SPA Weekly News

Dear families,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your child well.

We are so pleased with the way the vast majority of our students have returned to school this week - helping students get used to the routine of school after a school holiday is always very important to us.

Just a reminder that if you, as a family, need any support with personal issues (e.g. finding it hard to afford replacement uniform, food bank support, or help affording a school trip), please always get in contact with us. If we cannot support you (and we usually can!) we know people and organisations who can.

The role of our school is about supporting our whole COMMUNITY. We are proud and grateful to be able to do that.

We do everything at SPA through the lens of our character values - **Community**, **Ambition**, **Respect** and **Endurance**.

Kind Regards,
Rob Watson

Parent Survey 2026

- Thank you to parents who have completed this so far - it really helps us to improve for families and students
- **If you haven't here is the link and we do appreciate your feedback: https://edurio.com/s/open/survey/Uka40uY9lDP1NriUpgTbEoiFC1X**
- Some things to help:
  - Information about what your child is learning can be found here: Sheffield Park Academy > Curriculum (there is a document for every year group)
    - Ask your child - they will tell you as well
  - Concerns/ complaints - please always get in touch with us and we always communicate back - it can take 48 for us to come back to you, as we are very busy teaching and supporting in school.
    - Our complaints process can be found here: Complaints Policy Academies - whilst we don't want parents to feel they need to complain, we have this system to support you. As principal I have a tracker for every complaint to ensure a response is always given
  - Your Child's Needs - did you know EVERY teacher has a large clipboard they teach with every lesson - it is called a 'PSP' (Precision Seating Plan) - teacher shave every child on this clipboard, and have noted on it all the key needs and support needed for every child in every child. They use this to teach precisely for every child in the class.

- Behaviour Information - every behaviour log can be found on your Arbor app: The Arbor App . We are unable to call or email about every behaviour incident, as we are busy teaching and supporting live in the building. The app gives key info live to you when you are at home and work.

Year 11 Mock Exams

- **Monday 9 November**
- **Every subject**
  - **Year 11s must:**
    - **Attend school every day for the next fortnight**
    - **REWARD for attending every day the next fortnight**
      - **Students with over 90% attendance in Year 11 have DOUBLE the chance of passing GCSE maths and English!**
  - **Come to every after school Success Session**
  - **Come to every Saturday**
- **MATHS, MATHS, MATHS**
  - **Students must pass maths (grade 4+) to avoid resitting at college/ Post-16**
  - **Students must use SPARX maths**
  - **Maths needs practice: come to our after school Success Sessions**
  - **Please remind and encourage your Y11 child do maths revision and be ready for their maths mocks.**

Fundamental British Values

- We have been teaching students about these more and more in school - they fit really well with our Character CARE Values too. If you have chance to talk to your child about this, please do.
- These are values that we live by in modern Britain - a very diverse place, but where we want to live together peacefully and working together well.



Protected Characteristics

Protected Characteristics are enshrined in UK law to stop people being discriminated because of the characteristics. We teach children about these in school, and we would love it if parents could ask their child about it at home as well.



- ***Examples might be:***
  - A woman cannot be discriminated against in a job interview because she is pregnant or on maternity leave - the law protects them from this
  - Peoples' faith/ religions are important - we have many different faiths at SPA in our whole community - these need to be respected and protected
  - Also important, we have to be careful in terms of our own opinions and faiths. Whilst these are protected in law, we have to make sure we don't discriminate others because of our views. So, for example, someone's religious belief cannot discriminate against a person's sex or a person's sexual orientation

VI Form Open Evening - Thursday 3 December 2026



Community Ambition Respect Endurance

Best Blue Zone Launch

- EVERY Thursday from now on!
- Students are nominated by their teachers to come for praise about their BEST Blue Zone!
- Every student gets extra stamps
- Every student
- Gets a small prize on the day
- Every student in entered into a prize draw!



Winter Festival - *You're Invited!*



Remembrance Event - Wednesday 11 November

- In school we have a Remembrance Event taking place on 11 November 2026
- It is important we do this to remember those who have sacrificed and risked their lives for all of us over many years to protect the lives we have
- Thank you to any members of our SPA community who are current or former service people - we will be thanking you in our SPA community this coming week
- Advance thanks to our students who are cadets - they will be supporting our remembrance event this week.



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