

# Newsletter – 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020



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Dear Parents and Pupils,

Thank you to those of you who joined us for the online 'Town Hall' meeting last week. We will repeat this again in the coming weeks to keep you updated as to our planning for the rest of the term and beyond. Unfortunately, with no clear guidance yet from the government, we are not in a position to put into place definitive planning for September yet but we are working on and timetabling for a number of scenarios so will be prepared no matter what.

We were delighted to welcome our first cohort of pupils from Years 10 and 12 back into school today and look forward to seeing more arriving over the course of the week. As you will have seen from the pictures shared during the online meeting, school does look somewhat different due to the social distancing measures that we have implemented. I'd also like to pay tribute to our site, cleaning and catering teams who have been working hard during the period of partial closure to both deep clean the school and to carry out maintenance and improvement works. The site has never looked cleaner or better!

Congratulations to our Year 11 boys football team who have been declared winners of their league title. This is the first time (certainly in my time at the academy) that we have won such an honour and, regardless of the season being cut short, it is a noteworthy accomplishment. If it is good enough for PSG and Celtic to win their leagues in that way, then it is definitely good enough for us! We will try to arrange a team photo with the trophy at some point in the future.

The Microsoft Teams online work will continue to be updated for all pupils and, as you will have heard on the news, there will be a significant effort put into 'catch-up' both over the summer holidays and throughout the coming academic year. It goes without saying that the more work that pupils do now, the less 'catching up' they will have to do later, so please do keep working hard over the rest of term.

Although things are starting to move towards something resembling a pathway back to normality, please do continue to follow the government's guidance:

- stay at home as much as possible
- work from home if you can
- limit contact with other people
- keep your distance if you go out (2 metres apart where possible)
- wash your hands regularly
- Do not leave home if you or anyone in your household has symptoms.

As ever, if you have any anxieties about your child returning, queries about the school's arrangements or require support with any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact us at [info@sheffieldparkacademy.org](mailto:info@sheffieldparkacademy.org) and we will do everything we can to assist.

With best wishes,

Mr Dillon  
Executive Principal

## Coming soon

A Level students are already benefiting from 'Live lessons' via Teams. The class members and the teacher 'meet' at a set time each week for their lessons.

We are planning to roll out this kind of teaching to years 7-10 so watch the website and parent texts for more information about the date and time of the lesson.

## Good Sleep Patterns

Has your teenager turned nocturnal in lock down? Kate is a sleep practitioner from the Sheffield Parent Hub. In this video she talks to young people about getting sleep back on track for when we return to school

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vNDY6uX2PHk&fbclid=IwAR3PWsgqvctpl3zMe5\\_zlWLwhAlvypvRFRhAOWD3XPEYARHwBauanWpT-7s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vNDY6uX2PHk&fbclid=IwAR3PWsgqvctpl3zMe5_zlWLwhAlvypvRFRhAOWD3XPEYARHwBauanWpT-7s)



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### WHY SLEEP MATTERS FOR KIDS

**SLEEP RECHARGES KIDS' BODIES AND BRAINS SO THEY CAN:**

- Feel calm and refreshed.
- Make good choices.
- Have a healthy weight.
- Pay attention in school.

**AFTER 1 OR 2 NIGHTS OF LESS SLEEP, YOUR CHILD MAY:**

- Have more meltdowns.
- Make poor choices.
- Zone out in class.

**KIDS WHO ARE SLEEP-DEPRIVED MAY:**

- Feel sad, hopeless, or anxious.
- Become overweight.

**HOW MUCH IS ENOUGH?**

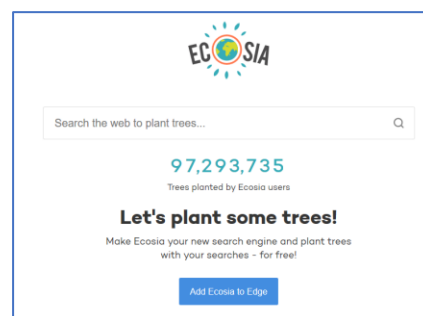
9-12 hours for ages 6-12      8-10 hours for ages 13-18

## Eco Club Tip Of The Week:

Try switching your search engine to <https://www.ecosia.org/>.

Most search engines (such as google) make a lot of money and don't always use this in the most environmentally friendly way.

Ecosia, however, plants a tree every time you make a search! And its completely free to use!



## The Junior Mathematics Challenge

The challenge will now take place online from 22nd June for over 30 students in year 7 and 8 to compete with the top mathematicians in their year nationally. is a great chance to show off problem solving skills and mathematical understanding and we look forward to seeing how well our students will do in this.



## Reading

Reading is essential for students to develop the literacy skills they need to succeed at school and in their future lives. We have been sharing images of staff reading on our Twitter account (@SheffPark\_Acad) to hopefully inspire everyone to join us and pick up a book.



## Year 11 Ends - Year 12 Begins!

The Year 12 Induction Programme will be available to all students joining us at Sheffield South East VI Form in September from Friday 26th June. This is different to the bridging work you have now completed. It takes you further into each subject you will study and aims to give some foundation knowledge to prepare you for your further education studies.