



Parents@Park

A warm welcome to the new school year

Mrs C Eulert, Headteacher writes:

"The first week has been absolutely wonderful. It has been delightful to welcome back everyone in the Park family. The children look super smart, many of them in the new Park uniform, and they are wearing their uniforms with pride which is lovely to see. They have been courteous and kind to each other and as a result many children have earned the prestigious Park Point, which I'm sure you will be hearing much more about in the coming weeks. The children have been involved in many extra-curricular activities, enjoying football, drama and dance with many more to come and we have launched our Young Enterprise initiative to Years 9 and 10 with much interest. The school is looking fantastic, thanks to the amazing work of the premises team over summer. There are new tables and chairs in all classrooms and the whole school has been painted, we have new ceilings and lighting in much of the building and new signage throughout school. The last of these looks fantastic, but has definitely kept staff and students on

their toes looking for Zone 4!! I'm really looking forward to all that this academic year will bring and I want to personally thank each and every one of our students for making the start of this academic year the best it can be".

Mrs Eulert

Covid Contingency Planning

Despite the really smooth and successful start to the new school year with systems, structures and Covid prevention measures now well embedded to minimise disruption, it is only right that parents are made aware of the DfE contingency framework and our Covid Contingency planning. The guidance states that whichever of these thresholds is reached first:

"5 children, pupils, students or staff, who are likely to have mixed closely, test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period; or 10% of children, pupils, students or staff who are likely to have mixed closely test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period"

...will require further action and the initiation of our Covid outbreak management planning which, in the first instance will include:

- The wearing of face coverings in communal areas for staff and students and if we were to reach the 10% threshold, the reintroduction of face coverings in lessons and communal areas.

[Our Active COVID-19 Status can be found here](#)

Obviously we will keep you updated on any changes - we are all aware things can change swiftly.

Once again thank you for your support and understanding as we continue to navigate through the pandemic together.

- **COVID-19 lateral flow testing at home will continue twice weekly until further notice.**

[Report student Covid home testing results to school](#)

As per the guidance please continue to log the results with both the NHS and school log.

Notices

- Students have come back looking super smart and are wearing their new school uniforms with pride. Huge thanks to families for helping students to prepare for the new school year and staying in line with all school rules. Any student currently not following a school uniform rule has been given a date for compulsory change to ensure that each and every student follows our

clear guidelines. We are really proud of how our students look and will continue to drive these high standards to ensure we remain our very best selves.

[Click here for Full School Uniform Policy](#)

Uniform Update

Broadening Student Horizons - RISE time (period 6)

| | Phoenix | Dragon | Griffin | Pegasus | Seniors |
|-----------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Monday | WOW in Action Read Aloud | Future U Read Aloud | Read Aloud Read Aloud | Co-Curricular Read Aloud | Maths Masterclass |
| Tuesday | Future U Study | WOW in Action Study | Co-Curricular Study | Read Aloud Study | English Masterclass |
| Wednesday | Study Co-Curricular | Study Read Aloud | Study Future U | Study WOW in Action | Maths Masterclass |
| Thursday | Co-Curricular Read Aloud | Read Aloud Co-Curricular | Future U WOW in Action | WOW in Action Future U | English Masterclass |
| Friday | Read Aloud Read Aloud | Co-Curricular Read Aloud | WOW in Action Read Aloud | Future U Read Aloud | English Masterclass |

This week has seen the launch of the new **RISE time taking place during our form time (period 6)**. 'RISE' stands for reading, independence, study and extra curricular and has been introduced to ensure that here at Park we can continue to develop well rounded students who can fully embrace and enjoy all aspects of school life alongside their subject studies. Over the next few Parents@Park's we will give an overview of each of the sessions - starting this week with the shared reading programme known as Read Aloud on the timetable above

Read Aloud- please see the images below for an overview shared with the students

A vertical rainbow flag with diagonal stripes of red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple.



Student shared reading- for the win!

- We can model fluency to help you become confident and happy readers
- Correct pronunciation of unfamiliar vocabulary
- Enjoyment together – slowing the pace and enjoying reading
- Guided through more challenging texts – allowing you to gain access to more texts
- Exposure to more sophisticated vocabulary and texts – adding to your word repertoire will help you in LIFE!
- Enriching- education
- We want to take you out of your comfort zones and help you enjoy a greater variety of text type
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- The stories have been chosen to broaden your understanding and exposure to a whole range of historical, social and cultural and political aspects of our world –usually there is a message within each of the stories which will help you to learn how to be a confident and well-grounded young person.
- We want to be able to help you navigate through the diverse and cultural world we live in with confidence.
- WE really want you to enjoy and encourage you to read for pleasure.
- The stories should provoke discussion and debate – this will help you to improve confidence in speaking aloud, having a voice and being heard. That said, as well as encouraging you to have a voice, we want you to understand the importance of individual opinions, recognising the views of others.
- You will read lots and lots of tier 2 vocabulary and build word knowledge. Tier 2 words are often not met in spoken language. Not every word will be remembered initially, but you will have the opportunity to hear them in context and consider other contexts and situations which you may use them



Take away thinking points

Walking hand in hand –students and staff reading together

Thinking of the wellbeing of all – slowing the pace and engaging together

Developing reading confidence and ability– key to success in life

Bringing forms back together (Covid enforced separation)

Peer led opportunities

Engagement

Guest readers will appear throughout the year!



- **A message from our Attendance Manager Mrs Helen Orme:** "Welcome Back Everyone, i hope you have had a fabulous summer break! Just a reminder that if your child needs to leave school for- or arrives late to school following- an appointment e.g. medical, dental or interview, a copy of the appointment time must be sent to attendance_group@park-high.co.uk. If you receive the notice via email/text a copy of this will also be sufficient. If your child arrives late to school from an appointment that were not aware of, they may receive a late mark. Similarly, if your child needs to leave school and we were not aware of the reason why, this may delay your child from leaving the site resulting in missed appointments. To avoid this happening, wherever possible we ask you to send any information to the Attendance Team before your child is absent from school. Many thanks in anticipation of your continued support with this".



- This first credit awards of the year will be emailed home on Monday 13th September. Please also look out for all the new student of the week certificates starting next week. In addition the new Park Point awards will be emailed home week beginning 20th September.

- **Safeguarding at Park High School**

Mrs C Bridges (Designated Safeguarding Lead) writes:

"The safety and well-being of our students will always remain our number one priority at Park. As part of our Park family, we want all of our students to feel secure and safe which will enable them to flourish and achieve their potential. This year, for the first time, we have shared our safeguarding policy directly with the students via their Form Tutors with a strengthened focus on Peer-on- Peer abuse.

We are committed to working towards eradicating derogatory language and embedding respect. In support of this, we now have a have a student friendly Peer-on-Peer abuse policy which is available [here on our website](#). Our continuing drive to enhance our pastoral and safeguarding provision means that we will be revisiting key messages about staying safe, including respect, positive relationships and healthy lifestyles in and beyond our curriculum".

If you have any questions regarding any aspect of pastoral or safeguarding provision, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs C Bridges cbridges@park-high.co.uk

- **Rainbows @Park High School**

Rainbows GB is an international charity which specialises in supporting young people who have experienced loss through separation or bereavement. Rainbows fosters emotional healing among young people who are grieving a loss through a death, divorce, separation or any other painful transition in their lives. We are delighted to be able to offer this support to students at Park. If you think this may of interest to your son/ daughter please [find further information on this letter](#) or alternatively if you would like to talk to someone about Rainbows and the support we can offer your family please do not hesitate to contact either Mrs C Bridges cbridges@park-high.co.uk or Miss T Fishwick tfishwick@park-high.co.uk

- **Year 11**

As our Year 11 students enter their Senior year at Park High, they are now in their final stages of GCSE courses and fully preparing for their examinations and coursework completion dates. This can be a really challenging and stressful times for students (and their support networks) and as such if you have any queries, concerns or questions about your Year 11 student's final year and their studies, please do not hesitate to **contact Mrs S Huntingdon, Head of Year 11** on shuntingdon@park-high.co.uk who will be happy to arrange a meeting to help.

Please see below for forthcoming post 16 Open Events taking place locally

Burnley College Open Event 5:30 – 8:30pm



Find out more about our Outstanding success; meet our friendly Tutors; explore our state-of-the-art facilities; experience our exciting extra-curricular activities and discover the individual support you will receive as a Burnley College student.

To make sure you have the best experience and so that we can personalise your visit, **you need to book a timeslot.**

When booking, we'll ask more about you so that we can make the most of your time with us.

Your visit will be 45 minutes and your tour guide will split this up into 3 x 15 minute slots so you can explore 3 different areas of College.

To help us plan for your visit, you'll need to **tell us which 3 subject areas you are most interested in exploring.** Don't worry if you're unsure, our Open Events are all about helping you find the best route for you after your GCSEs and we're on hand to give you the advice and guidance you need.

Book your place now and let us do the rest!

Year 11 Open Event Thursday 30 Sep 2021



- Are you currently in Year 11 and starting to think about your options for when you leave school? Come along to our Open Event to find out more about College life, and to explore which programme is going to help you reach your aspirations.
- The event is a fantastic opportunity for students to get a feel for life as an Nelson and Colne College student. Join us on the night to:
- Find out about the wide range of options available to you at NCC – from A Levels, T Levels, Vocational programmes and Apprenticeships
- Tour our campus and view our top class facilities
- Meet our expert tutors and students, as well as our Careers Team
- Learn about our diverse extracurricular offer
- Find out about travel and the support available to you at NCC

- **Remote Learning provision**

Our remote learning provision will continue as per last academic year. please see below for more details and [click here](#) (half way down the Covid section of the website) for guides on how to access and get the best out of Microsoft Teams



Microsoft Teams

All Microsoft Teams have now gone live and Class Teams will now show in student accounts on both a computer and in the mobile App.

This year teachers will once again be uploading lesson resources into the Teams Posts for students to access work if absent from school or working independently at home.

Teachers will also upload resources into the Team Files such as; subject syllabus, class resources and revision guides. Many student enjoyed the facility of completing homework through Assignments and this will continue this year.



Year 7

Over the next two weeks Year 7 students will be issued Microsoft accounts and will be learning how to use Outlook school email and Microsoft Teams in their ICT lessons.

- **Extra Curricular activities for the week beginning 13th September**

PE Extra Curricular activities – Week beginning 13 September

After School activities

PE kit needed

| Day | Activity 3.30-4.30pm |
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| Monday | Year 7/8 netball Year 11 football – on the field |
| Tuesday | Year 9/10 netball Year 10 football – on the field |
| Thursday | Year 7/8 basketball Year 9 football – on the field |
| Friday | Year 7/8 football – on the field |

Break time club

Every day in the sports hall

Badminton and Basketball

Pupils take off blazers and ties and wear their trainers to participate.



The week ahead

- Years 7-10 photos take place Thursday 16th September - practice those smiles!
- Uniform checks continue

Dates for diary - further ahead

- Year 7 Parents Evening - more details will follow via Parents@Park

And finally

welcome
to the
WORLD

It's been a busy week for the Park family and we are rapidly expandingcongratulations to Mrs Halstead and her husband who welcomed baby Hollie Halstead this week, closely followed Mrs Barker and her husband's new arrival, Edward Thomas Barker.

We send our love and best wishes to them all and hope they get some sleep.... May the fun begin!



School Holiday dates 2021-22

[Please click here to find the school holiday dates for 2012-22](#)