

2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025

Dear Parent or carer,

Welcome back to the new academic year starting tomorrow, Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. We hope you have had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to the new academic year ahead.

I hope you enjoyed reading our latest edition of [ParkLife](#) magazine which celebrated the final term of the school year and all of the wonderful achievements and experiences of our students.

We would like to confirm arrangements for returning to the academy so everyone is clear and can have a successful and enjoyable first day back.

### **Arrangements for Wednesday September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2025 return:**

All students will return to the academy tomorrow, Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025, at the times detailed below:

***Please note, it is only Years 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.  Year 7 students to meet on the Sports Field at for 8.35am, lined up in tutor groups as per fire evacuation plan (Sports Hall if raining) They will then be taken to Form rooms for their induction.  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	Year 8, 9, 10, 11 & 13	Front and back gates re-open and manned by SLT to welcome students back to the academy.
10.15am	Year 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12	Students in Tutor Groups with their Tutor. Year 12s to assist Tutor with programme for P2.  *no morning break time for these Year groups so please make sure they have breakfast!
10.15am	Year 13	Year 13 students 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
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**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.

**Timings of the school day:**

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

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.

Shape of the Day 2025 - 2026												
2025 2026	Minutes in school		20	60	80	60	90	60	14:45 - 15:00	15:00 - 16:00		
	08:00 - 08:30	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	Breakfast Club	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	Breakfast Club	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 1st Sept	11:45 - 12:45
WC 8th Sept	11:55 - 12:45
WC 15th Sept	12:05 - 12:45
Rest of the year	12:10 - 12:45

**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 Tutor rooms by 8.30am to greet their tutees and begin the day.

**Mobile phones must not be visible from 8.35am until 2.45pm, unless** teachers give students permission for use to access Edulink or research purposes. Sixth Form students have a slight exception to this rule and are allowed to use them in the Sixth Form Centre only.

### **Uniform expectations:**

Our Academy uniform policy is posted on our [website](#), and we thank you in advance for your support in sending your child to the Academy appropriately dressed and equipped for the day ahead. We're looking forward to welcoming students back to school tomorrow. As a gentle reminder, in line with school policy, **false nails and false eyelashes are not permitted**. Please ensure these are removed before returning, and that all other expectations regarding jewellery are met, so that everyone starts the new term ready to learn and fully prepared.

If students arrive wearing false nails or eyelashes, this will be noted as a uniform infringement and addressed in line with the Academy's behaviour policy. We appreciate your support in helping us maintain high standards while ensuring a smooth and positive start for all.

### **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)

### **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 during the Autumn term, please complete the following forms:

[Behaviour and Rewards Policy Parent Forum](#)

[Anti-bullying Parent Forum](#)

### **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.

**Term dates for the academic year 2026/27** will be on our website updated this week for anyone wanting to plan holidays well in advance! We will let you know when they are live.

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 even bigger 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

