

17<sup>th</sup> July 2026

## Information regarding examination results days and your child's September 3<sup>rd</sup> return to school

Dear Parent or carer,

I hope you enjoy reading our latest edition of [ParkLife](#) magazine which celebrates the final term of the school year and all of the wonderful achievements and experiences of our students. As we reach the end of another excellent year, I would like to thank you all for the continued support that you demonstrate for your children and the academy, as partners in your child's education.

### Arrangements for the September return:

All students will return to the academy on the **3<sup>rd</sup> September 2026** at the times detailed below:

***Please note, it is only Year 7 and 12 that are required to be on site by 8.30am. All other Year groups should attend at 10.10am.***

| Start time | Year group                 | Where                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8.35am     | Year 7 & 12                | Front and back gates open at 8.15am for Year 7 and 12 students to enter the site.<br><br>Year 7 students to go straight to their Form room to meet their tutor. There will be staff available to guide them there once through the gates.<br><br>Year 12 to go straight to the Main Hall to register, get lanyards and receive a welcome assembly. |
| 9.55am     | Year 7 & 12                | Break (along with all staff)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 10.10am    | Years 8, 9, 10, 11 & 13    | Front and back gates re-open and manned by SLT to welcome students back to the academy.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 10.15am    | Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12 | Students in Tutor Groups with their Tutor. Year 12's to assist Tutor with programme for P2.<br><br>*no morning break time for these Year groups so please make sure they have breakfast!                                                                                                                                                           |
| 10.15am    | Year 13                    | Year 13 students arrive and go straight to the Main Hall to register, get lanyards/ ID sticker and receive a welcome back assembly.                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 11.15am    | All Years                  | Period 3 lessons and normal day                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

## Timings of the school day:

Timings of the school day have remained the same for this year.

| Shape of the Day 2026 - 2027 |               |               |               |                     |                     |               |                     |                     |               |            |           |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|------------|-----------|
| 2026/2027                    | 20            | 60            | 80            | 60                  | 90                  | 60            |                     |                     |               |            |           |
|                              | 08:15 - 08:30 | 08:35 - 08:55 | 08:55 - 09:55 | 09:55 - 11:15       | 11:15 - 12:15       | 12:15 - 13:45 | 13:45 - 14:45       | 14:45 - 15:00       | 15:00 - 16:00 |            |           |
| 7                            | Gates Open    | Tutor Time    | Lesson 1      | Break 09:55 - 10:15 | Lesson 2            | Lesson 3 (*)  | Lunch 12:15 - 12:45 | Lesson 4            | Lesson 5      | Gates Open | Session 6 |
| 8                            | Gates Open    | Tutor Time    | Lesson 1      | Lesson 2            | Break 10:55 - 11:15 | Lesson 3      | Lesson 4            | Lunch 13:15 - 13:45 | Lesson 5      | Gates Open | Session 6 |
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| (*) Yr7 Lunch Alterations    |               |               |               |                     |                     |               |                     |                     |               |            |           |
| WC 3rd Sept                  | 11:45 - 12:45 |               |               |                     |                     |               |                     |                     |               |            |           |
| WC 7th Sept                  | 11:55 - 12:45 |               |               |                     |                     |               |                     |                     |               |            |           |
| WC 14th Sept                 | 12:05 - 12:45 |               |               |                     |                     |               |                     |                     |               |            |           |
| Rest of the year             | 12:10 - 12:45 |               |               |                     |                     |               |                     |                     |               |            |           |

Our Sixth Form facility continues to allow us more space at lunch and break times and therefore we can have one less changeover which minimises any disruption to learning whilst students move around the building. This will continue to have a great impact on improving uninterrupted learning.

Our new large canopy is providing shelter to students queuing for lunch from the incumbent wintery conditions. All contributing to making the experience far more enjoyable.

**A reminder that students are expected to be on site by 8.30am so they can be sat in their tutor rooms ready for the register to be taken at 8.35am.** Tutors will be present in their rooms by 8.30am to greet their tutees and begin the day.

## Results days:

We cannot wait to share in the success of our students and assist them in securing their next steps. More detailed information will be disseminated closer to the important dates below, so please do keep an eye on your emails if your child is due to receive their results this summer.

*Year 13 - 13<sup>th</sup> August – A Level results* will be available to collect from the Main Hall at 8.30am.

*Year 11 - 20<sup>th</sup> August – GCSE results* will be available to collect from the Main Hall at 8.30am.

## Parent/carer challenge for 2026/27 academic year:

There are many ways that you can help your child to succeed at school, and for next year in addition to meeting our basic expectations around uniform and equipment, we want you to achieve the following two targets, together with your child:

- Your child achieves at least 97% attendance for the whole year by being in school and on time.
- Attend every Parents evening and discuss your child's progress with their Form Tutor and their subject teachers. There are only 2 evenings for most Year groups.

The dates are as follows:

| Date       | Event                  | Start time | End time |
|------------|------------------------|------------|----------|
| 29.09.2026 | Y11 Parents' Evening   | 16:00      | 19:00    |
| 08.10.2026 | Y6 Open Evening        | 16:00      | 20:00    |
| 19.10.2026 | Y13 Parents' Evening   | 16:00      | 19:00    |
| 12.11.2026 | KS5 Open Evening       | 16:00      | 20:00    |
| 01.12.2026 | Y10 Parents' Evening   | 16:00      | 19:00    |
| 08.12.2026 | Y7/9 Tutor Evening     | 16:00      | 18:00    |
| 16.12.2026 | Presentation Evening   | 17:00      | 20:00    |
| 19.01.2027 | Options Evening        | 17:00      | 20:00    |
| 26.01.2027 | Y12 Parents' Evening   | 16:00      | 19:00    |
| 02.02.2027 | Y8 Parents' Evening    | 16:00      | 19:00    |
| 09.02.2027 | Y13 Parents' Evening 2 | 16:00      | 18:00    |
| 23.03.2027 | Y11 Parents' Evening 2 | 16:00      | 19:00    |
| 04.05.2027 | Y8/10 Tutor Evening    | 16:00      | 18:00    |
| 11.05.2027 | Y7 Parent's Evening    | 16:00      | 19:00    |
| 15.06.2027 | Y9 Parent's Evening    | 16:00      | 19:00    |
| 07.07.2027 | Primary Evening        | 17:00      | 20:00    |

### The importance of Parent's Evenings:

Parents' Evening provides a valuable opportunity for you to meet with your child's tutor and discuss their academic progress, attendance, behaviour, wellbeing and future aspirations. These conversations allow us to celebrate successes, identify any areas where additional support may be needed, and ensure that school and home are working together to help your child achieve their full potential.

For Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 students in particular, this is a crucial stage in their education. As they prepare for examination courses and make important decisions about their future, regular communication between school and home becomes increasingly important. Missing this opportunity means that you may not receive important information about your child's current progress, targets for improvement, and the support available to help them succeed.

We also recognise that our teaching and pastoral staff dedicate considerable time to preparing for Parents' Evening. Appointment schedules are carefully arranged, staff remain available beyond the school day, and time is allocated specifically to meet with parents and carers. When appointments are missed without prior notice, valuable time that could have been used productively is unfortunately wasted.

We understand that unforeseen circumstances can sometimes prevent attendance. If this was the case, we encourage you to contact the school so that an alternative conversation can be arranged with your child's tutor. Maintaining an open dialogue between home and school is one of the most effective ways of supporting your child's educational journey.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to working in partnership with you to ensure your child achieves the very best outcomes.

## Uniform:

Many of you will be refreshing your stock for the coming academic year at some point this summer, after the usual 6-week growth spurt that children invariably experience! I would like to draw your attention to the suitable alternatives that we have selected to ensure a cost-effective approach to purchasing uniform, without sacrificing quality or standards.

We continue to ensure that **our minimum requirement for uniform at NPA is:**

- Academy Jumper with House colour and logo (from £24 – although we recommend having 2)
- Academy tie in House colour (£8.50)
- PE top with the Academy Logo (from £18)

We believe that this list balances retaining our academy identity with minimising price in an effective manner. These items are only available from [Chroma Sports](#). We will continue to work with this supplier, and potentially others, to ensure good value for money and quality products. Should you feel that this is not the case, please contact your House office in the first instance and we will endeavour to resolve any issues that emerge.

The wider range of branded items were initially introduced to provide choice, to improve the standard of uniform and to remove the need for arguments about what is and is not appropriate. If students do not wish to wear trousers, then they must wear an academy logoed skirt. In addition, should young people choose not to wear a shirt and tie, they must wear the logoed blouse from Chroma.

Academy logoed trousers, Sports tops and other garments that you may wish to purchase instead or in addition to the above remain available from Chroma. A cornerstone of our approach to uniform has been offering choice and quality. If students choose to wear logoed skirts and logoed blouses, we do appreciate that currently these items cost a little more.

Where appropriate, we do offer financial assistance with the purchasing of uniform for families who find themselves struggling to afford it. If you ever find yourself in this situation, please do contact your child's House office and we will do everything we can to assist you. We appreciate that at certain times in our lives we may all need a little assistance and therefore we are more than willing to help where we can, particularly in the current cost of living crisis.

Our Academy uniform policy is posted on our [website](#) for future reference and we thank you in advance for your support and sending your child to the academy appropriately dressed and equipped for the day ahead.

As part of our uniform, students should wear black leather/leather effect **shoes**. No trainers or pumps of any kind or footwear which resemble trainers / pumps in shape or design (see pictures of acceptable and unacceptable shoes on our [website](#)).

## Equipment for lessons:

Every student should have their own set of equipment so that they are always ready to learn. Please ensure that your child has and brings with them to the academy daily, the following equipment:

A pencil case big enough to hold (preferably clear for examinations):

- 2 or 3 blue/black pens

- 2 pencils
- A sharpener
- A ruler
- A rubber
- A scientific calculator
- A protractor
- A pair of compasses
- Glue stick
- Highlighters
- Green Pen (for marking and improvement work)

Again if support is needed with equipment please contact the House Team.

### Travelling to school by bike:

Please be reminded that if your child is making their way to school on a bike, they must enter and leave the academy via the back gate, not the front. This is to keep your child safe and avoid the congestion of traffic at the front of school. Please also make sure that their bike is road worthy and fitted with appropriate safety equipment such as lights, reflectors and working brakes. It is advisable that students wear a helmet too. Bikes will also require a lock to be used when left in the bike sheds, which whilst locked, remain vulnerable to theft and so extra precaution is always advisable.

Electric scooters are illegal and will be confiscated from any student bringing them on site, as per police request.

### Mobile Phone policy:

- **Mobile phones must not be visible from 8.35am until 2.45pm**, unless teachers give students permission for use to access Bromcom or for research purposes. Sixth Form students have a slight exception to this rule and are allowed to use them in the Sixth Form Centre only.
- **Phones MUST be in their owner's school bag**, always, unless instructed differently by a member of staff.
- Years 7-11 students should not access their phones without permission and if their phone is seen out of their bag it will be confiscated and not returned until parents collect it.

### Policy Consultations:

We will once again be consulting on our Behaviour and Rewards Policy as part of its annual review, which includes our Anti-bullying Policy. If you would like to be considered for being involved in either of these Parent Forums, please complete the following forms:

[Behaviour and Rewards Policy Parent Forum](#)

[Anti-bullying Parent Forum](#)

If you would like to be considered to be a member of our Uniform Policy Parent Forum, please complete the following [form](#).



### **Parent survey:**

We would really appreciate it if you could spend 5 minutes giving us some feedback on our provision for your child/children. Please click on [this link](#) to complete a short survey, which will help us continue to improve what we do.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming our new Year 7 students to Nene Park Academy in September, as well as our Year 12 students to our Sixth Form. We look forward to seeing everyone else again to start what we are sure will be another incredibly successful year.

Yours faithfully,



Rob Grover  
Principal

