

Dear families,

I hope this newsletter finds you well.

Week 6 of this academic year has been very strong at SPA. In particular, I am impressed by the ambition students are showing in their lessons, their books, and their school work. We continue to talk about, develop, and emphasise our character values every day at SPA - **Community**, **Ambition**, **Respect** and **Endurance**.

Kind Regards,

Rob Watson

Amazing Y6 Open Evening

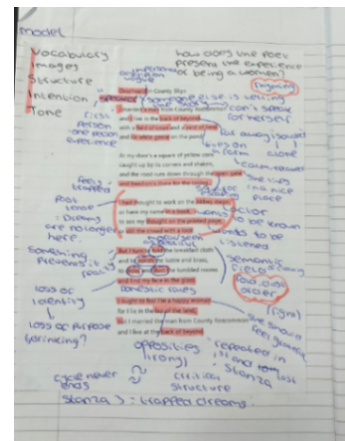
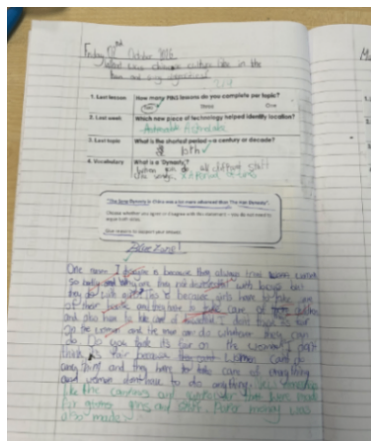
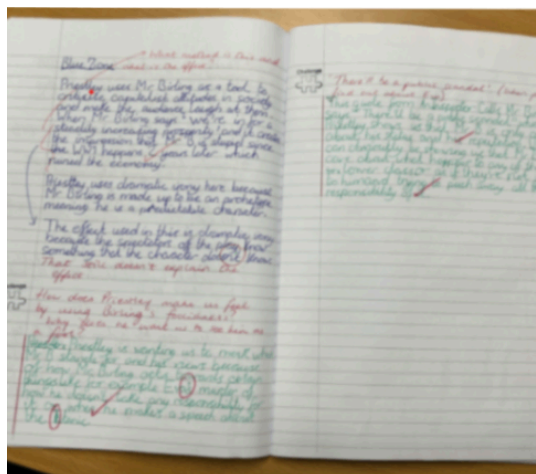
- We had a brilliant evening this Thursday - a record number of Year 6 families came to visit us!
- It was great to host so many local families in our new-look building.
- Families were welcomed with music and singing from talented SPA students at the front of school, followed by an address from me in the Main Hall. Then, visitors were able to tour our building, meet our excellent students and friendly staff, and enjoy tasters of learning and education that SPA students receive
- If you know a Year 6 or Year 6 parents who still want to visit our school, tell them to email info@sheffieldparkacademy.org and we will arrange a visit for them!



Great Work From Students: The Blue Zone

- Every lesson, every day, every subject our students complete a 100% independent piece of work called **'The Blue Zone'**
- This is about:
 - Learning how to do this independently
 - Being really successful each lesson
 - Working hard

- Showing strong ambition
- Our students do amazing work as a result of The Blue Zone - see some examples here:

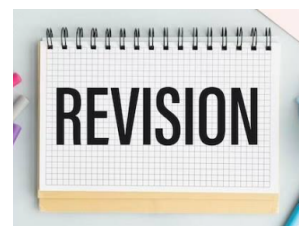


Year 7 Settling In Evening

This coming **Wednesday 14 October, 4-6pm**. An evening for all Year 7 parents - a chance to meet your child's form tutor and check how well your child is 'settling in'.

Year 11, Year 11, Year 11

- 14 school days until Year 11 Mock 1 Exams begin!!!
- Every Year 11 needs to:
 - Come to all lessons, every day - don't miss a minute!
 - Come to every after school Success Session - no excuses - take these seriously!
 - Come to every Saturday morning session - they are FREE and teachers are giving up their weekends to help students here!
 - REVISE - 'Beware the Secret Revisers' - when your friend says 'I'm not revising...' they are probably lying!



Year 12 Students Visit University of Oxford

- Our Year 12 students had a brilliant visit to Magdalen College, University of Oxford last week.
- They got to speak to student ambassador, spend time in the amazing historic surroundings of the colleges.
- And they had some excellent advice and guidance on Further Education whilst there.



Mobile Phones Reminder

- A reminder that mobile phones are banned in our school for students.
- This is not just during the school day, but also before school and after school
- The rules are simple:
 - Students' mobile phones should be switched off and in bags from the front gate of school.
 - Students' mobile phones cannot be seen, used, or heard at all after that.
 - Students may use their phones once they reach the student gates next to the Main Hall.
 - Students must abide by these rules before school start and after school times finish.
 - Breaking these rules leads to:
 - The phone being confiscated and the phone being stored in school.
 - A parent or carer must come to collect the phone.
- Our rules are supported by the government: [Mobile phones in schools - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/mobile-phones-in-schools)
- Staff do sometimes need to use their mobile phones in school: to contact parents, to use our Arbor app to support students, to award behaviour consequences.

Holiday Booking Discount with Hays Travel

- Did you know you can get 6% of your holiday booking with Hays Travel if you have a child at Sheffield Park Academy?
- ***This applies to holidays booked during our school holiday time only.***
- This has been arranged by a member of our senior leadership team, which we are very grateful for
- Please note: we do not receive any payment of commission for this, we have simply approached Hays Travel to see if they could provide a discount for our families at SPA.



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