

Newsletter



MEADOW PARK
SCHOOL

Message from the Headteacher

Dear parents and carers

We began this week with our Remembrance Service on Monday. Students were impeccable in their conduct in paying their respects during the reading of the Exhortation, the playing of the Last Post and the 2 minute silence. I was impressed with the number of students who wore poppies and also with students who wore their cadet uniform on this occasion.

Year 11 have concluded the vast majority of their mock exams, with just a few practical and speaking and listening mocks still to take place. They have demonstrated an eagerness and determination of which I am very proud. We chose not to run a 'mock exam result day' instead allowing teachers to share the papers and marks with students as soon as they have been marked. This allowed for the momentum to continue with students able to see where they have scored well and which areas they need to improve on whilst it is still very fresh in their minds. There will be another set of mock exams in the Spring Term before the final summer formal examinations.

I am always pleased to see the number of students who sign up for our enrichment programme and we have had some very positive feedback about our programmes which are updated each half term. Please do talk with your child to see if they are interested in attending any particular clubs.

Each Friday there is a whole school Headteacher's Assembly where I celebrate the successes of the week, including nominations for student awards in

each subject; reading awards; sporting achievements; the winning Tutor Group and House based on the number of House Points earned that week; together with attendance awards. There is a great sense of competition amongst the Tutor Groups and Houses and I am looking forward to announcing the winners, not only each week but at the end of each term. Congratulations to Orbis 8 who won the best attendance award with 97% attendance. Well done!

This week we have hosted external visitors to support Year 10 students with CV writing and mock interviews. Our Careers Advisor, Mrs Evans, co-ordinates a range of opportunities for students to develop skills and experience to help prepare them for the next stage in their further education and employment. This will be a good experience for Year 10 as they will undertake a week of Work Experience in the Summer Term.

Dates for your diary: We have our Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 28th November 6-8pm. School will remain open as normal on this day which will still allow students time to return to visit for 6pm. On Friday 29th November, school will be closed to students as we have a staff training day and only staff will be on site.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Pettman
Headteacher

Nurturing Excellence, Growing Aspiration, Thriving Together



FINHAM PARK
MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

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Class of 2025

Mocks exams are now finished. Our Year 11 students have done themselves – and us – proud. They have arrived on time for exams, clearly prepared and ready, and have conducted themselves well in all of the exams. In recognition of their diligence towards the exams we will hold a celebration event on Tuesday 19th November during period 5. Students will be able to have a slice of pizza, listen to some music and chat with their friends.

A reminder that after-school intervention will begin again from Monday 18th November and the timetable remains the same. Please encourage your child to attend so that they can get help with the areas that they need to improve on before the next set of mock exams. You will also be contacted about other help that we will be providing for Year 11 students to help them to reach their target grades so please keep an eye out for that.

Finally, before the end of term, you will receive a copy of your child's mock results, along with their teacher's predictions.

Year 11 Autumn Term Afterschool Intervention Timetable

Week 1				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
English	Science		Option A	Maths
Week 2				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
English	Option B		Option C	Maths

Option Blocks – these will be on your timetables

Option Block A	Option Block B	Option Block C
Business	Geography	Art
Food	History	Drama
History	Spanish	Design & Technology
Health & Social Care	Travel & Tourism	French
		History
		Sociology
		Travel & Tourism

Mrs Secker
Assistant Headteacher

News in PE!

- The Year 10 and 11 Basketball team played President Kennedy last night in a league match.
- The boys ran out 47-40 winners with a nerve wracking 4th quarter comeback by President Kennedy.
- Fortunately the team brought it home and they are now undefeated in the Coventry Basketball League this season.
- Next week is a packed slate of fixtures for sport at Meadow Park with:
 - Year 7 Rugby on Monday
 - Year 7 football and KS3 Basketball on Tuesday
 - Year 11 Football on Wednesday
 - KS3 Basketball on Friday

Mr Morgan
Curriculum Leader PE

Enrichment Clubs - Autumn Term

	Break	Lunch	After School
Monday	Basketball Sports Hall	Chillout Monday Library Book Club Library	Year 7 Football Field Girls Rugby (all years) Field KS3 Basketball Sports Hall Student Dungeons and Dragons LRC STEM Club S04 Fashion and Textiles T04 (10 spaces!) Cooking Club F22 (Year groups, 15 spaces!) Harry Potter Club S05 MPTC Rehearsals G18
Tuesday	Basketball Sports Hall	Rowdy Tuesday Library Chess Club F05 Y11 Girls Netball Sports Hall	Year 10+11 Football Field Netball Sports Hall KS3 Rugby Field MPTC Rehearsals G16 Pokemon Masterclass LRC
Wednesday	Basketball Sports Hall	Geeky Wednesday Library	(STAFF TRAINING)
Thursday	Basketball Sports Hall	Sporty Thursday Library Year 8/9 Girls Basketball Sports Hall	Year 8+9 Football Field Badminton + Table Tennis Sports Hall Robotics Club F18 (10 spaces!) Board Games Club LRC Music Practice G16 Craft Club F23
Friday	Basketball Sports Hall	Creative Friday Library Crochet Club Wk1 G04 wk2 G08	KS4 Basketball Sports Hall

Miss Johnson
Enrichment Co-ordinator

News from the Library!

Welcome back!

Here's what to expect in the Library next week ...

Chillout Monday:

Mrs Dearden's Monday Reading Club (F17)

Rowdy Tuesday:

Word Games

Tuesday After-School Club:

We'll continue to look at preconstructed decks from pre-release tournaments - what works well, and what could be better

Geeky Wednesday:

Pokémon TCG

Sporty Thursday:

Brain Box: Football

Thursday after-school club:

Carcassonne

Creative Friday:

There are no clubs on Friday

Happy reading!

Mr Spencer
Librarian and English Teacher

This year we are asking all our families (staff and parents/carers) to sign up to use the *easyfundraising* app when making any online purchases whether that be your weekly food shopping; Black Friday deals; car insurance/travel; Christmas gifts or even takeaways.

How it works.

easyfundraising partners with over 8000 brands who donate part of what you spend to the cause you choose, in this case Finham Park Multi Academy Trust. It won't cost you any extra as the cost of the donation is covered by the brand.

It is completely free to sign up & use and by doing so, you will help to generate additional funds for children who not only attend Meadow Park School but also for children within the Finham Park Multi Academy Trust.

We are working together across our 8 schools to fundraise collectively with the intention of using the funds to: organise future school-based events or activities; offer additional trips & visits; provide resources such as ipads, trim trails or sensory rooms and/or anything else that our schools say would be beneficial to the children.

Even better news!

For every person who signs up via this link <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/finham-park-multi-academy-trust/> between **8th Nov & 22nd Nov 2024**, we will receive a £1 donation from *easyfundraising*. So, our first goal is to reach £500 by the 25th November! Will you help us get there? **Please click the link above or scan the QR code** to register with *easyfundraising* and support the children across our schools. Thank you.

The graphic is a vertical poster with a light yellow background. At the top, the 'easyfundraising' logo is in the top right. Below it, the text 'Shop with your favourite retailers and you'll raise donations for Finham Park Multi Academy Trust' is centered. A yellow lightning bolt icon is below the text. Then, 'Scan the QR code to visit our cause page' is written with a small Twitter icon. A large QR code is in the center, surrounded by a yellow circular frame. To the left of the QR code is a star icon and a circular photo of three children. To the right is another circular photo of two children. At the bottom, the text 'Shop with thousands of brands' is centered above a row of logos: Sainsbury's, trainline, M&S, ASDA, Just Eat, Etsy, Booking.com, and ebay.

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Meadow Park School

WE WILL BE IN SCHOOL ON **28/11/2024**

CLOSING DATE OF CONSENT LINK IS: **17/11/2024** PLEASE NOTE THIS QR CODE IS ONLY FOR
THIS SCHOOL

Scan Me to consent for your child's Flu vaccination



South Warwickshire schools: Tel: 01926 353899
Email: SOUTHIMMS@covwarickpt.nhs.uk

Talking Teens

Your guide to understanding teens



Pathways Family Hub

**Thursdays 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th November
9:30-11:30 a.m.**

The latest research shows that adolescence can begin around 10 years and may continue up to 25 years! So, if you think your 10-year-old already acts like a teenager that's probably because the changes in the brain that take place during adolescence may have already started!

Learn how to navigate this trick time with our new 4-week programme available for all parents and carers of teenagers in Coventry, covering:

- ✓ The teenage brain
- ✓ Communication
- ✓ Maintaining relationships
- ✓ Managing conflict
- ✓ Addressing difficult issues

To book visit

www.coventry.gov.uk/parenting



Sleep tight workshop

for parents/carers of

children aged over 1 year and up to teens



There are 3 dates available:

Wednesday 16th Oct 5-6:30p.m. Saturday 16th Nov 9-10:30a.m. Friday 6th Dec 10:30-12:00

This session will be delivered virtually on Microsoft Teams

Sleep issues are common for children and young people and can have a huge impact on the quality of family life. This 1.5-hour workshop looks at the importance of sleep, understanding sleep cycles, causes of sleep issues and what you can do to support your child to sleep better.

This session will be delivered by a parenting practitioner who has been trained by The National Sleep Charity.

For more details or to book:

Please email:

parenting@coventry.gov.uk

Please include the following information in your email:

- Preferred workshop date
- Your name, address and postcode
- Parent's/carer's email address
- Child's name and age



NEW

FOR MORE INFO PLEASE SEE WEBSITE OR CALL

www.covboysandgirlsclub.co.uk or 02476224975

CBGC YOUTH SESSIONS

STARTING
MONDAY 11TH
NOVEMBER

YOUTH CLUB - AGES 11-14

MON

4:30 - 6:30PM

SPORTS, CRAFTS, BAKING & FOOD



BOXFIT - AGES 13-19

WED

5:00 - 6:00PM

FITNESS & BOXING



MUSIC WORKSHOP - AGES 13-19

WED

6:00 - 8:00PM

INSTRUMENT & STUDIO SESSIONS



YOUTH CLUB - AGES 13-17

THU

6:00 - 8:00PM

SPORTS, CRAFTS, MUSIC & FOOD



JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB - AGES 7-12

FRI

4:30 - 7:30PM

SPORTS, CRAFTS, DANCE & FOOD



CBGC - 50 Whitefriars Street, CV1 2DS



Head of House Awards
The Head of House Awards for last week
were awarded to:



Ashus

George

Sedrah

Demilade

New Parent App and School Communication

Please sign up to our new parent portal MyChildAtSchool (MCAS).



DON'T FORGET to enable push notifications for the MyChildAtSchool app on your phone so you can see all emails and letters the school sends you.

All schools in the Trust are using Bromcom and MCAS so for Meadow Park School, it means MCAS replaces School Synergy.

MCAS is now live, so as soon as you sign up you will be able to see your child's information. As School Synergy is linked to our old MIS it is no longer updating, therefore in order to view your child's timetable, see their attendance and behaviour points you will need to sign up to MCAS.

You have access to all the same information as you had in School Synergy. MCAS allows us to securely share your child's/children's achievement points, attendance, school reports, letters and school diary whenever you wish. The portal also provides general useful information about the school such as flash announcements. This will be our **primary means of communication** with you, from now on. Please make sure you enable notifications for MCAS as this is the way we will send you emails and letters.

To login to the MCAS Parent Portal, we have enabled you to 'self-sign on'. All you will need for this is your email address that the school has on record for you. Enter the school postcode CV34BD (without a space) or use our identifier 15028. Search for Meadow Park School.

School Communication

All communication from school is now via Bromcom and if you sign up to the parent portal MCAS then you will receive notifications from the school via the app. You can view all letters and emails, past and present, in MCAS. If you don't have the app then you will receive a normal email. Please add '15028@bromcomcloud.com' to your address book in order to prevent messages being blocked by your spam/junk filters.

How to Self-Sign Up for Parents

Parents and carers can access the MCAS Parent Login screen in two ways:

1. From within your web browser type **www.mychildatschool.com**
2. Download the free **MyChildAtSchool** parent app from either the Apple App Store or Google Play.

When you use the parent portal for the first time you will need to Sign-Up. Full instructions have been emailed home or they can be found on our website.

If you require any assistance logging in for the first time, please contact the School Office by emailing admin@meadowparkschool.com or telephone 02476 302580.

Uniform



Green school blazer



Grey V-neck sweater



Tie



Skirt



Trousers

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



Autumn Term 2024

Teacher Inset Days	Monday 2nd September & Tuesday 3rd September
Term Starts (Students Return)	Wednesday 4th September – Years 7 and 12 Thursday 5th September – Years 11 and 13 Friday 6th September – All other year groups
Half Term	Saturday 26th October – Sunday 3rd November
Teacher Inset Day	Friday 29th November
Last Day of Term	Friday 20th December
Christmas Holiday	Saturday 21st December – Sunday 5th January

Spring Term 2025

Teacher Inset Days	Monday 6th January & Tuesday 7th January
Term Starts	Wednesday 8th January
Half Term	Saturday 15th February – Sunday 23rd February
Last Day of Term	Friday 11th April
Easter Holiday	Saturday 12th April – Sunday 27th April

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

Safeguarding

Coventry Family Hubs



Do you or your family have a worry or concern and not know where to look for advice?

www.coventryfamilies.co.uk have launched their new online portal where parents and carers can find advice on Health, Behaviour, Education, SEND and much more.

From toddlers to teens advice and support can be found as well as contact details for referrals and telephone numbers all in one place!

Please take some time to take a look at what they have to offer and explore their website or prefer an App – they have that too!

Alternatively, you could contact your Deputy Head of House at Meadow Park School to talk your concerns through or visit your local family hub and find your closet one here:

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/familyhubs>

Cycle Safety – Next week is 'Road Safety Week'

We can all feel the change in the weather, cold and wet are definitely on the way! As the nights grow shorter and it's darker outside – now is the perfect time to re-consider cycle-safety with your children. We wanted to ask our parents and carers to take a look at the guidance below and discuss with your children how to stay safe on the roads traveling to and from school as well as out in the community.

Are they wearing a helmet? Do they have lights on their bike? Are their clothes too dark to be seen? Not having thought of these things puts them at risk of injury. The guide below offers expert advice on teaching cycle safety to young people.

Stay Safe!

Paul Rule
Child Protection Officer &
Senior Pastoral Support Manager

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators TEACHING CYCLE SAFETY

Cycling is an amazing way to spend quality time together as a family, as well as keeping everyone healthy and active – and it's an excellent exercise, whatever the age of your children. Getting started can sometimes be daunting, and there are obvious safety concerns over youngsters who are still getting used to a bike – so follow our top tips to help you ride with confidence.

1 CONSIDER CYCLE TRAINING

Courses like Bikeability are extremely useful, and training in general has come a long way since cycling proficiency began; there are Bikeability courses for adults, too. Cycle training teaches invaluable skills (such as good road positioning, signalling and visibility), and can help both parents and children feel more at ease on busy streets.

2 USE A SUITABLE BIKE

Find a bike of an appropriate size for its rider and resist the temptation to have children 'grow into' theirs by buying one too large for them. A bigger bike will be heavier and more difficult to control, making accidents more likely and potentially putting youngsters off cycling forever. If your child has any specific physical needs, or has dyspraxia, then try out a trike, handcycle or other adaptive cycle to see what works best.

3 TRY A CARGO BIKE

Cargo bikes, particularly the box-bike style, are ideal for transporting small children around. Depending on the type of bike chosen – as well as the size and age of the children – it can be possible to transport up to four little ones in this way, with additional space for other cargo as well.

4 INSPECT YOUR CYCLE

It's a good idea to do some routine checks on any bike before going for a ride to make sure everything's working correctly. The 'M check' is particularly useful: assessing the condition and position of the bike's wheels, handlebars, brakes, pedals, chain and saddle, working from front to back. Online tutorial videos can also teach you how to carry out basic repairs if needed. For more complicated fixes, head to your local bike shop.

5 BRING SUITABLE GEAR

Ensure whatever you're wearing, and any attachments for your bike, are suitable for the ride. A waterproof jacket will let you cycle safely in almost any weather. Make sure any helmets are fitted correctly. If you're riding after dark, remember to fit your bikes with a white front light, a red rear light and a red rear reflector. These are required by law.

6 STICK TO FLAT TERRAIN

Take a smooth, flat route if possible, so it's more suitable for younger cyclists. You might be surprised by how many quiet roads or back streets there may be in your area. Don't be put off by an indirect but easier path as opposed to a shorter, busier one. Look out for the National Cycle Network, canal towpaths and even parks that you can cut through.

7 STAY ALERT AND IN SAFE FORMATIONS

For maximum protection and visibility, ride in a line with children in the middle and adults at either end. If you're the only adult present, take up a position at the rear to ensure all children remain in your sight. Don't be tempted to hug the kerb if cycling on the road – riding approximately a metre out will make you more noticeable to other road users, and you'll also stay clear of any debris in the gutter.

8 AVOID PARKED CARS

When riding past parked cars, try to stay at least a metre away, just in case anyone inside opens a door unexpectedly or the vehicle itself starts to move. This precaution will also deter anyone driving behind from trying to squeeze past you when there isn't enough space, so don't be afraid to ride in a prominent position.

9 START A 'BIKE BUS'

Cycling to school with other families is a potentially fun experience – one which comes with the added benefit of safety in numbers. In case anything goes wrong along the way, team up with other parents, carers and educators and pick a day to cycle to school together. Who knows – maybe, in time, you'll have other folks asking to join you!

10 HAVE FUN!

Keep in mind that cycling should be fun! A good bike ride can be really enjoyable for adults and children alike, while also being a superb form of exercise. Ease children into the hobby by starting them off with shorter journeys – such as a trip to the park – and build them up to longer, more complicated outings. Some children may get bored on a longer ride, so try to keep a conversation going with them.

Meet Our Expert

Sophie Gordon is the campaigns manager at Cycling UK, a charity which inspires and enables people to start cycling. She has spent six years campaigning for safer roads and more protected cycle paths, while supporting communities to call for better cycling conditions where they live.



The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/teaching-cycle-safety>

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