

Newsletter



MEADOW PARK
SCHOOL

Message from the Headteacher

Dear parents and carers

I hope you have had a good week and managed to dodge the poor weather. Unfortunately a number of sporting fixtures were cancelled due to the poor weather - let's hope next week is better!

Next week students and staff will be celebrating Chinese New Year. There will be a special Chinese menu alongside our regular choices. Students who study Mandarin at Meadow Park will be going to Lyng Hall School along with other schools in the Finham Park MAT as part of the Department for Education Mandarin Excellence Programme.

We have launched a pilot programme for Year 8 which, if successful, will be launched across all year groups later in the year. Students have been provided with a learning journal containing key information and knowledge to support their learning in lessons. It also contains pages in which to collect stamps which can be awarded by a teacher to students who demonstrate high quality learning, high expectations and who model values such as kindness, resilience, independence and team work. Students are then able to exchange their stamps for a series of rewards and treats. Please can you support your child in Year 8 to bring the learning journal to school each day. I look forward to

seeing how many stamps they collect.

Letters are being sent home shortly to parents of children in Year 11 regarding the Prom. Each year we look forward to the Year 11 Prom where students have an opportunity to celebrate with their peers. We do have strict criteria for students to be able to qualify for the Prom as numbers are limited each year. The letter outlines our expectations in terms of attendance, behaviour and attitude to learning. Sadly, I have previously had to inform students that they are not able to attend due to not meeting the criteria. Please can you therefore look carefully at the letter and support your child to meet the criteria set.

I wish you a lovely weekend.

Mrs Pettman
Headteacher

Nurturing Excellence, Growing Aspiration, Thriving Together



FINHAM PARK
MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

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Mock exams start immediately after half term. It is extremely important that students understand the rules around exam behaviour. Any students who do not follow the rules may be disqualified from all exams. A copy of the rules and a reminder about equipment are attached with this newsletter.

After-school intervention continues to run every day after school. Some students have been invited to English, maths and/ or science sessions but intervention is open to everyone who would like to attend.

Attendance to after school intervention helps students to make progress towards achieving their target grades. The intervention is targeted and specific to the needs of the students, particularly the ones that have been invited. Please encourage your child to attend. **All attendees will receive a raffle ticket to be entered for a draw to win Prom tickets.**

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 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




Year 11 Prom

Letters have been sent out to Year 11 parents and carers about this year's prom. The prom takes place on Friday 20th June and it promises to be an exciting celebration of our Class of 2025's time at Meadow Park School. **PLEASE NOTE THE REVISED DATE FOR THE EVENT. THE INCORRECT DATE WAS ACCIDENTALLY ADDED TO LAST WEEK'S NEWSLETTER.**

Mrs Secker
Assistant Headteacher

Meadow Park Uniform Swap Shop



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**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.

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.

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.

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.



MEADOW PARK
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Calling all Year
7s, 8s and 9s.



Room
S05

Every Tuesday
lunch time:
12:40-1:05pm



Miss Ronan
Deputy Curriculum Lead for Science

新年快樂

Happy Chinese New Year



Thursday 30th January

MENU

Battered Chicken Balls—Noodles & sweet & Sour Sauce

Vegetable Spring Roll—Curry sauce

Chicken Fried Rice

Squid with Sweet Curry Sauce

Woodland Eats

Chinese Chicken Salad with Hoisin Sauce

Salt & Pepper Squid Salad with Sweet Chilli Sauce

Chinese Chicken Wrap with Hoisin Sauce

Salt & Pepper Squid Wrap with Sweet Chilli



We have a series of day camps available for children and young people who are aged 9-13 years old. Coventry Outdoors Activity Camps gets children and young people into the wild, where they will learn and experience an unforgettable adventure, from survival techniques to all sorts of outdoor activities and challenges, whilst making new friends and having lots of fun!

We strongly believe that being outdoors fully-immersed in the natural environment helps children and young people explore different ways to boost self-awareness and confidence, cultivate greater happiness and find greater wellbeing.

Activities:

- Combat Archery
- Laser Tag
- Bushcraft
- Survival Skills

Dates: Monday 17th February, Tuesday 18th February, Wednesday 19th February

Time: 10am – 3pm

Price: £25 per day (10% discount applies to all Coventry residents with a [#GoCV](#) card. You can find the promo code [HERE](#))

Limited spaces available, to book on to our Half Term Activities visit [//www.coventry.gov.uk/coventryoutdoors](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/coventryoutdoors)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind Regards,

Outdoor Education Team
Coventry City Council - Outdoor Education



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www.coventry.gov.uk/coventryoutdoors

February half term Activity Camp '25

17 - 19 February

Coombe Abbey Park, Coventry CV3 7

Have a go at:

- ✓ Combat Archery
- ✓ Laser Tag
- ✓ Bushcraft
- ✓ Survival Skills

**9-13
years**

**10am
-3pm**

**£25pp
per day**



Information and Discussion Session for Parents/Carers

In partnership with Coventry Social, Emotional, Mental Health and Learning Team (SEMHL)

Wednesday 26th February 2025 10am-12pm

Coventry Council House, Committee Room 3, Earl Street, CV1 5RR



Key areas we will explore in this session

- Give parents 'Top Tips' to help, support and empower children with dyslexia.
- Focus on strengths and challenges
- Discuss working with school, and the process of assessment.

Book now by contacting Coventry SENDIASS Team. QUOTE: 'DYSLEXIA'

TEL: 024 7669 4307 or email: iass@coventry.gov.uk

Head of House Awards

The Head of House Awards were
awarded to:



Lolita

Aiva

David

Hannah

News from the Library!

Chillout Monday:

Chess Club

Mrs Dearden's Book Club (F17)

After school on Monday:

Dungeons and Dragons (creating characters for a new campaign – it's not too late to get involved!)

Rowdy Tuesday:

Are you Dumber Than A Box of Rocks (a silly new quiz game)

Geeky Wednesday:

Marvel Superhero FunkoVerse Strategy Game

Sporty Thursday:

Golazo (football board game)

After school on Thursday:

Library open for revision etc.

Creative Friday:

Luck of the Draw (an artistic game for people, like Mr S, with no artistic talent!)

We hope there's something to suit you – but if not, please come and let us know: we're always on the lookout for new ideas!

Happy reading!

Mr Spencer and Mrs Dearden
Librarians

Fundraising

Help us get 2025 off to a great start for Finham Park Multi Academy Trust by signing up to support us for FREE on #easyfundraising. You can raise donations whenever you shop online with over 8,000 retailers including John Lewis & Partners, eBay, Argos, M&S and more. Plus, once you've raised your first £5, easyfundraising will double it! Please, sign up today - it will make a BIG difference to us this year:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/finham-park-multi-academy-trust/>

Thinking about a 2025 holiday? TUI, Booking.com, Haven Holidays, Expedia, loveholidays & 1,000s more work with easyfundraising so Finham Park Multi Academy Trust can receive a free donation when you book! On average, we could get a £30 donation from a trip you are booking anyway! For a limited time only, if you take part in their travel poll, we could also WIN a £1,000 donation. To find out more, visit:

[Destination donation: Win £1000 for Finham Park MAT](#)



Enrichment Clubs - Spring Term

	Break	Lunch	After School
Monday	Basketball Sports Hall	Chillout Monday Library Book Club F17	KS3 Basketball Sports Hall Girls Basketball Small Gym Student Dungeons and Dragons LRC Fashion and Textiles T04 (10 spaces!) MPTC Rehearsals G16
Tuesday	Basketball Sports Hall	Rowdy Tuesday Library Chess Club F05 Y11 Girls Netball Sports Hall Science Club S05	Netball Small Gym Rugby Club Field KS3 Badminton Sports Hall Drop in Free and Easy LRC MPTC Rehearsals G16 Homework / Coursework Club F23
Wednesday	Basketball Sports Hall	Geeky Wednesday Library	(STAFF TRAINING)
Thursday	Basketball Sports Hall	Sporty Thursday Library Year 8/9 Girls Basketball Sports Hall	Badminton Sports Hall Trampolining Small Gym Robotics Club F18 (10 spaces!) Music Practice G16 Craft Club F23 Drop in Free and Easy LRC Homework / Coursework Club F23
Friday	Basketball Sports Hall	Creative Friday Library Crochet Club Wk1 G04 wk2 G08	KS4 Basketball Sports Hall KS3 Trampolining Small Gym

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



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 What Parents and Carers Need to know about Instagram Teen Accounts:

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INSTAGRAM TEEN ACCOUNTS



New Accounts for Teens have been launched by Instagram – boasting it to be safer and more secure for teens to use. “Built-In Protections for Teens, Peace of Mind for Parents”

- Teen Accounts will limit who can contact teens and the content they see, and help ensure teens' time is well spent.
- Teens under 16 will need a parent's permission to change any of the built-in protections to be less strict within Teen Accounts.
- Private accounts: With default private accounts, teens need to accept new followers and people who don't follow them can't see their content or interact with them. This applies to all teens under 16 (including those already on Instagram and those signing up) and teens under 18 when they sign up for the app.
- Messaging restrictions: Teens will be placed in the strictest messaging settings, so they can only be messaged by people they follow or are already connected to.
- Sensitive content restrictions: Teens will automatically be placed into the most restrictive setting of our sensitive content control, which limits the type of sensitive content (such as content that shows people fighting or promotes cosmetic procedures) teens see in places like Explore and Reels.
- Limited interactions: Teens can only be tagged or mentioned by people they follow. We'll also automatically turn on the most restrictive version of our anti-bullying feature, Hidden Words, so that offensive words and phrases will be filtered out of teens' comments and DM requests.
- Time limit reminders: Teens will get notifications telling them to leave the app after 60 minutes each day.
- Sleep mode enabled: Sleep mode will be turned on between 10 PM and 7 AM, which will mute notifications overnight and send auto-replies to DMs.

Stay Safe and Have a good weekend!

Social Media Influencers

What is an Influencer?

An influencer is somebody on a social media platform such as YouTube and Instagram, who have a high number of followers. Influencers share their opinions/ideas and may be paid to advertise/promote products through their account.

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A video explaining its features and debuting its look can be found here:
<https://about.instagram.com/blog/announcements/instagram-teen-accounts>

Some that share content that is for example, misogynistic, racist or misleading. These opinions can be expressed or interpreted as fact, so it is important to talk to your child and encourage them to fact check and critically analyse what they see and hear online.

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What we see on social media

What we see is influenced by algorithms, which predict what type of content we are most likely to interact with. Whilst there are benefits of algorithms, it can mean that once we start looking at certain content, our social media feed can become more aligned with that opinion, creating an echo chamber and therefore we do not see a balanced picture. Find out more here: <https://www.childnet.com/blog/algorithms/>

What can I do to help my child?

Talk to your child about social media and who they follow. If there is anybody that you are unsure of, then check their feed and discuss with your child if you find anything worrying.

Further information

<https://swgfl.org.uk/topics/social-media/>

Paul Rule
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Senior Pastoral Support Manager



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