

SPA Weekly News



Dear families,

I hope this newsletter finds you well.

Week 4 of this academic year has been excellent at SPA. In particular, I am impressed by improved attendance rates for most year groups compared to last year. We continue to talk about, develop, and emphasise our character values every day at SPA - **Community**, **Ambition**, **Respect** and **Endurance**.

Kind Regards,

Rob Watson

The Blue Zone

- This is a piece of work that students do every lesson, every day
- Some really important things you could ask your child at home:
 - What did you do for The Blue Zone in your lessons today?
 - Did you manage to do it all by yourself?
- In The Blue Zone:
 - We don't give any extra help to students
 - Students have to listen very carefully before The Blue Zone starts so that they know what to do
- Why?
 - It builds students' 'endurance' (one of our character values)
 - It helps students get ready for colleague, VI Form and work
 - It helps students get better with their subjects



Saturday School - Year 11

- We have now had 2 Saturday Sessions for Year 11s so far this year and it has been great to have more than 70 Year 11s come to both Saturdays.
- If your Year 11 hasn't been yet, here's why we recommend they do:
 - Students who came last year had a 75% greater chance of getting their target grades than those who did not
 - Students get FREE revision and intervention from subject expert teachers - our staff come in to school on a Saturday to provide this
 - It's a great way to get motivated and keeps Y11s working on revision and homework outside of school as well



Year 11, Year 11, Year 11

- Year 11s need to attend school everyday
- Year 11s now have after school success sessions on their timetable: Y11s are expected to stay for these sessions on their timetable:
- Teachers provide these extra sessions for FREE - in time they would normally use for planning, meeting, marking - they give up their free time to help Y11 students more and we are very grateful for this
- ATTENDANCE of Year 11s:
 - If Year 11s attend school 90% or above, they have DOUBLE the chance of passing their GCSE maths and English than those with attendance below 90%
- There are 24 school days left until Mock 1 exams: Mock 1 exam results will be on students' Term 1 reports which colleges and VI Forms will ask for with applications.

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

Year 10 Work Experience

- All Year 10s will get to take part in Work Experience this year.
- All Year 10 parents have been sent an invite to an information evening about this which takes place on Thursday 1 October 2026, this coming week.

Character Values in the Press!

It was great to see our school in the press this week about the new 'look and feel' inside and out of the building - please see the story via this link: [Sheffield Park Academy welcomes pupils back with inspiring new look](#)



Year 10 Work Experience

- Our Winter Festival, run by VI Form students, is coming again this year!
- Please save the date: **Saturday 28 November 2026**

Numeracy Officer, Exam Invigilator, and Reception/Admin roles at SPA

A reminder that we have 3 vacancies at the academy, which may interest yourselves, friends, or members of your family: [Sheffield Park Academy > Working For Us > Current vacancies](#)

Please feel free to get in contact if you would like to know more about these roles or have a tour of the school.



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