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#### Dear Parent/Carer

I write to thank you for attending the Student Review Day on 11 February. It was reassuring to see so many parents playing an active role in supporting our students with academic studies. We appreciate that some of you will have been unable to attend the Student Review Day due to work commitments. However, if you contact your son/daughter's mentor they will be happy to speak with you.

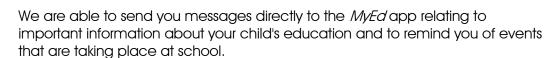
# Serving the Community as a Specialist Arts, Science & Maths School

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## Introduction of MyEd app

We are very pleased to announce that we are introducing a fantastic new way to communicate and share information with you, our parent community. We want you to feel as much a part of your child's education as possible. With the increased use of smart phone technology we want to make best use of it.

MyEd is our free parent app that gives you many ways to stay in touch with what is going on at school. The app gives you direct access to your child's attendance, timetable, absence records, achievements, behaviour and much, much more. You will also see that we update and change the information in the app as the school year moves along.



You will receive a notification if we send you a message and there is no charge from most providers for the messages you send as replies to us. We hope to be able to move to more paperless communications via the app and email over the course of this year.



Once you have installed and opened *MyEd*, search for Park Community School and follow the simple instructions to identify yourself. The enclosed postcard contains further information about *MyEd* and how to down the app.

We hope you enjoy using the app and find it a useful source of information.

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### **Student Dress Code**

I remind you that we have a school dress code for students, a copy of which is enclosed with this letter.

I ask that all students return to school in the complete uniform on Monday, 22 February. Any student not wearing the correct uniform will be withdrawn from lessons until the situation is rectified. Two key areas are:

- Jeans/denim/leggings must not be worn
- If a student borrows a tie and does not return it at the end of the day you will receive a bill for the tie

### Holidays in Term Time

You are, by now, aware that we will not authorise holidays in line with government advice, but we are happy to discuss leave of absence requests with parents where there are special circumstances. We will not be authorising any leave of absence requests for students in Years 10 and 11 from 22 February 2016. This is to ensure students are well-prepared for their exams.

Finally, key dates for the remainder of this academic year are:

- Monday, 22 February School reopens at normal time
- Wednesday, 9 March Year 11 parents' evening
- Monday, 14 March to Wednesday, 23 March Year 11 mock exam period
- Thursday, 24 March school closed to students
- Friday, 25 March to Friday, 8 April Easter break. Students return to school as normal on Monday, 11 April
- Thursday, 21 April Year 9 and 10 Parents' evening
- Monday, 2 May school closed for bank holiday
- Tuesday, 3 May first scheduled exam of the summer exam season
- Monday, 30 May to Friday, 3 June half-term. Students return to school as normal on Monday, 6 June
- Wednesday, 22 June final scheduled exam of the summer season
- Thursday, 23 June Year 11 leavers' assembly and prom
- Monday, 27 June to Friday, 8 July Year 10 Work Experience fortnight
- Monday, 11 July Years 7 & 8 Awards evening
- Tuesday, 12 July Year 9 & 10 Awards evening (Year 11 awards are made in the Autumn term at a certificate evening)
- Wednesday, 20 July final day of academic year

Yours faithfully

Sue Walker

Deputy Headteacher

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