

Sheffield Park Weekly News



Dear families,

I hope that this weekly e-mail finds you and your family well.

This week has been a very sad time as we have all been thinking about the family and friends of the Year 11 students from Sheffield Park Academy who tragically died during the half-term break. Muhammed was a truly lovely, kind, and hard-working boy. He will be greatly missed by all students and staff at the academy. Very importantly he will not be forgotten, and we will continue to talk about him and the very positive impact he had on so many students' lives.

I would like to thank all our students for their reaction to this sad news this week. They have all been very mature in their responses and comforting to one another. I would also like to thank the parents and families from our school who have offered support to Muhammed's family at this time too: I know it very much appreciated by them. Finally, I must say a thank you to the staff who have looked after students this week and, in particular, to colleagues who have been very supportive of our Year 11 children.

We are in regular contact with the family and will continue to offer support to them at this time and in the future.

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

Yorkshire Day - Wednesday 1 July 2026

We are celebrating SPA Yorkshire Day this year!

- Non-uniform day (charity donations to be collected) (wear blue and white for Yorkshire!)
- Yorkshire lunch menu
- Yorkshire themes in lessons

Why are we doing this?

- To help our students know more about the county and region they live in.
- To help our students feel a greater sense of pride in living in Yorkshire and Sheffield.

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Yorkshire Day!

Wednesday 1st July 2026

Ey up! We're celebrating Yorkshire Day across school with a range of activities, including...

- Yorkshire Food
- Yorkshire themed form time
- Yorkshire focus in lessons
- Sports at lunch & cricket after school!

Community Ambition Respect Endurance

Uniform and Equipment

As we enter into our final term, please see below a reminder of our Uniform and Equipment expectations.

- **Every students needs to come to school in their correct uniform, including:**
 - A blazer and/ or jumper
 - A white shirt, top button tied
 - Their school tie
 - Their shirt tucked in
 - Black school trousers or a school skirt (skirts must be knee-length and not of sin-tight material)
 - Plain black shoes (no trainers)
 - If students wear a headscarf for religious reasons, this must be black or very dark navy blue in colour
 - A reminder that, as per policy, false nails are not permitted
- **Every student needs to come to school each day with:**
 - A full pencil case
 - A student planner
 - A copy of their timetable (parents can see this on the Arbor app)
 - Their student lanyard
 - A school bag

Sheffield Park Uniform Policy

Student Lanyards

We are so pleased with the new student lanyards!

It has been great to hear from students about how much they like these - a large number of students have remarked this last week

- A reminder about why we have brought these in:
 - They help students feel a greater sense of belonging to our school
 - They help students find other members of their year group quickly at break/ lunch times: a school of 1,200 can feel very big for some students
 - They support our students in continuing to look professional smart



The lanyards are now a part of our school equipment

Year 11 Standdown

We are writing to parents of Year 11s to inform them of the plan for Year 11 Standdown

This will explain:

- The day on which Y11s no longer need to attend school everyday
- The date and time of the Y11 Leavers' Assembly
- Plans for the Y11 Prom 2026
- Rules about Leavers Shirts (for safeguarding reasons, we only permit Y11 Leavers' Shirts to be brought in and signed at the Leavers' Assembly and they must bring in a spare shirt - they must not sign the shirt or top they are wearing)

Until the date of Standdown is released, all Y11s must continue to attend school everyday - each day contains exams and or 'Masterclasses' to help our students

Lesson Times for 2026-27

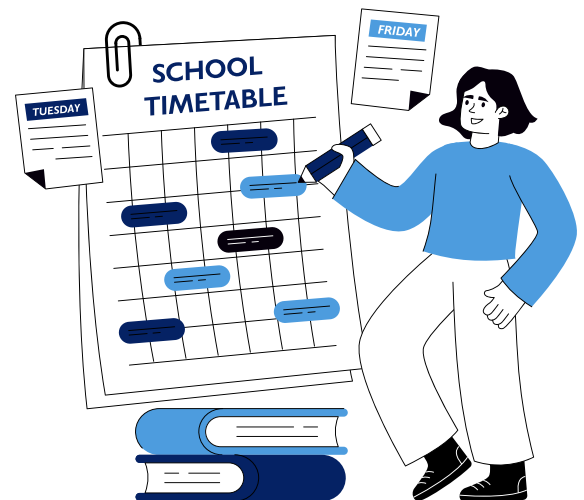
As we have written to you about before, we are moving to a 4-period school day from September 2026.

School start and finish times will remain the same, but this enables students to:

- Have slightly longer lessons (75 minutes per lesson), so they can work on and grasp deeper levels of learning and feel less 'rushed' in their work.
- Have longer to work on longer, more detailed pieces of writing.
- Have longer on practical tasks in subjects such as PE, music, DT.

The structure of the school day from September 2026 will look like this:

- **8.00-8.30am** - arrival (students should be on yards, ready for lineup at 8:35am)
- **8:35-9.10am** - lineup and form time
- **9.10-10:25am** - Period 1
- **10:25-11:40am** - Period 2
- **11:40-12:00pm** - Break and lineup
- **12:00 - 1:15pm** - Period 3
- **1:15-1:55pm** - Lunch and lineup
- **1:55 - 3:10pm** - Period 4



End of Term 2026

The end of term 2026 is slowly approaching, here is a quick reminder of what will happen on the final day of term -

- School will close on **Friday 17 July 2026 at 1.30pm** (the end of Period 4).
- All students who are entitled to a Free School Meal will be able to take a grab bag lunch.

School will re-open for students as per our 2026-2027 term dates, which can be found here:

[Sheffield Park Academy > Information > Academy day and term dates](#)

Communications

- The best way to keep up with your child' progress, behaviour, attendance is through the school's Arbor app.
- We do need all parents and families to download and use the app.
- Here is information on how to do this: [The Arbor App](#)



NextGen Leaders - Winners!

You may have seen this in the local press. If not, a fabulous group of SPA students won the NextGen Leaders Final for the Yorkshire region!

Please join us in congratulating the students (and staff) who worked and led on this - we are exceptionally proud of them.



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