



12th July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, we are excited to welcome Mr. Young, currently Head of Abbey Park School, as Executive Principal at The Deanery from September 2024. Mr Young has already taken the opportunity to work alongside staff to prepare for the new academic year in September. To support our 'school improvement journey' a number of changes are to be implemented from September by TPAT which are outlined below.

Changes for September 2024

Timings of the school day.

School day timings will be changed to include movement time between lessons and adding an additional 25 minutes onto a Friday afternoon (finishing at 2:25pm) this brings us closer to the DfE recommended 32.5 hours of school time per week. Please see below for the timings.

Uniform

Uniform will largely be the same in September, however we will update a few things. Ms Parry will be writing in due course with full details. The significant change will be that students will need to wear black school shoes. Black trainers or Nike Airforce will no longer be acceptable.

School information system - Arbor

From September 2024, the school will migrate its ClassCharts system to Arbor for attendance, homework and behaviour. Details will be shared in September showing parents and pupils how they can access these systems.

Homework

A decision has been made to introduce homework consistently across Key Stage 3 and 4. The school will publish a full homework timetable for pupils, with homework set on regular evenings. Homework will become compulsory with the expectation of an hour a day for KS3 pupils and 2 hours a day for KS4 pupils.



Teaching and Learning

Teaching and Learning are vital in ensuring pupils reach their full potential. Building on the schools training in Teach Like A Champion (TLAC), all teachers will be trained in the Teacher Effectiveness Enhancement Programme (TEEP) in early September. This professional development is provided for all Teachers in The Park Academies Trust, ensuring quality and consistency of language in teaching and learning.

Behaviour for Learning

In order that pupils learn well it is essential that they have an understanding of behaviour expectations. These should permeate the school with all stakeholders having an understanding of them. The school system of rewards and consequences, outlined in the school 'Behaviour for Learning Policy', will not change, however the school's mission statement, values and visions will be supported through 'Deanery PROUD'. This is an acronym standing for Presentation, Respect, Organisation, Understanding and Determination. These are outlined in more detail below and will be shared with pupils prior to the new academic year.

Finally, over this academic year we have very much appreciated your support and positivity as we have made changes to bring about improvements, to offer our pupils the opportunity to fulfill their potential. Moving forward into the new academic year we are confident that the school will continue on its improvement journey and appreciate your support with these further changes.

Yours sincerely

Kelly Osborne-James
Headteacher

Deanery PROUD



Presentation – We take pride in our uniform and appearance, the work we produce, and the way we speak to each other.

Respect – We interact with each other with respect. We take care of the school building and the equipment; we make sure there is no litter or damage to the environment. We remember the Christian value of service in all we do.

Organisation – We take pride in having the correct equipment and PE kit; we know our timetable; we take pride in being punctual and arriving to lessons ready to learn; we are neat and tidy and we work logically through tasks.

Understanding – We know how we become successful, independent learners; we know our target grades and we understand how to meet them. We complete homework and revision to assist our academic success. We appreciate the wisdom we gain from our days in school.

Determination – We have a go even when things get difficult, we persevere and don't just give up; we help build a community of belief and encouragement reflecting the value of hope for all; we learn from our mistakes and misconceptions. We always show resilience.

Timings of the School day from September 2024

Monday to Thursday		
8:20	Gates open	
8:45	Registration	
8:55	Movement time	
9:00	Lesson 1	
10:00	Movement time	
10:05	Lesson 2	
11:05	Whole school break	
11:20	Lesson 3	
12:20	KS3 Lunch	KS4 Tutor
12:50	KS4 Lunch	KS3 Tutor
13:20	Lesson 4	
14:20	Movement time	
14:25	Lesson 5	
15:25	End of day	
15:30 to 16:30	Optional enrichment or sport	

Friday		
8:20	Gates open	
8:45	Registration	
8:55	Movement time	
9:00	Lesson 1	
10:00	Movement time	
10:05	Lesson 2	
11:05	Whole school break	
11:20	Lesson 3	
12:20	KS3 Lunch	KS4 Tutor
12:50	KS4 Lunch	KS3 Tutor
13:20	Lesson 4	
14:25	End of day	