

Sheffield Park Weekly News



Dear families,

We are really enjoying the beginning of 2026 at Sheffield Park Academy.

It was superb this week to see students benefitting from the Cinema Reward event on Thursday and Friday for those students who had hit the target of being 'Zero Heroes' for 4 weeks leading up to Christmas and for having 250+ rewards stamps in their planners: a HUGE well done to these students!



Please find below our weekly newsletter, sent to Parents via Arbor, which shares some of the key news and events from Sheffield Park Academy this week and across the next few weeks. I hope you enjoy reading!

Kind Regards,
Rob Watson

Planners and Equipment

A very big thank to parents and carers with your superb for ensuring your child has a fully stocked pencil case and their student planner with them every day of the school week. This does ensure minimal disruption to learning in form time and class time: when students have all their equipment, they are ready to learn, and lessons are not stopped to solve these problems. It really helps every child when all students bring their school equipment every day. Thank you for your support with this.

Year 11

Last Saturday over 70 Year 11s came in to school for extra tuition, revision, and support from expert subject teachers. This is FREE tuition and support for Year 11s at this time of year - we are happy to welcome all and any Year 11 students for this. I would like to put on record how grateful I am to staff who have given up their weekends to and to families who have worked hard to get their Year 11 child to school on these days - they will get more and better marks/grades in their real summer exams if they come to these sessions:

Our message to Year 11 students is:

- Come to after school sessions = get more marks and better grades
- Come to Saturday sessions = get more marks and better grades
- Come to holiday sessions = get more marks and better grades

- Come to GCSE Success Evening 2 (5th February) = get more marks and better grades
- Do homework and revision = get more marks and better grades



There are now only 24 school days left until Year 11 Mock 2 Examinations begin.

Homework at Sheffield Park Academy

Homework plays a vital role in supporting students' learning. It helps them to revisit key knowledge, practice important skills, and build positive habits such as organisation, independence, and resilience. When completed regularly and to a high standard, homework makes a real difference to progress in lessons and to long-term success.

We are incredibly proud of how seriously so many of our students are taking their homework. It has been fantastic to see such high levels of commitment, particularly through attendance at homework support sessions. Students have stayed after school to get help logging on, ask questions, and complete their homework to the best of their ability. Demand has been so high that we have needed additional rooms and extra staffing to support everyone, which is a brilliant problem to have and a real credit to our students' attitudes to learning!

A massive well done to the five '**Homework Heroes**' below, who were selected from a large group of students who completed 100% of all homework set. This is an excellent achievement! They each received a certificate to take home and a chocolate bar to enjoy as a reward for their hard work and consistency.



Samantha Y7

Lucas Y8

George Y9

Amnn Y10

Elijah Y11

Homework

WHEN?

	Science	English	Maths
Set	Monday 10am	Tuesday 10am	Wednesday 10am
Due	Monday 9am	Tuesday 9am	Wednesday 9am

WHAT?

- Y7 Y8 Y9
Spark Maths Spark Science Spark Reader
- Y10 Y11
Spark Maths Spark Science Seneca (English)

TOP TIPS

- Start your homework early
- Talk to a teacher if you're stuck
- Read the support fully

Rewards

Complete all your homework to 100% to receive rewards stamps, enter a prize draw to win a weekly chocolate prize or a £50 Meadowhall voucher each half term!

Non completion will result in a compulsory 20 minute Homework Support Session which will escalate to a 40 minute detention if not attended.

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Finally, we would like to say a huge thank you to parents and carers for the support you provide at home. Encouraging routines, checking that homework is completed, and helping students to engage with online platforms all make a significant difference. Your support, alongside the hard work of our students, is key to maintaining these high standards.

Year 7/8/9 Mid-year Assessments

Over the coming weeks Year 7, 8, and 9 students will complete common assessments in a range of subjects.

- They need to try their best in every assessment
- Assessments will be given a percentage result for students to understand how well they have performed
- Students need to attend every day - if they miss a day and an assessment we endeavor to find a way to get them to catch up, but this can be difficult
- Students' Term 2 report home will contain information about students' assessment outcomes and their ATL - Attitude T Learning

Admissions Policy Consultation

We are obliged to update and write our Admissions Policy at regular intervals. We have recently re-written our Admissions Policy. This is the policy which will be in place from 2027. There are only minor changes to our current policy. This has been written in conjunction and consultation with Sheffield Local Authority. You are able to view the proposed policy and provide feedback here: [Consultation](#)

SPA Culture Day and SPA Yorkshire Day 2026

We will write to you again shortly and in more detail, but **we are re-introducing 'Culture Day' at Sheffield Park Academy this year.** I am aware this event has run in the past, but possibly not in more recent years. We are a very diverse and mixed culture in our local area and local community, and it is important that we share, value, and understand that as One Community, One Park.

We also want to celebrate something that unites all of us at the academy - we are VERY proud to be from Sheffield and from Yorkshire. You may be aware that Yorkshire does have its own 'day' on 1 August every year. As we are not at school on that date, we miss out on this. **This year we will celebrate this day - bringing us together as One Community, One Park on 1 July 2026.**



Community Day, a very important annual event for us is also firmly booked in for Saturday 16 May 2026.

Academy Character Values - CARE

You will be aware we have relaunched our Academy Character Values this year and these are now CARE: **Community**, **Ambition**, **Respect**, **Endurance**.

We have been focusing on the value of '**Respect**' quite a lot as a school in recent weeks and we are very proud of how our young people are working hard to show this value in lots of ways. Some of the ways our students have shown respect and improved their demonstration in their character are in:

Students are now, in the vast, vast, vast majority of cases, coming to school in exemplary uniform and bringing all of their school equipment: they are showing respect for their classmates and teachers by causing less disruption to the school day by doing this.

Our students are engaging in polite and respectful conversations with staff. I have noticed, since coming to Sheffield Park Academy in September 2025, our students have become significantly better at working with staff to improve their behaviour, uniform, and learning: we have very few cases of students being defiant and this means staff have more time to help and students who need extra help.

Classrooms are becoming almost disruption-free. We want our classrooms to be entirely disruption free, so that your child will always have calm, peaceful, and productive lessons. I visit lessons a lot each week and I have seen a significant improvement in this this year. On Wednesday this week I visited 24 lessons with a visitor we had in the academy: we did not see one lesson where a student was misbehaving at that time. This was a joy to see!



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