



Parents@Park

We end the week with a huge congratulations and thankyou to students on their conduct during our newly introduced line up routines to reset after social time. This new routine ensures a swift focused start to period 3 so all students are prepared for learning and are able to engage with it.

In other news, we can confirm that this year's school production will be **Sponge Bob The Musical**. We have had such a huge number of students express an interest in this year's show, that we are considering putting on extra performances to give all of our students a chance to take to the stage and shine! More details and full launch to follow.



School Updates and information share

1. Year 11 trip



We are aware that year 11 have not had many chances to go on school trips over recent years due to the restrictions put in place during the pandemic. Trips and visits are an essential part of a child's wider education and as such we would like to offer a trip to our year 11 students next week. We understand the importance of lesson time in this critical year for them and therefore the trip is scheduled to take place on **Friday 29th September (calendared PD day)**. They will undertake Personal Development lessons for period one and two followed by an extended break so that they can have a snack before **setting off to the New Reel Cinema (Burnley) at 11.30am**. All films are classified as 15 or below. This information has been sent out via email and MCAS along with a form for students to vote on the film they would like. The top two voted for will be shown on the afternoon.

Students will be in **non-school uniform** for the day. Many students have said that they would like to stay in Burnley after the cinema and make their own way home so that they can eat at the new Nando's! We will need your permission for them to stay in Burnley. **If your child wishes to make their own way home, it is essential you fill in the relevant section of the Microsoft form.**

There is no cost to the students for the coach to and from school and the cinema ticket. However, students will need money for sweets/food (we are not buying them a Nando's!) and to make their own way home if they stay in Burnley.

All students will need parent/carers permission to attend. [To give permission please fill in this attached Microsoft form.](#)

2. School Contact Books - the why

Contact books are an **essential part of Park High School life**. They help us to develop students' organisation and manage their independent study time-supporting **our learning habit 'Prepared for learning'**.

The contact book is **expected in school and visible on the desk every lesson for all students in all year groups**. Remembering and using the contact books enhances student responsibility **supporting them to plan**, organise and keep track of their work to the best of their abilities. This has a dual benefit in that it increases the student's accountability to the commitments planned as well as providing students with a structure that contributes to their success. Using these planners, students can take responsibility and accountability to complete their work.



- **Attendance Updates**

The NHS site [Is my child too ill for school?](#) (click here) included in the flyer is a very good resource to support parents in making decisions about whether to send students to school or keep them at home if showing signs of illness.



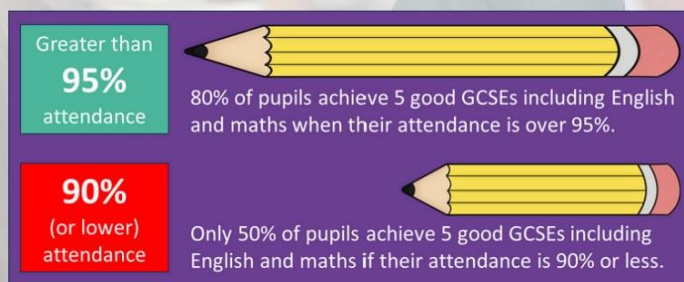
ATTENDANCE

Every day matters!

Over the last 12 months, we've really stressed the importance of good attendance at Park High School. So have almost all schools in England. This is because many pupils are still missing school more often than they did before the Covid lockdowns.

Why does it matter?

There is a big link between how well people do at school and the chances of getting a well-paid job... and there is an even bigger link between attendance and how well people do at school.



Just missing a day here, and there doesn't matter... does it?

Too many young people miss odd days here and there. They, or their parents, don't think about how this soon builds up... and the effect this can have on their education.

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	So, over 13 years of schooling that's...	How does this affect your child's chances?
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1½ years!	<div><div>Your Child</div><div>Most other children</div><div>Equivalent to finishing in year 10!</div></div>
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2½ years!	<div><div>Your Child</div><div>Most other children</div><div>Equivalent to finishing during year 9!</div></div>

Children who miss school regularly face serious disadvantage, which could affect them for years to come



But sometimes you just have to miss school, dont you?

Of course, most of us will pick up illnesses from time to time and be too unwell to attend school. Some people have long term illnesses to contend with... and some appointments cannot be scheduled out of school hours.

Our school attendance and our pastoral team will work with families to support pupils who have to miss sessions because of ongoing health issues. In this situation, please make sure you are proactive in your communication with us so we can work together to support your child.

Unfortunately, the negative impact of missing school is the same for pupils who have genuine reasons as it is for those who don't. So, we summarise everyone's attendance in plain and simple language (see below), even where we know absence is unavoidable. This helps everyone to think about what needs to be done to help to reduce the negative impact of low attendance. <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Missing 0 days of school	100%	Perfection
Missing 4 days of school in a year	98%	Impressive
Missing 7 days of school in a year	96%	Good
Missing 2 weeks of school in a year	95%	Needs to improve
Missing 3 weeks of school in a year	92%	Concerns
Missing 4 weeks of school in a year	90%	Serious Concerns

And finally...

A calendar year is 365 days, made up of 190 days in school and 175 days of holiday.

That's 175 days when there is no school for social time, leisure, visits, appointments...

So, we will only authorise leave in term time in exceptional circumstances... and we will refer all cases that meet the threshold for a fixed penalty notice to the local authority.

Let's all work together to get our children into school on time, every day....

... Because excellent attendance is the foundation for success in education.

- **PD Day - Friday 29th September 2023**

Year group themes:

Year 7

Harvest festival- students in school uniform and will rotate around a range of activities celebrating the festival. Donation needed (attached PPT poster attached to this email)

Year 8

Relationships and Sex Education – students in uniform and will rotate around a carousel of different activities.

Year 9

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh launch, students will need to be in warm and waterproof clothing as they will spend half a day out navigating and walking around the local area.

Year 10

Gambling and mental health – students will be on a carousel of different activities. Year 10 will need to be in school PE kit.

Year 11

Suicide awareness workshop with Sam Tyrer, a member of the NHS trust. Afternoon at the cinema. Students in school uniform.

Mrs. Z. Sims our Sageguardng Lead (DSL) writes

*"Sam Tyrer, has worked as a Mental Health Nurse and now works for the NHS trust. **Sam will be talking about his own experiences with mental health and suicide and the preventative and supportive work** that he does in schools, colleges and the community. We understand that this subject is very sensitive and we want to prepare our students and their parents/guardian that this could be hard hitting. We will follow Sam's talk with a session led by Form Tutors, which will allow our young people to talk about this further and ask any questions.*

Ahead of this, we would like to invite you to our informal parental drop in session, should you have any concerns or questions. This will be held next Wednesday 27th Sept at 5pm in our drama studio in school. If you are unable to make this session, please do feel free to contact me instead, as I am happy to talk through any questions.

Should you have any questions or wish for your child to opt out of these sessions, please email me on zsims@parkhigh.penninetrust.org If we do not hear from you, we shall assume that you wish for your child to participate".



It is PD Day on Friday 29th September. The Y7 theme is Harvest. As part of this PD Day, we will be collecting donations for the Open Door Centre Food Bank. Anything donated will be greatly appreciated! Please bring donations to **room 517**.

What is needed:

- Dried Foods such as pasta.
- Tins of food
- Baby Food

Last year, we donated a large amount of food to Open Doors, they were extremely thankful! You can bring in donations over the next couple of weeks.



Good Afternoon,
Please see below for the latest news and updates.

Melanie, Hayley & Becky

01 COLLEGE OPEN EVENTS

You will have received an email last Friday with the flyers for our upcoming open events. Please help us to promote these by sharing far and wide with parents and students!



02 NEW PROSPECTUSES 2024-25

We are in the process of dropping off prospectuses as we see schools in the next couple of weeks. If you need any urgently, please let us know and we can arrange for you to collect from our college.



03 CAREERS CATCH UPS AND BOOKINGS



Thank you for making your bookings for the year in advance, it's helped us get organised for the busy year ahead! Our calendars are filling up quickly with bookings for year groups 7-11 and we are taking bookings up until July 2024. If you have any PD/ drop down days or calendar dates you would like us to have a presence for, please make contact with us.

04 BURNLEY FC SYT OPEN TRIALS

Burnley FC's Shadow Youth Team- a football and education programme for 16-18 year olds, is holding open trials at both Nelson & Colne and Accrington & Rossendale College.

Please see the leaflet attached for details of how to sign up.



05 FOLLOW OUR SOCIALS TO SEE FORMER PUPILS AND COLLEGE UPDATES



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

5TH-11TH FEBRUARY 2024 NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIPS WEEK
4TH-9TH MARCH 2024 NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK
8TH-17TH MARCH 2024 BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK



Selection success for Cyra-Jo!



Huge congratulations to Cyra-Jo who has been selected to play for **Lancashire schools FA U16 team**. Having previously trialled and just missed out, she has now nailed selection, gaining a place from more than 100 girls. Well done Cyra -Jo!

Also shining is one of our newest students, Axel Westhead y7 who is taking to the stage over the next few days, performing Jeremy in Chitty Chitty Bang Bang at the Hippodrome (20th-23rd sept).

Reports say the show and Axel are absolutely spectacular!



Date for the diaries:

- **Wednesday 27th September 5pm-** informal parental drop in giving information on our forthcoming student suicide prevention talk.
- **Friday 29th September** - PD day and Year 11 trip to cinema
- **Year 7 Parents Evening Wednesday 4th October from 4:00pm** - more details will follow here on Parents@Park
- **School's Open Evening Half Day Closing** - please note, school closes at 12:20pm on this day to prepare for open evening



Travels around Trust

- Parents@LordStreet

- Parents@Blacko

Contact Us@

- [The link here](#) links to the school website where key staff and department contacts are listed as well as a flow diagram to support families in navigating to the correct team/staff member depending on the enquiry they have.

In the first instance, however, the form tutor is the first point of contact to guide and advise.

School Holiday dates 2022-24

[Please click here to find the school holiday dates for 2021-23](#)