



Parent Governors: Tom Oxnard
Bridget Baxter
Michael Wainhouse

Dear Parents/Guardians

1. Congratulations

Amanda Price got married during the Christmas holidays. She is now Mrs Ellis but is very happy for her tutor group to remain as 9P for consistency.

2. Friends Coffee Morning

Our next parent's get together is a coffee and cake morning on Friday 23 January at 10.45 in the school café. Please come and join us for some child-free time and an opportunity to share and support. We will update you on future school events and welcome any suggestions you may wish to put forward. Hope to see you next week!

The big event this term will be on Friday 13th March when we are planning to have a parent's lunch followed by a talent show and Spring Fair stalls. If you have any items suitable for sale or to raffle we are always grateful for them.

3. Cyber Safety

Please always remain aware of your children's use of Facebook and other social networks. We regularly have concerns about student's privacy settings and the comments that they post. The team from Eagle Radio are coming in to work with Key Stage 4 students this week and it will be emphasising how to keep safe on-line.

4. Residentials

There are a lot of opportunities this term for various year groups to go away. I cannot stress how important it is for our students to spend this time away from home developing their social skills and emotional resilience. We are so fortunate that staff are willing to organise their own families and give up time to support these trips.

5. British values

Some of you may be aware that one of the significant priorities that the Government is setting for schools at the moment is that they address "British Values". At The Park we use the phrase "Respect and achievement for all" to help students learn to value and appreciate each other. We cover specific aspects within our Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship curriculum but use many opportunities during the school day to reinforce these values.

6. School Dinners

Dinners are to be pre-paid please. Amounts for the term are as follows: Weekly £10.75; Up to half term £64.50 and for the whole term £116.10.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy new year,

Karen Eastwood.

Karen Eastwood
(Headteacher)



Dates for the Diary

Spring Term 2015

Thursday 22 nd January	Y11 Art GCSE mock
Friday 23 rd January	Friends Coffee Morning
Saturday 24 th January - Sunday 1 st February	Ski trip
Monday 16 th February - Friday 20 th February	HALF TERM
Thursday 26 th February	Y7/8 Subject Parents Evening
Monday 9 th , Tuesday 10 th and Thursday 12 th March	Y9 Annual Reviews
Friday 13 th March	Parent's lunch, talent show and Spring Fair
Monday 16 th March	Key Stage 4 Production of Groundhog Day 1.30pm
Tuesday 17 th March - Friday 20 th March	Y9 Residential
Tuesday 24 th March - Thursday 26 th March	Y10 Residential
Friday 27 th March	Prize giving 11am Break up at 12 noon (no lunch)

Summer Term 2015

Monday 13 th April	Students return to school at 9am
Monday 27 th April - Tuesday 28 th April	8A Residential
Tuesday 28 th April - Wednesday 29 th April	8GC Residential
Thursday 30 th April	HPV vaccinations
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday - School Closed
Monday 11 th May - Wednesday 13 th May	Y8 Annual Reviews
Thursday 21 st May	Sports day-
Friday 22 nd May	INSET for staff training - School Closed
Monday 25 th May - Friday 29 th May	HALF TERM
Thursday 4 th June and Monday 8 th June	Maths GCSE Exams
Monday 8 th June - Thursday 11 th June	Y10 Annual Reviews
Wednesday 24 th June	Prom for Y11 students
Thursday 25 th June	Record of Achievement for Y11 students and their families
Monday 6 th July - Thursday 9 th July	Y7 Annual Reviews
Tuesday 21 st July	Prize giving 11am Break up at 12 noon (no lunch)