

18 July 2023



Dear Parents and Carers

We are writing to you to remind you of the arrangements for the final day of term and also the return to school in September.



If you are a parent/carer of a Year 7, 8 or 9 student, they will be bringing their final report of the year home with them this week. Please take time to look at this with your child and discuss their successes and areas for focus next year. Year 10 students took home their reports last week, along with their mock results.

All students will also be bringing home their time for a tutor one-to-one on Monday, 4 September. Please keep these appointment times safe.



Arrangements for the final day of term – Friday, 21 July

Students will be dismissed from school at 1.00pm after their lunch and an end of year assembly. We would like students to hand in their ties, unless they are required for other family members, so that we can use these to lend to any students who require one in September. A new tie will be given to each student in September.



Return to School in September

The 'Welcome to Park' booklet for September 2023 is on our website and linked here: [welcome-to-park.pdf \(pcs.hants.sch.uk\)](https://www.pcs.hants.sch.uk/welcome-to-park.pdf). Please take time to read it through with your child so they are ready to start strong in September.



Monday, 4 September 2023: Year 7 in all day from 8.25am and should meet outside the Sports Hall. Years 8-11 will attend for one-to-one appointments with their tutors. Your child will bring this appointment home before the end of the week.



Tuesday, 5 September 2023: All years in school, start times are phased for this day only:

Year 7	8.25am – line up in House zones
Year 8	8.30am – line up outside Sports Hall
Year 9	9.00am – line up outside Sports Hall
Year 10	9.30am – line up outside Sports Hall
Year 11	10.00am – line up outside Sports Hall



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Uniform and Equipment - September 2023

Uniform expectations remain the same. All students will be given a brand new tie on their first day in September in their new year group colour. These will be provided free of charge.

School blazers, school jumpers and PE hoodies will be available to purchase from school reception from Monday, 31 July to Friday, 11 August and on Friday, 1 September between 1.00pm and 4.00pm. We have a limited stock in school; once this stock runs out, you will need to purchase items from Skoolkit.

A reminder that if, over the summer, you allow your child to have any facial piercings, false lashes or fake nails, these will need to be removed before they return to school.

Pencil cases and equipment: A reminder that every student is expected to bring a pencil case to school containing the following equipment: ♦ black pen ♦ green pen ♦ pencil ♦ ruler ♦ protractor ♦ rubber ♦ sharpener.

Students are free to use their Park pencil case or replace it with one of their own. Park pencil cases will be available to purchase for 50p from Monday, 4 September.

Mobiles phones and headphones/ear buds

These are not permitted in school. Students who need to bring a phone to school can hand it in to reception. Any student who is seen with a phone or ear buds will have these taken and put into reception until the end of the day. A Community Duty will also be set.

Ready to Learn: Punctuality and Attendance

Attendance: In our end of year assembly this week, we will be rewarding students who have gained 100% attendance for the year and also those with 95% and above. From September, we will have an even greater focus on attendance. Strong attendance will be rewarded every week. We will support you and your child when attendance is less than 100% through meetings and home visits. Some students struggle to attend school regularly and support is in place to help them.

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Punctuality: There are times when there are very good reasons for being late to school and we understand this. However, repeated lateness prevents students having a strong start to the day and also interrupts lessons.

Students arriving within 15 minutes of the bell: The process for a student arriving a few minutes late will remain unchanged. Students arriving late to school within the first 15 minutes of the school day will be escorted to their lesson and set a late recall for the end of the day.

Students arriving 15 minutes or more late for school: Students arriving 15 minutes or more late, without a medical note or exceptional circumstance, will be taken to our Retrack Room for the remainder of the lesson, where they will work silently before continuing their day. This is so they do not interrupt the learning of others and so staff can ensure they are ready to learn. They will be set a one hour detention after school and their attendance for the morning will be unauthorised.

Activities over the summer include:

- **Munch** – available every day throughout the summer holidays 12.00noon - 1.00pm
- **Connect4Youth and Connect4Families** – free activity days and family funs day run throughout the holidays – detailed information can be found at [Connect4Summer – School Holiday Educational Activities](#)
- **GCSE Results Day** - on Thursday, 24 August – students can collect results between 10.00 - 11.00am

A message from Public Health, Hampshire – the dangers of vaping

You will find linked a letter from Hampshire's Director of Public Health about children and young people vaping here [Letter from Public Health Hampshire - Dangers of Vaping](#). There has been a great deal of information and advice in the media over the last few weeks and this clarifies that advice for parents.

Finally, we would like to thank you for your support this year and wish you and your families a wonderful summer. We look forward to seeing students back in school on Monday, 4 September.

Yours faithfully

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