

Sheffield Park Weekly News



Dear families,

I hope that this weekly e-mail finds you and your family well. **Our Academy Character Values are - Community, Ambition, Respect, Endurance.**

For more news and updates please continue to read our weekly newsletter, sent to Parents via Arbor, which shares some of the key news and events from Sheffield Park Academy.

Kind Regards,

Rob Watson

Last Week of Summer Term

- This is our last week of term before the summer break.
 - All learning and lessons continue to the very end of the week - we continue our full curriculum each day (parents may remember their own time at school - I certainly do - where it was videos/ films etc. and very little to no curriculum learning at this time of year!)
 - I want to assure you that is no longer the case and certainly not the case at SPA - your child's subject learning time is crucial, and our teachers and staff continue full delivery until the end of the week.
 - Standards will remain high - with the lowering temperatures we return to full uniform (minus blazer/ jumper) for all students.
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A Thank You From Our Principal

- I would like to thank you as parents and carers for working with us this year - particularly in my first year as Principal of Sheffield Park Academy.
 - It has been great to meet many of you - either in person, on the phone, or through speaking with your child.
 - I hope you have found me to be approachable and/ or supportive in our dealings.
 - I know that I have a very high standards and high expectations of all our students and I hope that you welcome this - me and the staff team at SPA really do want the best for your child and we know having sky high expectations is how to start this.
 - You will be aware of our (new this year) 4 Academy Character Values - the value of '**Community**' is the one I was very keen on being included in these. You, as parents/ carers are also part of our SPA Community - if there is anything we can do to support you (even if this is not school-related), we may be able to support you or find someone who can.
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Summer Building Work

- SPA has had a really successful year in many ways:

- Uniform standards are much higher than ever.
- Our corridors are very calm and purposeful in lessons.
- Our Line Ups allows for very peaceful and productive starts to lessons.
- **We are now please that a very significant amount of investment is taking place in our building over the summer, including:**
 - Full vinyl wall wrap of the central atrium space - this will be a really inspiring space for students every day.
 - A six-classroom extension to the back of the main school.
 - A second indoor dining space.
 - Double-sized student toilets.
 - A number of classrooms being redecorated.
 - A new pale blue carpet line being installed around the whole building to designate left-hand walking - this will replace the current taped carpets!
 - Brand new science stools in all science classrooms - backed stools better for student comfort when learning.

Here's a sneak preview of the designs for our atrium walls (we are keeping the rest secret for students to be 'wowed' when they return from the summer break!):



Uniform This Week

- Uniform needs to be worn each day this coming week (except Tuesday - Sports Day requires full SPA PE kit!).
 - Blazers/ jumpers are options until the summer break, however lanyards must be worn by all students.
 - We will communicate if there are any changes to this.
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Uniform and Equipment for September

Our uniform and equipment is not changing for September 2026. We are changing our PE kit, which we have communicated separately.

- ***There are a few things to note, however:***

- Students will **NOT** be given a new lanyard - they should look after this and wear it in September.
- Please be careful which trousers and skirts you buy - these can all be found on our website: [Sheffield Park Academy > Information > Uniform](#)
- Religious head coverings - these must be black in colour. If your child wears any other colour, this is not part of our uniform and must be adhered to. Parents/ carers should ensure their child has black coloured religious head coverings, should their child wish to wear these.
- Shoes must be plain black leather shoes - no visible branding (e.g. The Kickers logo is not permitted)/ no trainers/ no pumps

- **Personal Appearance**

- Hair must be appropriate for an educational setting. E.g. no extreme hairstyle, no unnatural hair colours, no headbands, no bandanas, no do-rags or accessories.
- We only permit one single stud earring in each ear. Hoop or dangly earrings are not permitted at SPA - be careful when allowing piercings over the summer break, that your child will conform to this rule when school re-opens in September.
- No extreme make-up including false eyelashes.
- Nail varnish and false nails are not permitted.
- Religious head dress/cover [e.g., hijab] must be plain and black. No abayas and/or niqabs are allowed to be worn.
- ***Please consider the items about when allowing your child to have their hair dyed or a new piercing over the summer...***

Year 6 Transition.

- We had a great two days with our Year 6 students last week!
- If you had a Year 6 child at these two days or have a friend who did, we hope they had a great time.
- Please see the details of the Year 6 Summer School, should you wish to share this with other people you know.

We look forward to welcoming our new year 7's in September!

One Community, One Park

 **Sheffield Park Academy**
The best in everyone™

Y6 KEY DATES



Arbor Reminder
Please can all parents log into Arbor and submit all the relevant information and consents ahead of your child starting this September. Scan the QR code for quick and easy access.

THUR 2 JULY

Parents' Evening
4:30pm - 6:30pm
Pinders will be onsite for school uniform orders.

WEDS 8 - THUR 9 JULY

Transition Days
8:20am - 3:00pm
Two full transition days for all Year 6 students.

MON 20 - FRI 24 JULY

Summer School
8:45am - 3:00pm
A week of fun activities and healthy food, registration required (scan QR).



We can't wait to welcome Year 6s to Sheffield Park Academy and help them get ready for joining Year 7 in September!
- Sarah (Y7 Student)



Sports Day 2026

- **This Tuesday 14 July 2026.**
- All students should come to school:
 - In full SPA PE kit.
 - Wearing their student lanyards.
 - With all their normal school equipment - pencil case, planner, timetable - they will need these on the day.



End of Term

- Full lessons are taking place all week - we expect 100% full effort from students all week in their lessons.
- Full lessons are taking place on Friday 17 July.
- **Students will be dismissed from school at 1.30pm on Friday 17 July.**
- Children in receipt of Free School Meals can get a 'grab bag' from the dining hall before they leave site on that day.

Start of September 2026

- We look forward to welcoming students back to school in September 2026.
- Students will return in a 'staggered' fashion, as is normal for a large secondary school:
 - Thursday 3 September: Year 7, 11, and 12 will return to SPA (exact times TBD)
 - Friday 4 September: Year 7, 11, and 12 at normal school start time. Years 8, 9, 10, and 13 will return at times on this day (exact times TBD)



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