside Sports Hall
Year 9	9.25am - line up outside Sports Hall
Year 10	9.45am - line up outside Sports Hall
Year 11	10.15am - line up outside Sports Hall

Uniform and Equipment - September 2026

Uniform expectations remain the same. All students will be given a brand-new tie on their first day in September in their new year group colour. These will be provided free of charge.

School blazers, school jumpers, PE T-shirt, PE quarter zips and PE hoodies will be available to purchase from school reception until Tuesday, 21 July, and on Tuesday 1 September between 1.00pm and 4.00pm. We have a limited stock in school; once this stock runs out, you will need to purchase items from Skoolkit.

A reminder that if, over the summer, you allow your child to have any facial piercings, false lashes or fake nails, these will need to be removed before they return to school. Hair colour must be returned to natural shades

Pencil cases and equipment: Every student is expected to bring a pencil case to school containing the following equipment: ♦ black pen ♦ green pen ♦ pencil ♦ ruler ♦ protractor ♦ rubber ♦ sharpener.

Students are free the use their Park pencil case or replace it with one of their own. Park pencil cases will be available to purchase for £1.00 from Wednesday, 3 September.

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Mobiles Phone Pouches

These are part of school uniform and must be brought in everyday if you need to purchase a new one, these can be purchased from reception for £10.

Ready to Learn: Punctuality and Attendance

Attendance: Throughout the year, we have rewarded strong attendance and encouraged students to maintain streaks. From September, continue this. We will support you and your child when attendance is less than 100% through meetings and home visits. Some students struggle to attend school regularly and support is in place to help them.

Punctuality: There are times when there are very good reasons for being late to school and we understand this. However, repeated lateness prevents students having a strong start to the day and also interrupts lessons.

Students arriving within 15 minutes of the bell: The process for a student arriving a few minutes late will remain unchanged. Students arriving late to school within the first 15 minutes of the school day will be escorted to their lesson and set a late recall for the end of the day.

Students arriving 15 minutes or more late for school: Students arriving 15 minutes or more late will be set a one-hour detention after school. If a student arrives after 9.00am their attendance for the morning will be unauthorised.

Activities over the summer include:

- **Munch** - available Monday 27 July until Friday, 21 August 12.00noon - 1.00pm
- **Connect4Youth and Connect4Families** - free activity days and family funs day run throughout the holidays - detailed information can be found at Connect4Summer - School Holiday Educational Activities
- **GCSE Results Day** - on Thursday, 20 August - students can collect results between 10.00 - 11.00am This applies to our Year 11 leavers and Year 10 students collecting Literature GCSE and vocational option results. Students will also be able to download an app on the day which will create a permanent record of their results for them.

Finally, we would like to thank you for your support this year and wish you and your families a wonderful summer. We are looking forward to the final few weeks of term and final preparation to a strong start on 2 September 2026. We look forward to seeing students back in school on Tuesday, 2 September.

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher

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Head of School