

Newsletter



MEADOW PARK
SCHOOL

Message from the Headteacher

Dear parents and carers

With three more weeks before the Christmas break, we continue to be as busy as ever at Meadow Park. Last night was our Sixth Form Open Evening and I would like to thank families and staff who attended. We are delighted to be able to offer our broadest range of A Levels, BTEC, Applied Certificate and T Level, with a choice of 24 qualifications for students to select from. We will continue to support students in their choices through assemblies and Tutor Time. If you require more information, please do contact us.

Year 11 have completed their Spanish and French speaking and listening mock exams and I have been told that they have done very well. The next round of mocks for Year 11 will be in the Spring Term as part of the preparation for the summer exams. Our intervention programme has restarted and students are encouraged to attend. Please speak with your child in Year 11 to find out more and encourage them to attend.

Our Year 12 Criminology students attended a conference in Birmingham this week as part of their course. They were fortunate to meet two eminent authors and as a school we purchased copies of their book which they then signed. The conference was designed to enhance students' knowledge and wider

understanding of criminology.

Today has been our INSET Day, where staff worked on site as part of their continuing professional development. I would like to say a special well done and thank you to one of our Year 8 classes who came to school today. They took part in a 'live lesson' where staff watched Miss Reynolds teach the group maths. It was an absolute pleasure to watch their lesson and staff were able to share best practice.

In the final three weeks of term, we will be teaching right to the end and it is important that students come to school ready to learn. On Wednesday the 18th December, students will have the opportunity to buy a Christmas lunch which will be served in the dining room with some festive decorations and music. On the final day of the term we will be allowing students to wear their normal school uniform but to accessorise it with a Christmas item such as a Christmas jumper, hat, socks or hair accessories – more details to follow.

I hope that students have enjoyed the extended weekend and we look forward to welcoming them back on Monday. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Pettman
Headteacher

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Class of 2025

Year 11 After School Intervention

Following the results from the mock exams, some students have been targeted for after-school intervention to improve their recent mock exam grade(s). Your child's teachers will be in touch to let you, and them, know that they should attend after-school intervention. Please help us to get the best grades for them by encouraging them to attend. During these sessions, which run until 4-4.15, your child will be supported to prepare for the second mock exams which begin on Monday 24th February 2025. Intervention will continue for the rest of this term and will continue in the new year. It is extremely important that your child takes this opportunity in order to build their knowledge, understanding and confidence ahead of the exams.

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

Revision Guides for Key Stage 4

Revision guides are available for all Year 10 and 11 exam subjects on Parent Pay. A letter with the full list and further information is also attached with this newsletter. Please speak to your child about which revision guides they need because for some subjects there are higher and foundation tiers. We cannot accept responsibility if the wrong guides are ordered.

Mrs Secker
Assistant Headteacher

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 MFL!

Eleven Year 9 students attended a Warwick University Languages for Business day in November, during which they were asked to prepare a pitch (in French/Spanish) for a new holiday resort in a location of their choice. The students created some impressive lego models of their projects and created business plans outlining their USP and rationale. The Meadow Park Spanish team even won students' choice for best presentation and idea for their concept of a new family holiday destination in Equatorial Guinea. Well done to: Mohammed, Harrison, Moyin, Elly, Adetayo, Shreya, Adina, Maryam, Nirel, Nadia and Fathima.



Miss Chapman
Curriculum Lead for MFL

News from the Library!

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

Chillout Monday:

Mrs Dearden's Monday Book Club continues in F17

Rowdy Tuesday:

Concept – one of Mr Spencer's favourite games

Tuesday After-School Club:

We're going back to the sun and moon era, looking at two of the very best decks in the game back then – and playing them against each other, obviously!.

Geeky Wednesday:

Lorcana – the Disney trading card game, featuring all your favourite characters.

Sporty Thursday:

Match Attax

Thursday After-School club:

An opportunity to play a longer board game.

Creative Friday:

Fight or Flight – work with Mrs Dearden on your entry for the creative writing competition.

Happy reading!

Mr Spencer
Librarian and English Teacher

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



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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

Valerie

Maria

Alvin

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

CALLING ALL PARENTS and CARERS! – Please talk to your children about the dangers of vaping and encourage them not to start, reduce and STOP!

Unfortunately, the sale of E-Cigarettes and Vapes is BIG BUSINESS – and young people are often the target audience. With shops willing to break the law to continue to make money, it's our children's health at risk!

Coventry and surrounding areas are no different, with Police having to crack down on the sale of illegal and dangerous counterfeit vapes as well as serving notice to shops who have been selling these to minors.

Some of these vapes can contain THC (Cannabis) as well as other harmful drugs/ chemicals which has led to young people collapsing after inhaling and having to seek emergency medical treatment. If you become aware of a premise/Business/ Shop selling counterfeit Vapes or these products along with traditional cigarettes and Alcohol to children, **please report it to the Police via 101 or online.** Speak to your GP for further advice and support around nicotine dependency if you are concerned that

VAPING and E-Cigarettes – Targeting our children!

E-cigarettes, also known as vapes, are battery powered devices which allow nicotine to be inhaled through a vapour ('vaping') rather than smoke. The disposable Vapes have surged in popularity over the last year, they are brightly coloured, Pocket-sized with sweet flavours and sweet names. They are Widely available for under £5 – no wonder they're attractive to children!



A Recent study found:

- 22% of 11-16-year olds have tried Vapes, with 3% of these vaping regularly.
- An increase x 6 in the use of disposable vapes between 11-16-year olds.
- Shops are the main source of purchase, with 7 in 20 shops being found to sell to underage children.
- 1 in 10 children are buying them from online.
- Vapes are not bound by the same advertising rules as cigarettes, so they are on billboards, points of display in shops and all-over social media!
- Tik Tok has been named as the primary source of children seeing vapes being advertised, closely followed by Instagram and snapchat.

FACTS:

1. It is illegal to buy vapes for people under 18 years old.
2. The long-term health impacts are not yet fully understood.
3. Vapes can produce *higher* doses of nicotine than cigarettes.
4. Higher nicotine doses increase risk of nicotine dependency.
5. Vaping still can produce negative effects on the heart and lungs.
6. Nicotine impacts on brain development in children.
7. Advertisers are targeting our children.



Recent News Articles:

Coventry police seize £20k of illegal vapes in shops swoop:

<https://www.coventrytelegraph.net/news/coventry-news/coventry-police-seize-20k-illegal-29429481>

Store ordered to close in council crackdown on illegal cigarettes:

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/news/article/4940/store-ordered-to-close-in-council-crackdown-on-illegal-cigarettes>

Police find illegal vapes hidden under shop floorboards

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cvgxrklzn7o>

Paul Rule
Child Protection Officer &
Senior Pastoral Support Manager



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