

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.**

It has been great to see the school continue into the summer term and see students continuing to work hard in and out of lessons.

Students have behaved really well with the moves to their Line Up areas on yards - we are very please with this transition.

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

England World Cup - Monday 6 July

It looks like the England vs Mexico game will now take place 1am on Monday, as originally planned. I understand many of our students will want watch this. Some tips that will help children and young people to be able to watch the game, but also still come to school as usual:



- Ensure your child gets a good night's sleep on Saturday, then also takes a nap on Sunday afternoon - this may help make up for loss of sleep on Sunday
- Eat a normal tea on Sunday evening and avoid sugary snacks
- Get up at your normal time on Monday to try to keep routines the same
- Have an early night on Monday night to catch up

A number of parents I know are planning the following:

- Normal bedtime and routines on Sunday
- Waking up at 5am on Monday, then watching the game on replay at 5am
- Then going to school/ work as usual

Personally, I am very much looking forward to the game on Monday, but I will not be watching it live. I don't think it would be right of me to watch the game and then come to work as tired as that would make me. I am planning to get up slightly earlier on Monday AM and watch the game on replay as well

If a student does not attend school on Monday (whether that be a half or full day) due to the football match, this will be an unauthorised absence

On Monday morning at school we have **FULL FREE BREAKFAST** for all:

- Bacon sandwiches

- Sausage sandwiches
- Toast
- Cereal

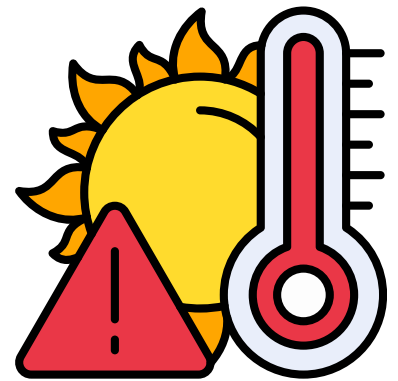
Equipment Y6 Transition Event

- A very big thank you to all families who came to this on Thursday this week!
- It was great to speak to a large number of new students and parents - some of whom I did recognise from previous events.
- We are very excited to meet our new Year 6s again this coming **Wednesday 8 and Thursday 9 July.**
- If you know any Year 6s who are coming to us this week, please remind them:
 - Arrive by 8.30am latest
 - Wear primary school uniform
 - Come excited to meet new friends and your new teachers!



Potentially Warmer Weather This Coming Week

- We are aware the weather forecast is saying the temperatures may go higher again by the end of this week.
- Currently, it does not look set to be as hot as it was a couple of weeks ago.
- **Reminders about what we do at SPA in hot weather:**
 - Around 20-25% of our spaces have air-conditioning (this is a lot more than many other schools have)
 - We open air-conditioned spaces for all at break/ lunch to use
 - We move classes to air-conditioned rooms where possible
 - If needed, we would make a change to students' uniform
- We will keep you informed of any updates



Some government guidance can be found here: [Beat the heat: staying safe in hot weather - GOV.UK](#)

Sports Day 2026

A reminder that Sports Day 2026 is Tuesday 14 July.

All students should come to school in full PE kit!



Year 10 Students

- A huge well done to Year 10s again for their mocks!
- EVERY Year 10 lesson is about mock results now - students are getting their mock papers returned and working through gaps in their work
- It is 100% crucial that Year 10s all attend lessons until the end of term
- There are 51 school days until Year 10s have their first mock exams in Year 11 - not much time!



Medical and Respite Passes from September 2026

- If your child currently has a medical pass, we will shortly be writing to you to remind you of the need for updated medical information from a medical practitioner.
- It is important we do this, so that students with genuine medical conditions continue to benefit from additional care and support from our in house medical officer and SEND team.
- If your child currently has a Respite pass, we will shortly be writing to you to remind you of the key components of a Respite pass:
 - Stage 1 - in class respite, where a child uses techniques to help them regulate
 - Stage 2- where a student asks for a few minutes outside the classroom. This has very specific rules around it. It is the staff member's decision if a Stage 2 respite is needed or permitted at this point
 - Stage 3 - where a student is supported by a member of the SEND team. It is a staff member's decision if a Stage 3 respite is needed or permitted at this point.
- Respite passes can be removed by the academy at any point, if needed.

SPA Yorkshire Day 2026

A very big thank you for your support with this day - it was brilliant to see our students wearing 'blue and white' for Yorkshire on Wednesday - they were really great.

Students learnt a lot about Yorkshire traditions, Yorkshire history, Yorkshire people, and Yorkshire places.



Extension Work and Building Work

Over the summer holidays we have a significant programme of investment works happening to support your child and future SPA students to have the best building and facilities possible.

- **Some of the larger work includes:**

- Doubling the size of the main student toilets - this work will start in September 2026 and be completed by summer 2027.
- Building a new, extra dining area for students - this work will start in September 2026 and be completed by summer 2027.
- Adding a three-storey extension to the back of the sixth form wing - this work will start in September 2026 and be completed by summer 2027 (this block will house 6 brand new classrooms for whole school use).

- **Smaller works:**

- New vinyl wrapping in the large glass atrium space - this will create a colourful and inspiring space for students and staff.
- Re-decoration of multiple areas in school.
- Vinyl wrap walls on staircases to make them colourful and inspiring for students
- Re-decoration of boys and girls PE changing rooms.
- Re-fitted music classrooms and music practice rooms on the 3A corridor.
- New TV screens around the main school building.

Mobile Phone Policy Reminders

- A reminder that all our information about our Mobile Phone Policy can be found in our academy Behaviour Policy: [Academies Behaviour Policy Template](#)
- Pages 14 and 15 are specifically about mobile phones.
- Our mobile phones rules briefly:
 - Seen, used, or heard - they are confiscated
 - When confiscated, a parent/ carer must collect the phone from school
 - 'seen/ used/ heard' includes at any time on school site - before and after the school day included
- Why do we ban mobile phones?
 - It helps children have a life less influenced by the negativity of phones and social media
 - It helps our children speak and socialise more
 - It helps our children gain personal and social skills
 - The Department for Education wants all schools to ban mobile phones - we agree with this ban.



End of Summer Term

- Summer term ends at **1.30pm on Friday 17 July 2026**
- Children will leave school site at this time.
- Children who are entitled to Free School Meals will be able to get a 'grab bag' at the end of the day to take home with them.

Return to School - September 2026

- Students Return on the following days after the summer break:
 - **Thursday 3 September - Year 7 and Year 11**
 - **Friday 4 September - Years 8, 9, and 10**
- We will send further communication about timings before the summer break begins.



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