

SPA Weekly News



Dear families,

I hope this newsletter finds you well.

Week 5 of this academic year has been very strong at SPA. In particular, I am impressed by the continuous endurance shown by students in our school - they are working hard, doing their best, and becoming strong members of our community. We continue to talk about, develop, and emphasise our character values every day at SPA - **Community**, **Ambition**, **Respect** and **Endurance**.

Kind Regards,
Rob Watson

Attendance

- Thank you to all families for helping your child to attend school.
- Our attendance this year is much stronger already than the same time last year and we thank you for this - every SPA student belongs to our school, and we miss them when they miss a day at school!
- ***Our Year 11s who attended school last year with 90% attendance or better had DOUBLE the chance of passing their maths and English GCSE than those Year 11s who had attendance below 90%...***
- We know some families may be considering booking a holiday for the October half-term - we ask you to carefully consider this and not to book holidays in term time - this negatively affects students' progress and learning. There is not time to help students catch up on missed learning when they are not in school, making it difficult for children to return when they have missed lessons.
- Did you know we have a deal with Hays Travel in Sheffield? If you book a holiday with them in school holiday time and tell them your child attends Sheffield Park Academy, they will give you a discount?



Mobile Phones

- 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
 - 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.

Students' Books and The Blue Zone

- We are SO proud our students' books and work this year!
- We have specially designed books for students this year - we hope that you like them (image below)
- Every lesson we expect:
 - High standards of presentation from students (title, date, underlined, sheets stuck in)
 - The Blue Zone - blue pen, high quality, large quantities of independent work
 - Green for Growth - students do green pen improvement and reflection work every lesson
- **Please do ask your child:**
 - **What work did you do in lessons today?**
 - **What Blue Zone work did you do today?**
 - **Are you proud of your school books?**

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English

Name: _____

Teacher: _____

Class: _____

Book: _____

P	Pen - black for writing, blue for 'The Blue Zone' and green for 'Green for Growth'.	Target Grade (SLA Only)
R	Ruler for straight lines.	Term 1 (1% / grade)
O	One line for errors.	Term 2 (1% / grade)
U	Underline the date and title.	Term 3 (1% / grade)
D	Draw in pencil.	Term 3 (1% / grade)

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Psychology

Name: _____

Teacher: _____

Class: _____

Book Number: 1 2 3 4 5

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Art & Design

Name: _____

Teacher: _____

Class: _____

Book Number: 1 2 3 4 5

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Science

Name: _____

Teacher: _____

Class: _____

Book Number: 1 2 3 4 5

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Year 6 Open Evening - our 7 year school (Year 7 through to VI Form)

This Thursday 8 October, 3.45pm- 6.30pm.

Everyone is welcome!

A reminder that students finish school at 1.15pm on this day to enable us to prepare for the evening.

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)

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Year 11

- Over 60 Year 11s came to Saturday school this morning - this is great!
- Students benefitted from FREE support and revision sessions from science, geography, and French teachers today!
- Teachers do offer this to students in their own free time and weekends and we are very appreciative of this - if your child is able to say a quick 'thank you' to their teacher for offering this, it is really nice to hear - our staff give up their Saturday mornings to offer this for Year 11 students, which is very nice of them.

**YEAR
11**

- **Why come to Saturdays?**

- Get better marks in mocks and real exams
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- Mock 1 exams begin in 19 school days - Monday 9 November
- Mock 1 exam grades will be what goes onto Year 11 students' college and VI Form reports and applications - they need the BEST grades they can get, therefore...

- **After school Success Sessions:**

- Every Year 11 has compulsory sessions each week
- They need to stay for these

- **Maths and English sessions are CRUCIAL:**

- **If a student fails GCSE maths and/ or English (less than a grade 4) = they HAVE TO resit this at college**

- If a student does not get the GCSE maths or English grade they are targeted, this makes access to college/ VI Form places tough
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Behaviour of Visitors - Phone Calls

- Our behaviour of visitors policy can be found here: [Behaviour of Visitors Policy.pdf](#)
 - The overwhelming majority of interactions we have with parents and families are positive. We also know that, sometimes, school and families can disagree - this is natural and understandable. It is most important that work together, as the key adults in your child's life, to support them.
 - A reminder that this does include phone calls and we do not accept:
 - Shouting at or raising a voice at members of staff.
 - Using swear words/ unacceptable language towards members of staff.
 - Please be aware that using unacceptable language or behaviour to members of staff in person, on the phone, or via e-mail/ letter or any other type of communication could lead to a ban or partial ban from our site and/ or communicating with us yourself directly, except for in emergency situations.
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Arbor App

We advise that every parent/ carer downloads the Arbor app for their child - [The Arbor App](#)



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