



# Newsletter – 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020

## Welcome from the Principal

Welcome to our first Coronavirus Closure newsletter, these are very strange times and I thank you for all you are doing to support our virtual school. All students will have been receiving work last week through Microsoft Teams and their form tutor will have been in touch with them via this. It is important that students have a sense of structure and so we are continuing to develop our timetable for work after the Easter holiday.

The next two weeks would be our Easter holiday and so no work will be provided during this time, please look out for more information from Tuesday 14th April. In the meantime please follow the Government advice, stay at home unless shopping for food, exercise once a day, medical need or travelling to and from work if you are a key worker and most importantly stay safe and enjoy the time together.

Mrs D. McShane  
Principal

## Keeping you connected

Some useful links to keep you connected:

- Office 365 - [www.office.com](http://www.office.com)
- Technical support - [homesupport@unitedlearningyorks.org.uk](mailto:homesupport@unitedlearningyorks.org.uk)
- If you are unable to complete work online and need paper based work email [adminwork@sheffieldparkacademy.org](mailto:adminwork@sheffieldparkacademy.org)

## Keeping in touch

Our primary methods of communication with you during this time will be via text message and our website. Please ensure that you let us know if you change your mobile phone number and regularly check the following page on our website [www.sheffieldpark-academy.org/learning-from-home](http://www.sheffieldpark-academy.org/learning-from-home)

Also, why not follow us on Twitter – we regularly tweet updates and share news.



**Podcasts** - Mr Wainwright has compiled some information and links to Podcasts which you might like <https://bit.ly/2JmU2q4>

## Rewards

We have been delighted with the response from our pupils at this very difficult time. Their transition to working from home has been excellent for most and we want to recognise this work through our rewards programme. We will issue badge rewards on a two week cycle through our online assemblies. The rewards will follow our normal school process based on our core values and pupils will have opportunities to earn these badges from home.

Form tutors are monitoring their groups daily and will decide on rewards prior to each of the assemblies. There will also be additional challenges that sit outside of the normal curriculum to help keep pupils motivated. The badges will be issued in an awards ceremony when we return to school.

We are also looking at electronic certificates of recognition for good work that will be issued either by form tutors using teams or centrally through the text message system.

There will be more information about this to follow after the Easter break.

## Earth Day - 22nd of April

Members of the school ECO CLUB have continued to meet online on Friday to discuss the environment and have compiled a list of activities for students to take part in during Earth Day which is on the 22nd of April.

