



Parents@Park (25.09.20)

Notices

- Please [click here](#) for an **update from Public Health England** regarding Covid 19 in school settings and safety.
- The [questionnaire \(click\)](#) circulated last week must be completed for all students on roll at Park High School- not just students of key worker parents. Any problems with completion please contact school on 01282865200 for support.
- **7th October 2020 Year 7 Parents Evening - [click here - vital changes and new format in response to the Covid pandemic](#)**
- Schools and local authorities have a new duty, required by the Department of Education, to promote **education, progress and achievement for previously looked after children**. These are children who may have been adopted, placed on special guardianship orders (SGO's) or a child

arrangement order (previously, Residency Order) from care. These new duties recognise that children who have previously been in care may well be eligible for funded additional support (Pupil Premium Grant Plus). Please [click here](#) for more details or contact Mrs K Baines (kbaines@park-high.co.uk)

- A reminder that students may bring umbrellas for damp days and that coats remain a must as the weather continues to turn more wintery. As per the government guidelines, we are keeping breaks and lunchtimes outside whenever possible. That said, please be reassured we do have a **wet weather contingency plan** to ensure that in torrential conditions we can protect the students and prevent them being drenched. ☔
- PE kit is to be worn by students on PE practical days only (there is no need for PE kit on theory days for KS4 students despite what some may have communicated!) Park High Hoodies or plain black hoodies with an insignificant logo are accepted as part of the PE kit uniform.
- **Masks.** Children who do not arrive in school with masks will be given a one to ensure the safety of the school community but from **Monday 28th September this will be accompanied by a misdemeanour. Two misdemeanours in one week is escalated to a detention.**





- Please continue to follow all the government guidelines to ensure the safety and well being of all

Year 11 GCSE Assessment - Key Mock Examination dates

- Year 11 will sit a full **GCSE English Language mock exam during the week commencing 12th October**. This will be sat in classroom bubbles rather than the examination hall to ensure Covid compliance. There will be two papers: a 1 hour 45-minute paper and a 2-hour paper. In order to support students in their preparation, you need to know that they should continue to **work on and learn their narrative writing piece, based this year on " A Childhood Memory" (they will use this same piece in their summer GCSE 2021)**. They also need to **practice their skills in CQA(T) to answer questions on fiction extracts and non-fiction texts**. All students are aware of their preparation needs. Click [here](#) for an example of a model piece of narrative writing (Grade 9) and click [here](#) for CQA (T) support material for parents who wish to help students in preparation for this mock. Working together will, without doubt, ensure we can maximise students progress and overall attainment. In addition to the practice above, reading a range of non-fiction articles based around current issues is also a good way to prepare for students to get ready for this exam.
- **Mock examinations will take place in all subjects for Year 11 week commencing 9th November**. More details will follow.

The week ahead

Dates for diary - further ahead

- **Early school closure on the 15th October 2020** - staggered dismissal for all year group bubbles as follows:

Year 11 -12.05

Year 10- 12-10

Year 9 -12.15

Year 8 - 12.20

Year 7 - 12.20

Any pre ordered lunches will be delivered to students pre departure.

School Holiday dates 2020-21

- [Term and holiday dates 2020-2022](#)
- 15th October 2020 Early school closure.

Park Family in the news

- **Huge congratulations to our New Head Boy, Head Girl and their Deputies for the school year 2020-21:**

Our Head Boy is **Ethan Little** ably assisted by **Theodore Bailey** as Deputy Head Boy. The new Head Girl for this academic year is **Rebecca Hook** and supporting her as Deputy Head Girl is **Rebecca Swinburn**

[Click here to meet the new Senior Prefect Team](#)

I am sure you will join with us in both congratulating them and wishing them every success in their new role. We are certain they will be fantastic role models for all and will lead the students along a bright and successful school journey this year. They are amazing students and their leadership will be helping the school to develop over the next year, including leading the school council and supporting students through this difficult time.

We will be having further elections this term to elect and appoint both form representatives and year representatives. Please encourage your son/daughter to put themselves forward for these important positions.

Updates to follow - Good luck everyone!👍

- We welcome news and photos from our parents who would like to share student successes and achievements. Please email news and photos to ggoldstein@park-high.co.uk titled student success. Please note that we cannot always guarantee publication due to space limitation but we will always try our very best.