

# Sheffield Park Weekly News



## Dear families,

I hope that this newsletter finds you and your family well at the end of November 2025.

I would like to thank you again for your continued support of the school over the past few months and say how lovely it has been to meet so many of you over the past few weeks and months.

Please read our weekly newsletter, sent to Parents via email, to catch up on all that's been happening this week at Sheffield Park Academy.

Kind Regards,

Rob Watson

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## Winter Festival - Saturday 29 November 2025

It was great to see so many of you at our Winter Festival last weekend (Saturday 29 November) and to speak to a number of you: thank you also for bringing family and friends to support this event.

A very big thank you to our students who volunteered to support at this and, in particular to the Year 13 Business students who organised the event and to Mrs. Taylor our fabulous sixth form Business teacher who has run this event alongside sixth form students for the past 3 years.



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## December Events 2025

December is a busy month at the academy, as I am sure it is for you at home too. Some (but not all) of the key things coming up:

**Monday 1 December:** school Christmas trees go up around the academy building

**Wednesday 3 December:** Y11 and Y13 students have their 'Mock Results Event'

**Thursday 4 December, 4:30-6:30pm:** Sixth Form Open Evening - please do tell your neighbours/ friends/ family who have a Year 11 student to come and have a look - we have a fully renovated Sixth Form Common Room to 'show off'!

**Wednesday 10 December:** Year 11 Parents' Evening

**Friday 12 December:** whole academy Christmas Lunch!!! (more information to follow!)

**Monday 15 December:** Year 13 Parents' Evening

**Tuesday 16 and Wednesday 17 December:** Performing Arts Showcase 7pm - all welcome!

**Friday 19 December:** Charity Christmas Jumper Day, early finish for all students at 1.30pm

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## Sixth Form Open Evening - Thursday 4 December 2025

All are very welcome to join us on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 4.30pm -6.30pm for our Sixth Form Open Evening.

We are incredibly proud to open our doors to current Year 11s from SPA and across the city on this evening.

Please do tell your family/ friends/ neighbours with Year 11 students to come along. We are also very welcoming of any current YEAR 10 students who might like to take an early look at the Sixth Form...



The poster for the VI Form Open Evening features a dark blue header with the Sheffield South East VI Form logo (a stylized tree) and the tagline 'The best in everyone™ Part of United Learning'. Below this, the event title 'VI Form Open Evening' and date 'Thursday 4 December' are prominently displayed, followed by the time '4:30pm to 6:30pm'. A list of activities under the heading 'The evening will include:' includes: 'Welcome address from the Head of VI Form', 'Principal's Address', 'Expert Subject Information Sessions', 'Specialised Career Advice', and 'Tour of our Facilities'. A QR code is shown with a 'REGISTER HERE' button. At the bottom, a quote reads: 'We give you the independence and opportunities of a college, with the care, structure and guidance of a school'. The background of the lower half shows a school building and trees.

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## Last Day of Term - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December

**The academy will close to students at 1.30pm on Friday 19 December,** our last day of term before the Christmas holidays. Please do contact the academy via [info@sheffieldparkacademy.org](mailto:info@sheffieldparkacademy.org) if you have any questions about this.

This day will also be our annual Charity Christmas Jumper day. Students (and staff!) are welcome to wear and Christmas Jumper on this day and to make a contribution to charity (we will confirm the charity in advance). Normal school uniform is expected other than the jumper (the jumper can replace the school jumper or blazer they would normally wear, but students must still wear their shirt/ tie/ school trousers or skirt/ and school shoes).

We recognise that some families may struggle to purchase a Christmas Jumper at this time of year. If you have a spare jumper that your child has outgrown and would be willing to donate this, please drop this off in reception at any point up until Tuesday 16 December and we will be able to gift to this to any student who may not be able to purchase a Christmas Jumper.

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## Attendance - Huge Well Done!

We are incredibly proud of the endurance and commitment shown by our students this year.

An impressive 527 students from Year 7 to Year 11 have achieved over 97% attendance since September, demonstrating their dedication to learning and their future success. Their consistency is building strong habits that will support them throughout their education and beyond.



With only 15 school days left, we encourage everyone to keep going and finish the term as strongly as they started.



***A reminder that we also run a daily Breakfast Club, open from 8.00am, where students can enjoy toast, pastries, fruit and cereal, completely free of charge—helping them start the day energised and ready to learn.***

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## Rewards - the BIG cinema reward event - January 2026!

A reminder to all students, if you have :

- Zero detentions between now and 19 December
- 100% attendance between now and 19 December
- Achieve a minimum of 200 rewards stamps between now and 19 December

You will qualify for the rewards in-school cinema event taking place in January 2026. So far almost 1,000 students are still eligible for this reward!!

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## The Blue Zone Window: A Clear View of Student Learning

At Sheffield Park Academy, our teachers use The Blue Zone to see first-hand exactly what each student can do independently. This is an important part of our lesson structure and plays a key role in ensuring every child gets the support they need.

During The Blue Zone, students work on carefully designed tasks without any help from the teacher. This allows their teachers to circulate throughout and see what each student can recall, apply, and complete on their own. Teachers then record this information on their Precision Seating Plan (PSP). These notes give a clear picture of strengths, next steps, and any areas where additional practice or explanation may be needed.

By using the information from The Blue Zone effectively, teachers can plan future lessons that are more targeted and responsive. It also helps us identify and bridge any gaps in learning early, so every student can keep moving forward with confidence.

This process is part of our ongoing commitment to high-quality teaching and ensuring that all students at Sheffield Park Academy receive the right challenge and support in every lesson.



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