Newsletter



Message from the Deputy Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers

Mrs Pettman, Mr Hunt and our lucky Mandarin students continue their Chinese adventure. We are kept updated with regular pictures and it is clear that they are all having the experience of a life time!

I am finishing this week's newsletter late as I wanted to be able to comment on the success of this year's school production of Sister Act, last night. What a fabulous show! We are so proud of all of the cast and production crew who put on a great show for parents and friends of the school. Particular thanks to Mr Walsh and Mr McDonough for all the work they have put into rehearsals to make the show the spectacle that it was!

It has been good to welcome our year 10 pupils back into school this week after their work experience. In most subjects they are receiving their mock exam results and parents will be sent their end of year progress reports at the end of next week. For them, this is where the hard work really begins as they embark on their final year and preparation for their GCSEs. We have every confidence in this year group but elite attendance will be key to their ultimate success. I challenge each and every one of our year 10 to achieve over 95% attendance throughout the whole of year 11!

The opportunities for our students in Art, Design & Technology are unending, with three more trips out of school this week. On Monday our year 8 robotics club entered a competition held at Finham Park 2 where they brought home the trophy for the Best Design Award. Congratulations

to our competitors!

On Tuesday, a group of year 10 students attended a STEM competition event at Warwick University. No one knew quite what to expect as we had not taken part in the event before, but out of 14 competing schools Meadow Park's teams placed 3rd and 5th and the pupils who took part enjoyed the event so much they want to go back again next year! Sadly, they will have left us by then, so it will be up to the new year 10 students to try to beat their achievements next year. You can read more about these two exciting events later in this newsletter.

This week we have sent out a letter to all parents with details of the end of term arrangements. Mrs Pettman will be back from China just in time for Sports Day, next Thursday, which I know is her personal favourite day of the year. The weather looks set to be on our side, but a reminder that we will all be out on the field all day, so please ensure the students bring plenty of drinks, sun cream and hats will be required!

With best wishes

Ms Lawrence Deputy Headteacher





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LASTUF BASKET



News from the LIBRARY



Come to the Library on Monday lunchtime to watch the **semi finals** and **final** live on the



the LIBRARY News from

Meadow Park



READING CHALLENGE

Have a go at as many of these reading activities as you can. Everyone who completes a full line (in any direction) will get a prize. If you complete all 16 ... well, who knows what could happen ...

News from the LIBRARY

Read in an unusual place or position. (Send a pic to mpreading@meadow parkschool.com)	GRAPHIC NOVEL	Read a book from a GENRE you don't usually choose.	Design a new FRONT COVER for a book
Read something someone else recommended. © * © * Ø * Ø * Ø * Ø * Ø * Ø * Ø * Ø *	Read a book that has been adapted into a FILM or a	Go to a local LEGRARY (While you're there, why not sign up - it's free, which is our favourite price! - and borrow a book?)	Read a non-fiction information book.
to an audio book. (Ask in the Library if you need help to find one.)	Read something that isn't a book. It could be a New FafeI MATCH REPORT	Read a book written by someone from a different COUNTRY or in a different language	Tell someone about a book you
Read an article giving someone's • pipi • p about something. (Any newspaper or magazine will have some – pick one you're interested in!)	Review a book. You can write it but you don't have to — it could be or even	Read a book ALOUD to someone.	Read a book that was written by a **WO*********************************

Meadow Park



READING CHALLENGE

Tutors will have entry forms for all students next week just tick the ones you complete over the summer & bring it back in September to claim a prize!

Head of House Awards The Head of House Awards were awarded to:











Frederick

Nirel
Fahmeedah

Montasir

Kacey

Growing Aspirations - Sports Updates



This week, our Year 8 & 9 cricket team took on Stoke Park — and delivered an impressive performance, coming away with a 43-run victory!

The team put on a brilliant score of 111 runs off just 12 overs, showing great skill, teamwork and determination throughout the match.

A massive shoutout to Najibullah, who led the team with an outstanding captain's performance, scoring an incredible 55 runs — a real example of leadership and focus under pressure.

Well done to everyone who represented Meadow Park School in the match — you played with pride, and your hard work and commitment truly paid off. Another proud moment for our school!

Growing Aspirations - Sports Updates



A big well done to our amazing sports leaders, who recently went to Lillington Primary School to help run their sports day.

They did a fantastic job — showing excellent leadership, patience, and enthusiasm while supporting the younger pupils. From setting up activities to encouraging the children and keeping everything running smoothly, they were a credit to themselves and to Meadow Park School.

The staff at Lillington were incredibly pleased with the support and professionalism shown by our students and praised them for their positivity and maturity throughout the day.

Thank you to all the sports leaders who took part — you've done Meadow Park proud once again!

Growing Aspirations - Sports Updates



This Wednesday, our Year 7 students took part in the MAT Games, representing Meadow Park in a rounders match against Lyng Hall.

The team played brilliantly, showing great teamwork, communication, and determination throughout the game. Their effort and sportsmanship stood out, and they truly represented Meadow Park School with pride and positivity.

It was fantastic to see their hard work in PE lessons and extracurricular clubs paying off on the field.

Well done to all the Year 7s who took part — you did yourselves and the school proud!

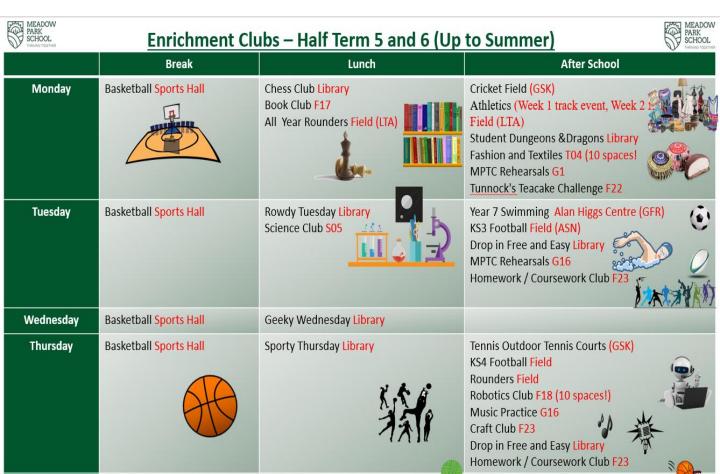
Growing Aspirations - Sports Updates

On Wednesday, the Y8 girls cricket team played a fixture against Stoke Park School.

This fixture was displayed online



Mr Kandola and the PE Department



Creative Friday Library

Crochet Club G08

Friday

Basketball Sports Hall

Mr Perris
Enrichment Co-ordinator

KS4 Basketball Sports Hall (RMV)

JOIN US FOR OUR

ENGINEERING EXPERIENCE

Dive into the fascinating world of engineering with this three day, all inclusive residential course - opened to students aged 12-14. Over three days, students will learn about:

- Energy: Students will explore the growing importance of hydrogen energy. They'll investigate the function of hydrogen fuel cells and apply their knowledge to design and construct a working hydrogen-powered car.
- Robotics & Programming: Students in the Robotics and Programming module will learn to program LEGO® SPIKE™ Prime robots.
- Civil: Students will take part in a design challenge, where they will design and build a bridge, testing their stability. This module focuses on materials and structural integrity.

University of Warwick

5th - 7th August 2025 £395 (all inclusive)

How to apply





It gave me a better understanding on what to expert as an engineer of the future.

2024 student







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What is HAF?

HAF is a national Department for Education funded programme that enables eligible children and young people to attend free activities and experiences with free nutritional food provided. HAF activities and experiences take place in the Easter, Summer and Christmas school holidays.

Activities: A wide range of activities are available, including sports (basketball, football, swimming), arts (pottery, street art), trips to places like theme parks and the zoo, and more.

Who is eligible?

Know who your HAF eligible children are (see link - HAF eligibility)

Helpful links and resources for schools

Coventry City Council HAF homepage

Coventry City Council Cost of Living support

HAF eligibility

Eegu homepage



Head to the HAF homepage



Head to the Eequ homepage



FREE SCHOOL UNIFORM



Get ready for Clothing Coventry's annual summer school uniform pop up event, where families in need can acquire free school uniform!

We will be providing good quality second hand uniform for Coventry Schools.



Book via QR code

- Booking essential
- Anyone can attend
- Donations gladly accepted



APPOINTMENT ONLY

Tues - Fri 10am - 3pm 12th - 29th August 2025











GROUP YMCA



+ 6-WEEK GIRLS PROGRAMME + 1:00-2:30PM

PATHWAYS HUB, LAWERENCE ROAD, RADFORD, COVENTRY, CV6 1HD

LOOKING FOR A SPACE TO GROW, CONNECT & FEEL SUPPORTED?

JOIN US FOR A 6-WEEK JOURNEY OF EMPOWERMENT, SELF
DISCOVERY & PERSONAL GROWTH!

SCAN THE QR CODE TO BOOK YOUR PLACE!



WHAT'S IN STORE:

CONFIDENCE BUILDING

MENTAL WELL-BEING

POSITIVE BODY IMAGE

HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

****** AND MORE!

WHY COME ALONG?

- BOOST YOUR CONFIDENCE
- · LEARN WELL-BEING TIPS
- · BUILD FRIENDSHIPS & SUPPORT
- · EXPLORE HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

A SAFE, WELCOMING SPACE FOR ALL GIRLS TO GROW TOGETHER



DON'T MISS OUT!

Sixth Form Experience Day on Friday 4th July 2025

On the 4th July, Meadow Park School's Sixth Form Business and Innovation Centre, warmly welcomed Year 11 students and a number of external students back to school to experience our Post 16 subject taster sessions. Students participated in a number of sessions throughout the day. We had a picnic lunch with fun ice-breaker activities and music in the Sixth Form Centre's garden.



It was marvellous to see so many Y11 students engaging in conversations about their future plans and aspirations. We received lots of positive feedback from the students about the sessions they attended and they are now looking forward to September to begin their next stage of their educational journey here with us at Meadow Park. We wish all of our Year 11 students good luck and we hope to see them on GCSE Result's Day on Thursday 21st August 2025.











Miss Hunter Senior Leader of Post 16



On Thursday 3rd July our Year 12 students spent the day at Coventry University. During the day the students had a tour of the university campus and took part in two

masterclasses. Students saw the medical facilities that the university has – including wards and an ambulance with hospital grade equipment, where university students were treating high tech dummy patients. The tour also included the engineering building, sports facilities and the library, as well as the student hub.

The first of the masterclasses was 'The Trading Floor' which introduced the students to the world of trading stocks and shares. They were able to experience this career first hand through a stock exchange simulation activity, where the students were given a virtual million pounds to trade on the virtual stock exchange by using news articles to help them decided which shares to buy and when to sell. The second of the master classes was 'Fashion Illustration x Fine Art: Dress Up & Draw' where a student per group dressed up in clothing made by Coventry University fashion students and then they were drawn by their peers using several techniques including continuous line drawing, texture and shading. This visit has helped to raise aspirations by opening student eyes to the benefits of attending university and the possible careers that studying a degree can lead to.









Miss Yates Head of Stellae House

Year 12 Guest Speaker

On Monday Year 12 students met with a guest speaker from the Foreign Office, who also attended our Sixth Form several years ago.

He shared his journey with students, from A-levels to university, and his successful career as a software engineer now working for the Foreign Office.

His talk focused on career development, the importance of resilience and how to make the most of opportunities during and after Sixth Form.

This was a valuable opportunity for students to gain insight into life beyond education and ask questions about real-world challenges and successes.

Students praised the speaker's honesty, motivation, and practical advice, feeling more confident about their future paths.





Year 10 Harvester Trip

As part of our Hospitality and Catering GCSE course, we took students on a visit to Harvester to give them real-world experience in dining out. This trip allowed them to observe and engage with key aspects of the industry, including ordering food, interacting with front-of-house staff, and evaluating the quality of customer service.

The staff at Harvester praised our students for their polite and well-mannered behaviour, which was a fantastic reflection of their professionalism and enthusiasm. It was a valuable opportunity to connect classroom learning with practical insights from a professional hospitality environment.

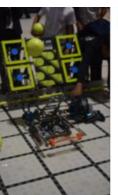
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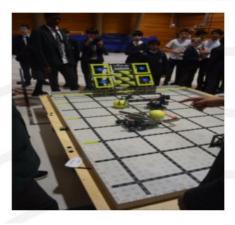




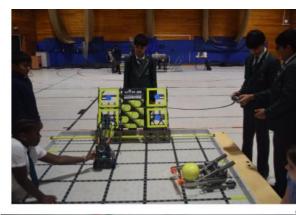


Meadow Park Vex Robotics team

Meadow Park School robotics team entered our first ever VEX robotics competition between all the schools in the MAT. Being the first full year of building robots and coding they were nervous going up against other teams with more experience, however we won the design award for the best robot and was complimented on how well the team worked together to solve problems and support each other while driving the robot under pressure.







DRINKS



<u>Design + Make Challenge 2025</u>

Two year 10 teams took part in this year's Design + Make challenge at Warwick University. This was our first year taking part and we up against lots of other local schools, most schools had entered year 12 teams, so we were really pleased when we came 3rd overall and beat most of them! Students had the day to design a vehicle that would be wind propelled and travel the length of a tunnel into open track and pass the laser beams, to give a speed time.



Mrs Maclean Curriculum Leader for Art, Design and Technology

Geography Fieldtrip

Our Year 10 students recently took part in a highly successful Geography fieldwork trip to Birmingham as part of their GCSE course. The focus of the day was urban regeneration, and students explored key areas such as Centenary Square, and the Bullring. They collected primary data through environmental quality surveys, pedestrian counts, and land use mapping, gaining hands-on experience of fieldwork techniques. Throughout the day, students demonstrated excellent behaviour, curiosity, and teamwork.

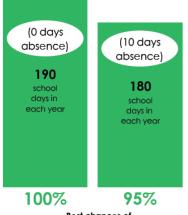
Mr Walker Curriculum Leader for Humanities

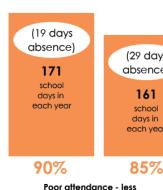
Good attendance means..

being in school at least 95% of the time or 180 to 190 days

175 days not at school!

All this time for shopping, holidays and appointments.







(38 days (47 days absence) absence) 152 143 school each year days in

Did you know? A two week holiday in term time

means that the highest

attendance a child can

achieve is 94.7%?

Best chances of success. "Well done!"

Poor attendance - less chance of success.

"We're worried"

Very poor attendance serious impact on education and reduces life chances.

75%

80%

"We're seriously concerned"

HOW ILL DO CHILDREN NEED TO BE TO NOT GO TO SCHOOL?



SEND TO SCHOOL



SEND TO SCHOOL



Runny nose SEND TO SCHOOL



Temperature STAY AT HOME until back to normal temperature





Conjunctivitis SEND TO SCHOOL



Head lice SEND TO SCHOOL



Threadworm SEND TO SCHOOL



STAY AT HOME until 24hrs after starting antibiotics



Vomiting and diarrhoea STAY AT HOME until 48hrs after last episode

For further guidance see NHS website www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/





Join the Duke of Edinburgh at Meadow Park school.



If you are interested and would like more information please speak to: Mrs Cresswell and Mrs Webb.

FIVE BENEFITS OF DOING YOUR DOFE PROGRAMME







DofE Website

St Giles



St Giles is a national Charity that works in Coventry and uses real-life past experiences to provide advice and support to people going through challenges – including exploitation and knife crime. If you want more information - visit their website:

https://www.stgilestrust.org.uk/summer-appeal-2025/ to see their summer appeal, sign up for information and read real-life stories like JAKE's Story

Apple iPad's

Tablets have transformed the way children learn and play, but are they always a safe choice? The attached guide focuses on the ever-popular iPad and how to use it responsibly with younger users. We explore key concerns such as exposure to harmful content, data collection by apps and the possibility of screen addiction. It offers practical advice on using Apple's own tools to limit screen time, filter content and prevent unwanted purchases. With expert insights and clear recommendations.



Omegle = Ome.tv and similar platforms

Whilst the original Omegle no longer exists, there is now **Ome.tv**, other Omegle copycat sites as well as other sites with a similar concept.



We cannot stress enough that these sites should not be accessed by children due to the potential content and language used, which can be explicit. As an example, Ome.tv connects you randomly to other people via video chat from across the world. Ome.tv does state that it should only be used by adults. You can find out more information about Chat apps, including 'randomised chat forums' here: https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/socialmedia/chat-apps/

Text Language terms got you confused? - Don't worry!

Internet Matters have created a list of text language terms to help you understand some of the text slang that your child might be using.

Talking to your Child about online Mistakes



The online world is difficult to navigate, and mistakes will happen. When they do, it is important that as a parent you are ready.

- 1. **Stay Calm** If your child tells you about something that they have done wrong online, then try to stay calm and listen.
- 2. Be Honest You may not know how to solve the issue but tell them you will help them work it out.
- 3. Solve It Together Try and resolve the problem together to help your child learn and understand what went wrong. This will also develop their digital literacy skills. You should also take the opportunity to review/set up any available parental controls.
- 4. Help and Support If you feel like you may need support from an external organisation, then Parent Zone have listed some of the different organisations available: https://parentzone.org.uk/article/help-and-support
- 5. Further information: https://www.brightcanary.io/what-todo-when-your-child-sendsinappropriate-things/

Stay Safe and have a good weekend!

Mr Rule
Child Protection Officer
& Senior Pastoral Support Manager



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

APPLE IPADS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS? Tablets remain a staple of children's digital lives – and Apple's irad is by far the most popular model. According to Oloom, over half of younger children requisity use a tablet to play games, testch online content or access apps. With their bread functionality, irads can be helpful tools, but without supervision, they may expose children to risks ranging from inappropriate content to screen everyon.

COSTLY TO REPAIR

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

BYPASSING RESTRICTIONS

SCREEN ADDICTION

REDUCED ATTENTION & COGNITIVE IMPACT

Advice for Parents & Educators

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

FILTER APPS, WEBSITES & IN-APP PURCHASES

USE SCREEN TIME FEATURES EFFECTIVELY



PREVENT UNAPPROVED SPENDING

Meet Our Expert



The Nationa College







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As a reminder, we're using #easyfundraising to help raise money for Finham Park Multi Academy Trust in 2025. To get involved, sign up and shop via the easyfundraising website or App with over 8,000 retailers. You'll raise free donations for us as you shop online at no extra cost! All the big names including eBay, Tesco, John Lewis & Partners, TUI, and many more will donate. We'll be so grateful for your donations! Plus, sign up today and we could win a £500 donation:

https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/finham-park-multi-academy-trust/9iw43f/c2s/ahT9IaEN/CE946/facebook/



School shoes guidance

Plain black with no logos No high heels, 'sliders', boots, sling back or open-toed shoes Black leather or leather effect

TRAINERS AND CANVAS SHOES (VANS/CONVERSE) ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE



Summer Term 2025

Term Starts	Monday 28th April	
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 5th May	
Half Term	Saturday 24th May – June 1st June	
Last Day of Term	Friday 18th July	
Summer Holiday Starts	Saturday 19th July	



THRIVING TOGETHER