

Sheffield Park Weekly News



Dear families,

Welcome to December!

Thank you to all those families who supported our Winter Festival last Saturday - it was great to see so many of you there. Our Year 13 Business studies, who planned, ran, and orchestrated the event, have raised just under £1000 for local charities, which is really excellent.

Please read our weekly newsletter, sent to Parents via Arbor, which shares some of the key news and events from Sheffield Park Academy this week and across the next few weeks.

Kind Regards,
Rob Watson

End of Term Arrangements

The Academy will **close to students at 1:30pm (end of period 4) on Friday 19th December** for the start of the Christmas holidays. Any student in receipt of Free School Meals will be able to take a 'grab bag' lunch as they leave site. If you have any questions about this finish time, please get in touch with the academy.

There will be a lot of rewards and attendance prizes being awarded on this day - be there so you don't miss out!

The academy will re-open to students on Tuesday 6th January 2026, at the normal time.



When we re-open to students on Tuesday 6th January 2026, a reminder that all students must:

- Come to school by 8:35am (any student arriving after 8:40am is late)
 - Arrive in full school uniform
 - Bring their full set of equipment - a fully stocked pencil case, school planner and school timetable.
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Year 11 Mock 1 Results

Year 11s received their Mock 1 results on Wednesday this week: congratulations to those students who were happy with their progress so far, we are incredibly proud of how hard the vast, vast majority of our students have worked. *What to do next?*

- All Year 11s need to be attending after school 'Success Sessions' - if they attend these, they will get better grades.
- All Year 11s need to attend Saturday sessions (when invited) - if they attend these, they will get better grades.
- All Year 11s need to attend holiday sessions - if they attend these, they will get better grades.

For students not yet getting at least a grade 4 in mathematics and at least one of their English GCSEs, will need to work hard to gain a grade 4 or above. Students who do not attain grade 4 or above in mathematics and one English GCSE must re-sit these at Post-16 and we do not want this for them.



We believe this Year 11 cohort has the ability to be the highest achieving Year 11 cohort at SPA for a number of years, but they must work hard and not give up. Year 11 is tough, but so are the students.

Christmas Jumper Day!

Friday 19 December is Christmas Jumper Day 2025 at SPA!

On this day, all students can choose to wear a Christmas Jumper in replacement of either their school jumper or school blazer.



We will be asking for donations to a local charity on this day as part of our academy value of 'community'. **It is important to note that this is not a non-uniform day: only a Christmas Jumper is permitted as different to the normal school uniform.**

Christmas Academy Day - Friday 12th December

On Friday 12th December we will be hosting Christmas Dinner for all students. This will be an extended lunch break (with year groups attending on a staggered timetable) to ensure everyone can eat a Christmas Dinner, if they wish to.

Any student wishing to have a Christmas Dinner **will receive this free of charge**. Students can opt to sit in the main dining hall for this event or to get their Christmas Dinner from one of our outdoor catering pods. As you will be aware, our dining space is small, but we are in the process of applying to build an extension to this in the next 12-18 months to solve this.

There will be a small range of other items available at this lunch period, these will be subject to the normal charges.

Attendance - 15 Days of Christmas 2025

Good attendance is vital for students' progress, wellbeing, and long-term success.

Our '15 Days of Christmas' campaign is now one week in, with lots of prizes already given out and 10 days still to go—including five Samsung Galaxy tablets and a brand-new Xbox on the final day.

Every day in school really does make a difference, and we appreciate your support in helping your child attend regularly and on time.



FREE Toast for all Students - from January 2026

From January onwards, we will be offering any and all students **FREE TOAST** in the academy dining hall every school day from 8am to 8.30am.

There is no limit to this: every student is welcome. We believe it is absolutely vital that all students have a breakfast option in their lives every day and want to make this possible. As principal, I was surprised that this was not already in place at Sheffield Park Academy, so we have sought to rectify this and can now put this in place from January 2026.



Student Planners

Please ensure your child brings their planner to school every day: this is where students gain stamps in lessons and form times: these stamps lead to rewards and prizes each week and each term. This term students are earning stamps and rewards to gain entry to the 'cinema event' in January 2026'!!!

Wednesday 10 December: Year 10 and 11 PSHE drop down day

A reminder that Years 10 and 11 have their first drop-down day of the year for PSHE. It is crucial that students attend school on this day to learn about things beyond the normal academic curriculum.

If a student does miss this day, it is our duty as school to find a way to ensure they do not miss this important PSHE education: any student who does miss this day will need to attend a catch up session to ensure they have no missed knowledge in this key area.

Sixth Form Open Evening Success!

We had a phenomenal turnout to our Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday this week - more Year 11 students than ever came to this event. Indeed, more than **DOUBLE** the number of Year 11s have put in application forms for our sixth form places so far this year when compared to the same date in 2024.

We are incredibly proud of this. We have a NEWLY renovated sixth form common room and we know how much our Year 12 and 13 students are benefitting from this already. If your Year 11 child still wants to apply for the sixth form, we do still have places, but they are going to be harder to acquire this year, so we advise applying early: [Home | VI Form](#)

If you have any questions about our Sixth Form or you'd like to find out more about it, then please click the link above to head to our dedicated sixth form website or email our school office, we'd love to discuss how we can help your Year 11 be a part of this incredible sixth form.



Performing Arts Performance - Christmas 2025

We cannot wait for the Performing Arts Show this year!

The show will take place on two nights: **Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th December 2025**. Our students and staff are working incredibly towards this and have been doing so for many weeks

and months. Tickets can be purchased at break times in the main atrium and from the main office/ reception at the front of school. *Please do come and join us!*



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