



Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term has been a very busy one at Park. We have a pilot project under way providing a year group specific newsletter. We are developing and improving them with the help of feedback from both parents and students. We hope you will find them informative and a good point of reference. The students have enjoyed access to after school clubs and societies with the new basketball facilities proving very popular. We were disappointed to have to cancel the musical showcase at the end of term, but rehearsals continue in preparation for the school production of Pippin with performances in January (government guidance permitting).

### Attendance

Attendance across the school has been excellent. As parents, you know that for your children's learning and wellbeing the best place for them, unless they are ill, is in school. Thank you for ensuring your children are both punctual and in attendance.

### Year 11 and Year 13.

As you are aware the intention is that public examinations will go ahead in the Summer 2022. Teachers and students are working hard to prepare for them. Both Year 11 and Year 13 students will have completed practice exams as the term ends. The government has also put contingency plans in place. The full extent of what these are will only be released to schools should it be necessary. Please follow the links below to find all the most recent information made available to schools:

Ofqual:

[changes-to-the-assessment-of-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in-2022](#)

JCQ:

[Advance-Information-for-General-Qualifications-2021-22](#)

Pearson:

[summer\\_2022\\_weightings\\_table.pdf](#)

[Summer 2022 support | Pearson qualifications](#)

AQA:

[AQA | 2021/22 exam changes | Subject changes for 2022](#)

OCR:

[Summer 2022 arrangements for AS, A Level and GCSE qualifications \(ocr.org.uk\)](#)

WJEC:

[Summer 2022: Adaptations to GCSE and AS/A level qualifications \(wjec.co.uk\)](#)

### Year 11 Parents Evening

Considering the current increase in covid cases, the more transmissible variant and to protect both staff and parents, the Year 11 parents' evenings on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022 will be virtual. You will receive separate communication explaining how to book appointments at the start of the new term. We will keep the situation under review and keep you informed if there are any changes.

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## PARK HIGH SCHOOL

For each of the remaining parents' evenings, we will keep you informed in advance of the arrangements. The meetings will be organised in line with the government guidance relevant at the time.

### Year 10

In November, Year 10 had the opportunity to experience an individual interview with an employer as part of the Information Advice and Guidance provision. The employers in attendance were very complimentary of how well-prepared students were. Students tell us they welcomed the opportunity and enjoyed the experience, hoping to use it to help them to prepare for interviews in the future.

Year 10 students tell us they are worried about the impact on them of the disruption caused by Covid. We have listened and are working with them to provide as much additional support as they need. We will update you in the new term. As always, if you are concerned about your child please contact Mrs Steinhof, Head of Year or Mrs Quantrell, Pastoral Support Assistance in the first instance.

### Christmas and January Testing Arrangements and Nasal Flu Vaccination.

You will have received separate communication detailing the arrangements.

### FSM (Free School Meals) Food Vouchers for Christmas Period

The London Borough of Harrow has issued vouchers for those children who are in receipt of FSMs to cover the Christmas holiday period.

### New Term

At time of writing the arrangements for the new term are as follows:

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January** -Staff Training Day (Inset)

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January** – Onsite testing (arrangements communicated in separate letter)

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January** – All students return to class onsite

Government advice to schools is that they should open in January as planned and that staff and students, on their return, should continue to be advised to wear face coverings.

### Contingency

I want to reassure you that both staff and students have been prepared in case they have to access online/blended teaching and learning at the start of the new term. Communication will be sent to you detailing arrangements should government guidance be issued to schools to this effect.

It remains for me to wish you and your families a restful festive season however you celebrate and a Happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming your children back in January. Keep well and stay safe.

Kind regards,

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**Headteacher**

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