

Sheffield Park Summer News



Dear families,

I hope that this weekly e-mail finds you well and I hope that your child is having an enjoyable summer break. **I wanted to write to you briefly during the summer holidays, just with a few reminders and updates.**

I know many of you will have already prepared for your child's return to school in September in terms of uniform and equipment, but I thought families might appreciate a few key reminders.

Kind Regards,

Rob Watson

What's Coming up in the New Academic Year?

Some things that your child might find exciting about the new year at school:

- 4 of our IT rooms are having a full revamp - new desks, chairs etc. - giving our students really great facilities in our classrooms.
- Decoration of our large glass atrium area - I've recently approved the designs for these, and they are going to really INSPIRE students when they return in September - they look great!
- Our new Character Values of **Community**, **Ambition**, **Respect**, and **Endurance** will appear on the front of the school by September!
- We have some new, more comfortable sofas for parents and families to use in our reception area when you visit - it is important families feel welcome in our reception area.
- Building work will have started on our 6-classroom extension, additional dining room, and double-sized student toilet block. This does mean a few new routines and the moving of the student toilet block for next year, but this will lead to excellent facilities for students from September 2027.



Equipment For Students

- In order that your child starts the academic year in the best possible way, we will be providing every student in Years 7 to 11 with a *full equipment pack, which includes: transparent pencil case, pencil, black pen, blue pen, green pen, ruler, whiteboard pen, and whiteboard eraser.*
- **Your child must also bring a school bag to school everyday – this must be able to fit A4 school books in.**



- Your child is welcome to bring their own equipment as well, if they wish. If they have and bring their own school pencil, that is perfectly fine.
- Over the course of the academic year, equipment checks will be a key feature of the academy day. It is crucial that your child brings all the equipment listed above to school every day, every lesson. Failure to bring this equipment will put your child at a disadvantage with their learning.
- Your child will be given a new student planner for 26-27. If they lose this, the cost to replace is £5.
- Equipment information can be found here on our website: [Sheffield Park Academy > Information > Uniform](#)

We ask families to check their child has 100% correct equipment before they leave home each day.

Uniform and Expectations

- Students in Years 7 to 11 wear a professional and smart Sheffield Park Academy uniform.
- Our uniform rules are not changing for September 2026.
- Please make sure your child brings their lanyard with them to wear every day - this is an important part of our school.
- In recent weeks you may be aware we have re-affirmed our academy uniform rules to ensure all students wear their uniform with pride and in a professional manner.
- Please note that our rules on uniform will follow the policy and guides in place on our website – of particular note are the need for all students to wear black, polishable, leather formal school shoes (not trainers or pumps), and that skirts must be knee-length, not 'skin tight', not 'body-con' style. Short skirts are not permitted.
- Students should wear the coloured striped ties they wore last year.
- We ask families to check their child has 100% correct uniform before they leave home each day.

[Click here for our full Academy Uniform Rules.](#)

Personal Appearance

- **Some key reminders about this -**
 - We ask you to be careful about if your child has ear piercings over the summer break, for example - hooped earrings are not permitted at SPA, so an earring should be a single plain stud.
 - Hair must be appropriate for an educational setting. E.g. no extreme hairstyle, no

unnatural hair colours, no headbands, no bandanas no do-rags or accessories.

- No extreme make-up including false eyelashes.
- Nail varnish and false nails are not permitted.
- Religious head dress/cover [e.g., hijab] must be plain and black. No abayas and / or niqabs are allowed to be worn.
- Please check with your child's Head of Year or Pastoral Head of Year if you are unsure. The academy will decide if the personal presentation of points (a) and (b) above are extreme.
- Jewellery is not allowed. Only one pair of stud earrings and one nose stud is acceptable (we do not accept responsibility for jewellery brought into the academy).
- **We ask families to check their child has 100% correct personal appearance before they leave home each day.**

Return Dates and Times for September

Date and return times for students are as follows:

Thursday 3 September 2026

Year 7 - arrive from 8.00am and on yard by 8.35am latest

Year 8 - school closed

Year 9 - school closed

Year 10 - school closed

Year 11 - arrive from 8.00am and on yard by 8.35am latest

Year 12 - arrive from 9.30am, by 10.00am latest

Year 13 - VI Form closed to Year 13

Friday 4 September 2026

Year 7 - arrive from 8.00am and on yard by 8.35am latest

Year 8 - arrive from 9.15am, by 9.45am latest on yard

Year 9 - arrive from 8.45am, by 9.10am latest on yard

Year 10 - arrive from 8.00am and on yard by 8.35am latest

Year 11 - arrive from 8.00am and on yard by 8.35am latest

Year 12 - arrive from 11.30am, by 12.00pm latest

Year 13 - arrive from 11.30am, by 12.00pm latest

Social Media Updates

Please do make sure you are following us on social media for key updates about return to school and/ or exciting updates about the building work taking place at SPA in the coming weeks and months!

