

Newsletter



MEADOW PARK
SCHOOL

Message from the Deputy Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers

I am delighted to be back at Meadow Park following our Mandarin Excellence experience in Shanghai, China. The students not only represented Meadow Park, but also the Finham Park MAT and also the United Kingdom and they were fantastic ambassadors. I had the honour of being the keynote speaker at the opening ceremony, hosted at Fudan University. It was an absolute pleasure to spend time with the students and watch them develop not only their Mandarin language skills, but also develop their confidence, resilience, team work as well as a cultural understanding of China. Meadow Park School was consistently praised by our Chinese hosts and indeed by the British Council, the British Chamber of Commerce, and the British Embassy. I was so proud of them all! We look forward to planning an equally exciting experience for our future year groups who are studying Mandarin.

Yesterday we celebrated Sports Day. Whilst the weather was not what we were hoping for, that did not stop us and we were able to put into place 'Plan B' to ensure that students were still able to take part in a range of sporting activities. I know that the 'tug of war' proved to be very popular and it was great fun seeing the students competing in their Year Groups and their Houses. Our new House Mascots made their debut yesterday – designed by our students, they are a new addition to the school and we look forward to seeing them make appearances at key events!

In a special end of year assembly today, I reflected on the many achievements of the students throughout the year. It was also an opportunity to announce the winners of both the Sports Day Cup and the House Cup. The Heads of Houses and their mascots, joined me to announce the winners. It was a closely fought competition throughout the year, with two Houses finishes in joint second place. However, there could only be one winner and I proudly presented the Sports Day Cup to Lunar and the House Cup to Orbis. Congratulations to all students and staff in those Houses!

Head Students and House Captains were also announced today, following a rigorous interview process. I am delighted to announce our new Head Students are Bahaa and Gabriella; I look forward to working with them throughout next year.

It has been a bumper year at Meadow Park with lots to celebrate and I would like to thank you all for your support.

I wish you a lovely summer break and look forward to seeing you all again in September – remember, students return on Tuesday 2nd September for the new academic year.

With best wishes

Mrs Pettman
Headteacher

Nurturing Excellence, Growing Aspiration, Thriving Together



FINHAM PARK
MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

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Shanghai, China 2025





MEADOW PARK SCHOOL



Sports Day!



Sixth Form Trip to London - The Great Gatsby Musical

On Thursday 10th July, Sixth Form students travelled to London to watch The Great Gatsby Musical. Despite a couple of technical difficulties with the lighting, the students thoroughly enjoyed the performance. Many were especially excited to learn that Corbin Bleu – best known for his role as Chad in High School Musical – was one of the leading actors. Some even said they'd love to see it again!



Miss Russell
Director of English and Literacy

Coventry HAF

Holiday Activities and
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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.

HAF Objectives

There are many benefits for children who attend the HAF programme. We encourage all HAF providers to ensure a high-quality experience that will result in children:

- Receiving healthy and nutritious meals
- Maintaining a healthy level of physical activity
- Being happy, having fun and meeting new friends
- Developing a greater understanding of food, nutrition and other health related issues
- Taking part in fun and engaging activities that support their development and well-being
- Feeling safe and secure
- Getting access to the right support services
- Returning to school feeling engaged and ready to learn.

Who is eligible?

Children and young people need to be school-aged children (reception to year 11 inclusive) and meet one or more of the following criteria:

- In receipt of benefits-related free school meals. The Council's website has more information on this: [Coventry.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](https://coventry.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)
- Assessed (through a Children and Families assessment, undertaken by Children's Services) as a 'child in need'
- On a child protection plan
- A child in care
- A young carer
- Assessed (through an early help assessment) to be in financial hardship
- Part of the Ukrainian Family Scheme or the Home for Ukraine programme
- Receiving Free School Meals through having No Recourse to Public Funds.

Children and young people in years 12-13 are eligible if they are in receipt of benefits-related free school meals and either have an EHCP or are receiving SEN support at their place of education.

How can schools support?

Schools are vital to the success of the HAF programme as they can help to ensure eligible families receive the information they need to participate in the programme. Key actions for schools include:

- 1) Know who your HAF eligible children are (see link - [HAF eligibility](#))
- 2) Promote HAF at the start of the school day/end of the school day
- 3) Share HAF in your weekly newsletter to parents
- 4) Keep copies of the HAF brochures at reception desks/in classrooms
- 5) Share relevant links and literature from the HAF team with eligible families.

Helpful links and resources for schools

[Coventry City Council HAF homepage](#)

[Coventry City Council Cost of Living support](#)

[HAF eligibility](#)

[Eequ homepage](#)

[HAF Spring 2024 video](#)

[HAF 2023 – working with SEND schools video](#)



Head to the HAF homepage



Head to the Eequ homepage



Coventry HAF

Holiday Activities and Food Programme 2025

21 July to 31 August

Book your child's place on our free summer HAF clubs
Each child can book 16 sessions

Book now
No HAF code required



For more information visit coventry.gov.uk/haf
or email hafprogramme@coventry.gov.uk

  



Coventry HAF

Free activities and food this Summer

21 July to 31 August 2025

  

**STARTING
23RD
JULY**

Girls 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!

Aged 16.5–25 and struggling with your mental health?



The Peer Mentor Support Service is here to support you.

One-to-one and group support to help you build resilience, boost confidence and improve self-esteem.

 **Mind**
Coventry,
Warwickshire
and Worcestershire

We will empower you to set personal goals and make small but significant steps towards change.

We support young adults to build confidence, develop self-belief and improve their mental health and wellbeing. Through one-to-one support and group activities, we focus on mental health awareness, social connection, and life skills.

Our team can assist with finding stable housing, managing finances and benefits and accessing education or employment. We also help with booking healthcare appointments and can connect individuals to other services for additional support.

We can support young adults who are

- Aged 16.5–25, who have not accessed NHS mental health interventions in the past six months;
- Aged 16.5–25, leaving care, and at risk of accessing mental health services;
- Aged 16.5–18, transitioning through pathways from children and young people's to adult mental health services.

Interested in volunteering?

We're looking for peer support buddies to support our service users. Get in contact to find out more!

Start by calling **07581 051733**
or visit cwwmind.org.uk/pmss
or email pmss@cwwmind.org.uk

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Free Back to School Haircuts



**Fresh cuts for a fresh start.
FREE back to school haircuts coming to
Family Hubs!**

- **Monday 11th August 10am-1pm at
Mosaic Family Hub, CV4 9PL**
- **Monday 1st September 10am-2pm
at The Moat Family Hub, CV2 1EQ**

Get your child ready for the new school year with a FREE haircut! Call now to book a space — availability is limited.

Haircuts are carried out by talented apprentices as part of their training, under the full supervision of a qualified hairdresser to ensure a professional and safe experience.

Don't miss out — give us a call today to reserve your child's spot!

Contact Us:

To book a space please call
024 76978130 or email
PathwaysFamilyHub@coventry.gov.uk





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/ahT9laEN/CE946/facebook/>

Support Over the Summer

Summer break is finally here – hopefully you'll be able to make some memories over the summer spending extra time with your family. For most families the costs over summer quickly rise. [So](#) we wanted to share some places for support you may wish to explore.

Looking for some help with the cost of living? -
Coventry's resource page might have the answer!



Coventry Clothing Charity + Uniform Support.

Clothing Coventry is a charity that believes everyone should have access to clothing when they need it. They are able to support requests for clothes (2nd Hand) and provide a clothing parcel x 2 per year. They will then contact you when the clothes are ready for collection from them in Hillfields.

– Please use the link to self-refer for a clothing Parcel. <https://clothingcoventry.org/referrals/>

Is affording school uniform a worry? - This year Clothing Coventry will be hosting our annual free school uniform summer pop up event. The event will be based at Queens Road Baptist Church, Coventry. This will enable families across the city to access preloved donated good quality school uniform. Booking is essential due to high demand. Please bring your own bags.



NSPCC – ONLINE SAFETY for PARENTS

Free online safety virtual workshop

Want to brush up on your online safety knowledge as a parent? – the NSPCC has something for you!

SCAN HERE!



Needing some support over the summer? – Your Local Coventry City FAMILY HUB is a great source of advice and guidance with a warm welcome!

Please visit <https://www.coventry.gov.uk/familyhubs> to find your nearest one.

It's OK not to be OK

NEW Coventry Children and Young People Mental Health Services Directory

Scan the QR code to visit the NEW website where you can find services based on presenting need.

The website also has self-help resources and other useful information on the children's mental health system.



SCAN ME



www.coventry.gov.uk/childrens-mental-health

Other support services over summer:

- Childline- 0800 [1111](https://www.childline.org.uk) or [Childline.org.uk](https://www.childline.org.uk)
- Kooth - <https://www.kooth.com/>
- West Midlands Police – 999 in emergency/ 101
- Coventry Children's services – 02476 788555

CHECK IT OUT!

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/things-to-do/coventry-haf>

Have a Safe and Restful Summer Break!

Paul Rule
Child Protection Officer &
Senior Pastoral Support Manager




SCHOOL UNIFORM SUMMER POP UP

**BOOKING TO ATTEND
OUR FREE UNIFORM
EVENTS WILL OPEN
SOON, WATCH THIS
SPACE!**

12TH – 28TH AUGUST 2025

For more information contact:
Clothing Coventry
 19 Napier Street
 Coventry
 CV1 5PR
clothingcoventry.org
 0770 404 4230
admin@clothingcoventry.org



Meadow Park Uniform Swap Shop



**MEADOW
PARK
SCHOOL**

**Outgrown a blazer?
Ripped a shirt?
Need PE Kit?**

Come and choose
FREE pre-loved school
uniform at our Uniform
Swap Shop.

We have lots of outgrown, pre-
loved branded school uniform,
trousers, coats and much more...

Donations

Families can **donate** their old or unused uniform to the shop. **Washed, good-quality** uniform, that you no longer need, can be brought to the swap shop or handed in at Reception.

Exchange

Families can **exchange** their old uniform for new **pre-loved** items that fit better. Please bring in any washed, good-quality uniform that you would like to swap.

Free

Our swap shop provides **free** uniform to those who need it. If you do not have anything to swap, you can make a donation for the items you need.

Open

Our **Uniform Swap Shop** is open on the **last Friday every month during term-time** in the old Visitor Reception, next to the Sixth Form Centre, from **9am to 10am and 3pm to 4pm.**

SAVE money, REDUCE waste, HELP the environment. Ask in school for details.

Uniform



GREEN SCHOOL BLAZER



GREY SCHOOL SWEATER



TIE



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



School Term Dates 2025/26

Autumn Term 2025

Teacher Training Day	Monday 1 September
Term Starts (Students Return)	Tuesday 2 September
Teacher Training Day	Friday 24 October
Half Term	Saturday 25 October to Sunday 2 November
Teacher Training Day	Friday 21 November
Last Day of Term	Friday 19 December
Christmas Holiday	Saturday 20 December to Sunday 4 January

Spring Term 2026

Teacher Training Days	Monday 5 and Tuesday 6 January
Term Starts	Wednesday 7 January
Half Term	Saturday 14 February to Sunday 23 February
Last Day of Term	Friday 27 March
Easter Holiday	Saturday 28 March to Sunday 12 April

Summer Term 2026

Term Starts	Monday 13 April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 4 May
Half Term	Saturday 23 May to Sunday 31 May
Last Day of Term	Friday 17 July



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THRIVING TOGETHER