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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

I am incredibly proud of the students at Park Hall for their commitment and achievements over the past year. Not only are the vast majority exemplary students in the classroom, but they are also outstanding sportspeople, positive ambassadors beyond school, and a real asset to the local community. They have fully embraced every opportunity available to them, throwing themselves into dance, music, local events, and volunteering, to name just a few. Their enthusiasm, dedication, and character truly set them apart.

Similarly, I was also particularly pleased by the conduct and work-rate of our examination students in Year 11 and Year 13. Their dedication was exemplary. I am immensely looking forward to seeing their amazing results later this summer. I also continue to be impressed at how well our students conduct themselves. This was most noticeable in their preparation and conduct in the recent Year 10 mock examinations and newly introduced Key Stage 3 end of year exams across the various year groups.

End of Term Arrangements

Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th July will be run as normal school days with students needing their usual pens/pencils, planner and school books. However, Monday 13th July will see our highly anticipated Attendance Rewards session with Charlie's Chicken for eligible students.

On Wednesday 15th July, we have a planned careers day (Futures) for Key Stage 3 and Year 12 students in their normal school uniform.

We have our annual Sports Day event planned for Thursday 16th July for Year 7, 8, 9 and 12. Students are required to arrive at normal time in correct PE kit and will finish at the normal time of 3.15pm. Please note that we are monitoring the weather forecast closely and we may have to amend if the weather is unsuitable. Please remember to send students to school with a refillable water bottle, a sun hat and sun cream.

On Friday 17th July we focus the day on world culture whereby students will immerse themselves in world culture activities. This will be a non-uniform day for students. Students will be expected to pay £1.00 for the privilege of wearing their own clothes towards a donation to charity.(Birmingham Children's Hospital)

As you will already be aware, term ends for students on ***Friday 17th July with students finishing at the usual time of 3.15pm.***

GCSE and A Level Result Days

We will be open for students to collect their A Level results on **Thursday 13th August** from 9.00am until 11.30am in the Main Hall for Year 13 students.
We will then be open for Year 11 students to collect their GCSE results on **Thursday 20th August** from 9am until 11.30am. Those students holding an offer of a place in the 6th form will be able to enrol on this day

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with a member of the leadership team. As previously explained, last year we were delighted to be a pilot school for the new Educational Record App launched by the Government. Those students that have downloaded the App will be able to register for this service to see their results for future reference. We will assist them with this on results day.

Anyone wishing to have their results posted home must provide a stamped addressed envelope. Similarly, If students wish for parents/carers to collect their results on their behalf, they must send a signed letter with the person collecting the results and notify the school in advance to our exams officer, Mrs H Smith.

Start of the new summer term

The new term will begin on **Thursday 3rd September for all students**.

- Our new Year 7 and Year 12 students being welcomed at **9.00am**
- Year 10 and 11 will be welcomed at **10.00am**
- Years 8,9 and 13 will be welcomed at **10.30am**

Students will spend the time leading up to Period 3 with their tutors in order to collect their timetables and will then commence lessons as of Period 3 on that day.

Useful reminders

Mr Gregory will be sending a reminder about our uniform expectations and the use of phones in school. **New legislation has legally strengthened these expectations about phones not being on school site.** I would like to reiterate his message and ask for your support in backing up the school to ensure we maintain a calm, orderly atmosphere so we can concentrate on learning. As supportive, caring parents you will know that consistent boundaries create a safe, reassuring atmosphere for all to learn. We call upon you to support the school in upholding these high standards.

Attendance

Like you, the school prides itself on good attendance. Your child's attendance at school is monitored on a daily basis by our Attendance Director and notable absences or patterns of absences are followed up by the Head of Year; in more serious cases the Education Welfare Service**. I would like you to be aware that the Education Welfare Officer may contact parents/carers and visit addresses should your child be absent from school or during an absence audit. As per the Government's direction on attendance, we are unable to authorise any term time holidays – these are Government initiatives. We recognise that families are desperate to get away and enjoy some much needed time together. Unfortunately, we simply can't authorise these and the Local Authority will issue fixed penalty notices of £160 per pupil per parent as a result.**

Parent/ Carer Forum

Every term we hold a meeting with parents and carers to discuss school issues and share ideas. If you'd like to get involved with our Parents/ Carers forum please do contact your child's Head of Year or Mrs Cullum-Kenyon

And finally, I would like to thank everyone for their ongoing support. Your support is crucial in helping the school build your child's success. In the meantime, have a really lovely summer break.

Yours faithfully

T. Close

Dr T. Close
Associate Headteacher