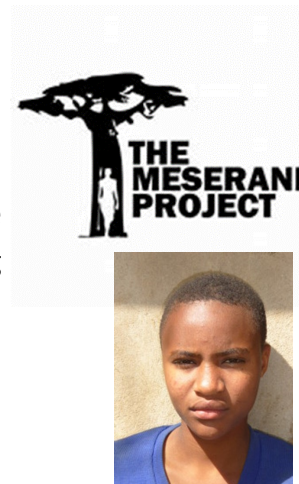




400,000 Steps in October Challenge

Staff at Sheffield Park Academy are taking part in the challenge in order to raise money for the Meserani project. The Academy is currently sponsoring Severina, the eldest of two sisters, who is hoping to train as a Doctor, through her two years of A'Level studies.

For more information on the Meserani Project, please visit:
www.meseraniproject.co.uk



Achievement Points

We want to celebrate success with our students, so please join in congratulating the following students who have achieved the top 3 achievement points within their year groups:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Theo (104)	Sara (96)	Shakira (66)	Ifza (62)	Abida (114)
Sereyah (94)	Nicole (90)	Yanjani (64)	Jake (56)	Pacco (72)
Nabilah (90)	Marcus (78)	Noah (60)	Masuoma (54)	Alexandra (68)

Contact Details

We need to ensure that we hold up to date contact information in the form of a **mobile phone number** and an **email address** where possible. Throughout the year it is important that we are able to make contact regarding our pupils and families, however in the current situation it is vital that we are able to make urgent contact.

Please make contact with the Academy on either **0114 239 2661**, email us at **info@sheffieldparkacademy.org** (please state your child's name and year group in the subject line) or send us a text message via the academy text system, and we can then update our information.

Principal's Message

Dear parents and carers,

As always, firstly and most importantly, I hope that you and your family are well.

This half term has flown by. It has been an exceptionally busy, and at times challenging eight weeks as we all get used to living and working with the 'new normal'. Like me, I am sure that you are watching the news, and particularly the latest news that Sheffield will move to 'Tier 3' from Saturday. We will ensure that the Academy is fully up to speed with any changes and our practice reflects the latest Government guidance. Further guidance about being in 'Tier 3' is included in this update.

During half term, it is essential to let us know of any positive cases amongst students so we can make appropriate arrangements to identify close contacts and, working with Public Health Sheffield, we will establish if self-isolation(s) is/are necessary and for how long. Please contact the school in the usual ways and we will follow this up with you.

I would like to thank you all for your support this half term. Our focus has been on bringing our students back and re-establishing the high standards and high level of respect any school needs to function well. The vast majority of students have returned ready to learn and ready to play their part in a thriving school community, and I would like to thank you again for your role in this. Our students look smart, work well with our staff and through hard work, they are beginning to catch-up on learning lost through lockdown.

Next half term will be equally busy and equally challenging, and although the national picture may change, our focus will remain the same – working together to ensure accelerated progress for all learners. Shortly after the half term break, students will have a mixture of formal and informal assessments; it is important that students work hard towards these. These assessments will give us a really clear picture of what students know, and what they can do, so we can identify gaps in their learning and support them better to achieve strong outcomes. For Year 11, assessments take the form of Mock GCSEs (9th Nov – 20th Nov); it goes without saying that given the national picture this year, and what happened last year, having 'concrete' grades from formal mock exams will be important. As always, we have started Year 11 GCSE revision / focused intervention sessions already, and these will increase as we work our way through the year. I look forward to seeing all of Year 11 making the most of these excellent sessions.

A final reminder, Monday 2nd November is a training day for staff, so school re-opens for students on **Tuesday 3rd November.**

Thanks again for all that you are doing to support the school in these challenging times. Please enjoy a safe, healthy and 'socially distant' half term break!

Yours sincerely,

Steve Dixon

Principal

Sporting Activities



We've had some fantastic outdoor cycling provided by Craig Malkin to our Year 9 students during their weekly PE lessons.



Our extra-curricular clubs have begun, and we are providing netball and football.



**THIS
GIRL
CAN**

Some of our Year 10 and 11 students have been taking part in boxercise classes as part of "This Girl Can" campaign.

Extra Curricular Clubs:

- Tuesday—Year 7
- Wednesday—Year 8
- Thursday—Year 9

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Positive COVID results over half term

Please note that if your child should have a positive result for COVID over half term you **MUST** inform the Academy. The Academy reception will be open as normal to take calls and as soon as you are notified of a positive result you should contact the Academy on 0114 2392661 stating the child's name, form group, the date the symptoms started and the date of positive test result. Further guidance surrounding isolation rules are displayed below. This can also be accessed via our website.

Please see the table below for useful information.

Parent Quick Reference Guide—Coronavirus Related Absences

This document is designed to support you in the actions needed in the event of possible Coronavirus infection. If unsure please always refer to the government's latest guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

What to do if...	Action needed	Return to school when....
... my child has coronavirus symptoms	Do not come into school Contact school on the absence line 0114 2392661 Book a test for your child Son/daughter must self-isolate immediately Inform school immediately of the outcome of the test result. Call the absence line on 0114 2392661.	... if the test comes back negative ... when feeling well enough
....my child tests positive for coronavirus	Do not come into school Inform school immediately Continue to self-isolate for the 10 days from start of symptomsAfter 10 days unless they still have a high temperature, in which case they must stay at home.
...somebody in our household has coronavirus symptoms	Do not come into school Contact school on the absence line 0114 2392661 Your Son/daughter must self-isolate immediately Household members to book a test Inform school immediately of the outcome of the test result. Call the absence line on 0114 2392661.	...if the household member's test is negative
...somebody in my household has tested positive for coronavirus	Do not come into school Contact school immediately on the absence line 0114 2392661 Self-isolate for 14 days from start of the symptoms	... your child has completed the 14 days of self-isolation and has developed NO symptoms
...NHS test and trace have identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms of coronavirus	Do not come into school Contact school immediately on the absence line 0114 2392661 Self-isolate for 14 days from the date advised by the NHS	... your child has completed the 14 days of self-isolation and has developed NO symptoms
...my child has travelled and has to self-isolate under quarantine regulations Please follow Government guidelines and avoid non-essential travel abroad.	Do not come into school Contact school on the absence line 0114 2392661 Self-isolate from the date of return to the UK In order to avoid quarantine measures when travelling abroad, do not take non-essential leave during term time Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice if travel abroad is unavoidable.	...the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed
...we have received medical advice that my child needs to shield or resume shielding	Do not come into school Contact the school pastoral team on 01142392661 Shield until you are informed otherwise	...medical advice or school inform you that the restrictions can be lifted

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LOCAL COVID ALERT LEVEL

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Social Contact



1 household / bubble in most locations, indoors and outdoors. Rule of six applies in some outdoors settings like parks, public gardens and sports courts.

Weddings and Funerals



Up to 15 guests for weddings and up to 30 guests for funerals. 15 for wakes and related ceremonies. Wedding receptions not permitted.

Overnight Stays



Those in area advised against overnight stays in other parts of UK. People outside area advised against overnight stays in area.

Working from home guidance



Work from home where possible.

Shopping and Retail



Open.

Leisure and gyms



Any closures or additional restrictions subject to consultation.

Hospitality



Pubs and bars must close except where they operate as a restaurant, meaning they can only serve alcohol with a substantial meal. Further closures subject to consultation.

Entertainment and tourist attractions



Any closures / additional restrictions subject to consultation. Nightclubs and adult entertainment remain closed.

Education



Schools, FE colleges open. Universities must reflect wider restrictions with option to move to greater online provision.

Healthcare Services



Open.

Residential Care



Closed to external visitors other than in exceptional circumstances.

Travel and Transport



May continue to travel to open venues, but reduce number of journeys where possible. Avoid travel where possible in or out of the affected area with exceptions including work and school.

Sporting Activity



Organised sport / licensed physical activity allowed in outdoor settings. Indoor organised sport must follow social contact rules (other than youth or disabled sport).

Worship



Open, subject to social contact rules.

Childcare



Registered and wraparound childcare. Supervised activities permitted in private homes. Children's groups permitted. Childcare bubbles for under 14s.

Youth Clubs and Activities



Permitted.

There are three simple actions we must all do to keep on protecting each other:



Wash hands

keep washing your hands regularly



Cover face

wear a face covering in enclosed spaces



Make space

stay at least 2 metres apart - or 1 metre with a face covering or other precautions

For more information and detailed guidance visit:
gov.uk/coronavirus

Dates for your diary

Autumn Half Term 2

Term Starts: Tuesday 3rd November 2020 until Thursday 17th December 2020
INSET Day: Monday 2nd November 2020
INSET Day: Friday 18th December 2020
Christmas Holiday: Monday 21st December until Friday 1st January 2021

Spring Half Term 1

Term Starts: Tuesday 5th January 2021 until Friday 12th February 2021
INSET DAY: Monday 4th January 2021
INSET DAY: Friday 29th January 2021
Half Term Holiday: Monday 15th February 2021 until Friday 19th February 2021

Spring Half Term 2

Term Starts: Tuesday 23rd February 2021 until Thursday 1st April 2021
INSET DAY: Monday 22nd February 2021
Bank Holiday: Friday 2nd April 2021
Easter Holidays: Monday 5th April 2021 until Friday 16th April 2021

Summer Term 1

Term Starts: Tuesday 20th April 2021 until Friday 28th May 2021
INSET DAY: Monday 19th April 2021
INSET DAY: Wednesday 12th or Thursday 13th May 2021 TBC
Bank Holiday: Monday 3rd May 2021

Summer Term 2

Term Starts: Monday 7th June 2021 until Friday 16th July 2021
INSET DAYS: Monday 19th July 2021 to Wednesday 21st July 2021



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