

SPA Weekly News



Dear families,

I hope this newsletter finds you well.

I am really enjoying the beginning of my second year as Principal of Sheffield Park Academy and Sheffield South East VI Form. We continue to talk about, develop, and emphasise our character values every day at SPA - **Community**, **Ambition**, **Respect** and **Endurance**.

Kind Regards,

Rob Watson

Great start to the year!

- We are now 3 weeks into the school year!
- Attendance is still the highest it has been for many years at SPA - higher than last year, which were our highest attendance figures for many years before this. Thank you to students and families for supporting this.
- We know that when students attend well they make strong friendships, they enjoy school life more, and do they do well academically.



Year 11

Over 70% of Year 11s attended last week's 'Success Evening' on Thursday. The night included English and Maths mock revision tips and advice, as well as, FREE revision guides and revision packs for all Year 11s.

If your child did not attend, please encourage them to come to the next one.



There are 30 school days left until Mock 1 exams - Mock 1 Exams begin just after the October half-term.

We also want to congratulate those Y11s who have attended the first after school Success sessions last week:

- Over 150 Year 11s attended at least one session
- Students now have these on their timetable - we expect them to attend
 - Attend after school sessions = get more marks in mocks and exams
- Our teaching staff run these sessions for FREE for Year 11s students - we are very grateful they offer this

A HUGE well done to Year 11s who came to school this Saturday morning for science and French revision - 58 students came, which is excellent work for week 1 of Saturday sessions!

The easiest way to get good grades in Year 11? - ATTEND school. Our Year 11s last year had DOUBLE the success in passing GCSE English and maths if they attended 90% last year, compared to those whose attendance was below 90%



Year 7

- **We are SO impressed by our new Year 7s!**
- They have really got into the '*One Community, One Park*' spirit of our school.
- They are working very hard in lessons - beautiful books, excellent effort, and brilliant endurance in The Blue Zone.
- We have a VERY strong feeling these Year 7s are going to be the BEST year group Sheffield Park Academy has ever had!
- Whilst it is 5 years away, Year 7s and Year 7 parents should be thinking about how hard their child is working now - this will stand them in good stead for their GCSE qualifications when they are in Years 10 and 11... it is genuinely never too early to have this in their minds!



Judge Abigail Hickinbottom Visits VI Form

- We were lucky enough to have a judge come and speak to our VI Form students this week - what a great experience for them to have!
- Students were able to hear from a real-life legal expert and ask her questions about what it's like to work in the law and the best ways of gaining access to such a great career
- Plus, some of our students got to try on the legal 'gowns' that judges wear!



We're Hiring - Numeracy Officer

- **Do you know someone - a family member, a friend, a neighbour, a colleague who might be interested?**
 - We are passionate about maths at SPA
 - We want to give our students the BEST chance possible to succeed in numeracy and mathematics
 - We want to, especially, support those who find numeracy and mathematics more difficult than others



https://ce0374li.webitrent.com/ce0374li_webrecruitment/wrd/run/ETREC179GF.open?WVID=5444109C2D

Careers Fair

We are so excited about this evening - happening Friday 9 October with lots of local employers and training providers coming to meet our students! This careers fair is specifically aimed at our students in Years 9, 10, and 11.

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CAREERS FAIR

Friday 9th October, 9am-1:15pm

Year 6 Open Evening

- Please let any friends, family, or neighbours know about this very important event
- A reminder that students will leave school at 1.15pm on **Thursday 8 October**

Use this link to book your place -

 [Sheffield Park Academy - Y6 Open Evening](#)



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You're invited to our
Year 6 Open Evening
Thursday 8 October
3:45pm - 6:30pm

- ✓ Meet our staff & students.
- ✓ Explore our excellent facilities, learning spaces and VI Form.
- ✓ Experience a range of subjects and activities.
- ✓ Hear from our Principal.
(Address times: 3:55pm, 4:40pm, 5:20pm)

Community Ambition Respect Endurance

Social Media Platforms

- We have really strong social media platform messages - we regularly post reminders, important info, and exciting messages on our platforms - we mainly use Instagram, Facebook, and LinkedIn.
- Please do follow us on one of these or more to keep in touch we things that are happening.
- **Additionally, a reminder to download and use the Arbor app:** [The Arbor App](#)
 - Get key messages from school.
 - See your child's timetable.
 - See your child's behaviour points.
 - See any detentions that may be on your child's account.

