



## Dear families,

Last week we were delighted to host our CEO, Sir Jon Coles in school. Jon was joined by colleagues from The Chartered College of Teaching who undertook some filming of classes and classrooms as part of their video for the celebration of their 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

It was a real honour to be asked to host this by the Chartered College - not something many schools are asked to do! When the video is released, we will share this with you.

**Our Character Values - Community, Ambition, Respect and Endurance. We are One Community, One Park.**

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

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## Year 11

- We are so close to the Year 11 GCSE Exams now starting.
- If your child is not yet getting a grade 4 in mathematics and/ or English a reminder that they will need to resit this at Post-16.
- **Every Year 11 should now:**
  - **Be attending every after-school success session.**
  - **Be revising every day, little and often.**
  - **Be coming to school every Saturday 10-12.**
  - **Be doing Sparx Revise and Sparx Fix Up for mathematics - this is HOW to get a grade 4+!**
- The grades are in the hands of Year 11 students - they are being offered a huge amount of support, but need to now take this support!



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### Year 8 Parents Evening



Happening **Wednesday 29 April**. Please contact our main reception team if you need support booking appointments.

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## Mobile Phones

A reminder that mobile phones are confiscated if they are 'seen, used' or heard' at school.



### They are banned:

- From the start of the day from the main gates at Dawlands Close
- At the end of the day they must not be seen, heard, or used until students arrive at either the green gates at the top of the main student exit steps or the exit gate at The Prince of Wales Road

The Department for Education believes that *'all schools should be mobile phone-free environments by default'* and we agree with this - [Mobile phones in schools - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/mobile-phones-in-schools).

We have some **tips and advice for parents and carers** regarding their child's mobile phones:

- Check your child's phone at regular intervals (as the parent, you technically own the phone, not your child).
- Set boundaries for your child with their phone (e.g. how much time they are allowed to use the phone per day).
- Set controls on app downloads/ social media app usage. It can be quite concerning what children can access on social media and apps we encourage parents to check this.
- Don't let your child take their phone to their room at night: keep it on charge in the kitchen/ living room (this helps children have a night's sleep away from devices).

**The NSPCC has great advice for parents/ carers on keeping children safe on mobile devices: [Children and technology: Age-appropriate usage advice | NSPCC](#)**

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## Uniform

We continue to be very proud and pleased with the excellent uniform that the vast majority of SPA students wear - they look very smart and professional.

A couple of things we are spotting that are important to remind of:

- A school jumper and/ or school blazer must be worn at all times.
- Bracelets are not permitted to be worn.
- Skirts should be knee-length and not skin-tight.
- Headscarves worn for religious reasons must be black or very dark navy blue in colour.

### Uniform at Sheffield Park Academy



No other items of clothing should be visible in the school building

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## Rewards Bingo

Students had a brilliant time at Rewards Bingo on Thursday and Friday last week - HUGE well done to those who qualified for this. Students with high levels of attendance and stamps in their planners benefitted from a great rewards event - long may this continue!

We are so pleased we are in a position to host and run brilliant events such as Culture Day, Rewards Bingo, Yorkshire Day, and many other things to come!



## Behaviour of Visitors

- We really value strong and positive relationships with parents and carers at SPA.
- We do need to remind, every now and then, about our 'Behaviour of Visitors' policy at the school, here it is: [Behaviour of Visitors Policy.pdf](#)
- This policy helps us to maintain a calm, safe, and purposeful atmosphere for our students and staff.
- Thank you for working with us on this.

## May Bank Holiday Reminder!

A reminder that school is **closed** on Monday 4 May 2026 for the national bank holiday.

School will **reopen** for all students Tuesday 5 May 2026 at the normal time.

## Term Dates 26-27 Academic Year

We will soon be publishing our term dates for the academic year 2026 - 2027. We can confirm that **students will return to school from Thursday 3 September 2026 this year.**

Our term dates for 2026-27 almost entirely match those of local authority schools in Sheffield.