



Dear Parents / Carers Welcome to our Newsletter

Autumn 1, October 2021

Welcome to our first newsletter of the new academic year. Celebrating the successes and achievements of each individual is something we are proud to do and I relish the opportunity to share these with you.

It is nice getting back to talking about students and their learning after a long period of disruption due to Covid-19. We are aware of many challenges this time has presented for staff, students and families, if any of you need any support please be in touch.

Our Estates team have been busy over Summer. We have invested £165,000 and returned to fresh looking buildings as we continue to improve our facilities to offer our students the best possible learning environments.

Our websites are currently under review to make their appearance and content more user friendly and accessible but keep checking them to see our latest celebrations and to see our progress in our reading, attendance and SEMH work.

Our attendance has been 80% across sites which is a great effort, every day counts and we need to keep this up throughout the year.

We have lots going on and as always appreciate your support and involvement in our partnership.

Governors View

It's been great to be able to visit the staff and pupils at Park House this half-term. It's clear the pupils feel safe within their surroundings and are engaged in a curriculum that has been centred around their individual needs. It was lovely to be able to talk to them about their learning. A highlight was watching a pupil retrieve the exact measures from memory to make a pizza. As always, I was made to feel very welcome a 'perfect' cup of tea made for me on arrival and I picked up some fantastic eyelash tips from a pupil – thank you. It is always a pleasure to watch the staff and their commitment to making the academy the fantastic place it is and to see happy pupils. Enjoy the half-term.

I hope you enjoy the newsletter!



Executive Principal

Phoenix House

There is a real buzz around Phoenix House. Over the summer our Estates Teams have spent considerable time and money giving the outside spaces and Key Stage 3 areas a significant makeover. It looks fantastic!



Pupils are off to a great start too. We have eight with 100% attendance and a further nine pupils with over 85% attendance. This is brilliant and an obvious sign that they want to be in school learning. It is also a real testament to the support that families and carers have for their children. Thank you for your support.

Over this half term, there has been lots of things going on. I want to pick a few to share with you.

We held our first reading event this term. If you are a KS 2 parent/carer you will know as you all showed up in your pyjamas for reading in the dark! Also, in KS 3 we had families coming in to read with pupils, some of which are joining us in class when they can.



In KS3, pupils participated (and won!) in an inter-school football fixture with our friends from Oakfield School in Hull. Congratulations. In KS 2, we have also been working on 'phonics' and for one pupil, it has been an amazing success – he says that he can now read!



Park House

Throughout the summer a lot of work was completed to improve the look of the building.

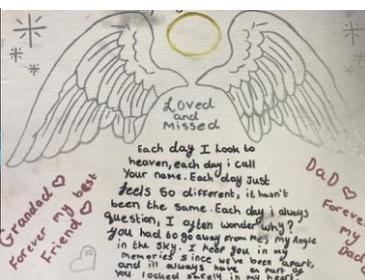
Students were greeted by this amazing facelift!



Students in Parkside have been spending the term planning, shopping for and buying their own ingredients to make their own dish; culminating in an end of term reward trip to Beechwood Farm to enjoy a home cooked meal.



Throughout the term students have participated in a range of activities including Football, Tchoukball, Golf, Table Cricket and Boxing. Along with the practical elements of physical activity our Sport group have almost completed their first unit, which has seen them looking at the different rules within sport.



This first term students have been completing the first unit in their vocational qualification along with RSE, PSHE, English and Maths. We have seen some amazing pieces of work and hope to share with parents during our upcoming Review Day.

Year 11 students have started applying to college and attending visits to meet with tutors and learn more about their prospective courses.

Sevenhills

KS3

What a fantastic start to the academic year from our team in KS3. The afternoon session now includes a variety of options including art, cooking, careers and sport. As our theme this term is France, students have created their own Matisse inspired artwork, as well as cooking ratatouille! Students have been using concrete maths resources to help build the foundations they will need to progress. Reciprocal reading has been a success across site, and thoroughly enjoyed by students and staff alike.

This term's SEMH focus has been for staff and students to work together to build and maintain positive relationships and boundaries. The KS3 team have taken part in many team building exercises, such as a trip out to Weelsby woods to play a variety of sports.



KS4

KS4 have made a very impressive start to the year, the students have shown enthusiasm for their learning and the level of respect towards both staff and peers has been excellent. Students are now able to choose from four options in the afternoon and are already working hard towards completing coursework. We are incredibly proud of the progress made by students across all subjects this half term.

Students have produced fantastic pieces of creative writing in English, and year 11 are already working hard towards their exams in the summer. In science students have taken part in practical experiments and have enjoyed learning how to use a microscope. All students made progress in their maths enquiry quiz and are currently working on algebra. All students have gone above and beyond in Citizenship collecting, making and delivering hygiene packages for homeless young people. RSE day saw a variety of external agencies deliver sessions to our students and was well received across site!



Phoenix Park and Sevenhills Academies are excited to invite you to our first Parent Pop-Up Event on Friday 19th November 9.30-11.30am at Phoenix Park Academy Harold Street. It will be a relaxed friendly event with tea, coffee and cake. We will also have free soft play and activities for any younger children you may bring with you.

School closes for half term on Friday 22nd October 2021 and students return on Monday 8th November 2021.
We look forward to seeing you after a well-earned rest.