

Newsletter



MEADOW PARK
SCHOOL

Message from the Headteacher

Dear parents and carers

We ran our first Uniform Swap Shop today for parents and carers. Thank you to those parents who attended - I hope you found this useful. We are offering this each half term as part of our commitment to sustainability and the environment, as well as the affordability of uniform for which we have been recognised by the Department for Education. We are proud that we provide free of charge the blazer and tie for all students. If your child has outgrown their blazer, or indeed any other items of uniform, or when your child reaches the end of Year 11, we would certainly welcome them to be able to offer as our pre-loved uniform swap shop.

Whilst on the subject of uniform, please can I remind you that students are not permitted to wear hoodies at school; this includes at break and lunchtimes. If they choose to wear one on the way to and from school, they must then remove it and ensure it is their bag during the school day. Thank you for your support with this.

Today students enjoyed a poetry workshop delivered by an external provider. The students were very engaged with this and enjoyed a wonderful day of creativity.

Our Year 7 students who study Mandarin visited Lyng Hall School for a range of Chinese cultural experiences this week. All students at Meadow Park were able to celebrate Chinese New Year if they wished with a delicious Chinese menu on Thursday which ran alongside our normal choices. There were even chopsticks and fortune cookies available - mine read 'You will maintain good health and enjoy your life' - I hope yours was just as positive. As we enter the Year of the Wood Snake which represents growth, flexibility and wisdom, I wish you a lovely weekend.

Well done to Year 8 who have received stamps in lessons this week which they were able to swap for rewards at break time today. Students had the option of saving up their stamps / points for different rewards or 'cashing them in' early for smaller rewards. This is part of our rewards programme and links to the learning journal which they have with them for each lesson. The learning journal contains key information to support each subject.

I wish you a lovely weekend.

Mrs Pettman
Headteacher

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Class of 2025

In assembly this morning, Year 11 students were reminded of the expectations that we at Meadow after half term so students were reminded of the exam rules that all schools have to adhere to, as morning exams start promptly at 9am. This means that students need to be in school by 8.40 at the latest – and then line up ready to go into the exam hall at 8.45. Please support your child to get ready for the exam. A copy of the assembly will be available on the school website. Please use this link <https://www.meadowbrook.ac.uk/>

After-school intervention continues to run every day after school. Intervention is open to everyone and intervention helps students to make progress towards achieving their target grades. The intervention is particularly the ones that have been invited. Please encourage your child to attend. **All attendees will receive a raffle ticket to be entered into the draw.**

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

Exam Well-Being

GCSE exams can be stressful for students and parents/ carers alike. Attached to this newsletter is some advice from our school counsellors about how you can support your child through exams. Also attached is a plan that you and your child can fill in to help you through the next few months.

Revision Guides

Revision guides for all subjects will be on ParentPay until the end of the day on Monday 3rd February. Please place any orders before this time so that we can order them. A reminder that we do not make a profit on revision guides but we are able to sell them at schools' price which is significantly cheaper than book shops and Amazon. If you have already ordered revision guides, thank you for your patience they should be here by the end of next week.




Year 11 Prom

A reminder that the £5.00 deposit for the Prom is due by Friday 7th March, either in cash at the school office or via ParentPay.

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.

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 2025 VIRTUAL CAREERS FAIR

12.02.2025



MEET ALDI
09:30-10:00

**THE SECRET TO
BUILDING A CAREER
AND EARNING A
SALARY WITH DHL**



11:00-11:30

**CAREERS WITH
SPORTING EMPLOYERS**

careersinracing



**ATTEND THIS SESSION
TO WIN WORK
EXPERIENCE!**

14:00-14:30

RENISHAW

**ALL ABOUT STEM
CAREERS** **10:30-11:00**



**EARN, LEARN &
EXPERIENCE
E.ON**



**ATTEND THIS SESSION
TO WIN A MOCK
INTERVIEW WITH E.ON!**

11:30-12:00

REGISTER NOW



**DOWNLOAD YOUR
NAW POSTER HERE**



Sign up to our Upcoming Webinars!

Interested in Business, Finance or Technology? Meet EY!



When? **04 February 2025**

What time? **6:30-7:15pm**

Where? **Online**

What to Expect:

For the first-time EVER, we are partnering with EY - one of the largest organisations across Audit, Tax and Technology, and **they're here to speak to YOU** about how you can earn a competitive salary, professional qualifications, and gain experience at a global company.

Gain an insight into EY's apprenticeship programmes across Audit, Tax, and Technology
Speak to current apprentices to gain an insight into working life at EY

AND: Get application support and guidance from the actual team that will be hiring you.

SPACES ARE LIMITED!



National Audit Office

- ✓ LEARN HOW YOU CAN GAIN A FULLY-FUNDED ACA QUALIFICATION
- ✓ DISCUSS IF WORK EXPERIENCE IS ACTUALLY NECESSARY
- ✓ HEAR FROM AWARD WINNING APPRENTICES ON HOW TO ACE YOUR APPLICATIONS



25-FEB-2025
6:30-7:15PM

What to Expect:

18:30-18:40 - Is Work Experience Necessary? Why did I pick an NAO apprenticeship?

Meet Tilly. They will be discussing what A-Levels they took, if work experience matters, why they decided on the University route instead of the Apprenticeship route.

18:40-18:50 - How to Ace Your Application!

Are you feeling nervous about the application process? This section will all about breaking down each stage of the application process, what grades you need and how to stand out.

18:50-19:00 - What Happens After I Start my Apprenticeship?

Do you have questions about how to manage your work and study time? Are you worried about what your social-life may look like as an apprentice? Jayden is here to help! He's also recently won a NAO Award for Excellence! 🏆

19:00- 19:15 - Live Q&A

SIGN UP HERE!

YOUR ACCOUNTANCY APPRENTICE MENTORS

Sign up to our Ask an Apprentice platform to ask these mentors questions you may have about accountancy! ✓



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REGISTER NOW!





Coventry & Warwickshire
Chamber of Commerce
Training

Apprenticeship Jobs and Careers Fair

Wednesday 12th February, 4pm - 7pm

@ 123 St Nicholas Street, Radford, CV1 4FD

Are you considering an apprenticeship? Come along to our open day to speak with our expert advisors about your next step on the career ladder in:

Business Administration

Hairdressing

Health & Social Care

Accountancy

Customer Service

Early Years Care

If you have any questions, you can call 024 7623 1122 or email us at enquiries@cw-chambertraining.co.uk



Scan to register
your interest!



Here are some links and information:

Online employer activities:

<https://nationalapprenticeshipweek.co.uk/events/>

Students can register online and watch live or on demand – there are some great employers taking part.

National Apprenticeship Show at Coventry Building Society Arena:

<https://www.coventrybuildingsocietyarena.co.uk/news/national-apprenticeship-show>

Thousands of people will head to Coventry Building Society Arena to discover apprenticeship opportunities with regional, national and international employers in February.

The National Apprenticeship Show is set to attract a diverse range of regional and national employers and providers, and more than 5,000 school leavers, college students and adults seeking to take the next steps in their careers.

This will be the third time the West Midlands edition of the event has been hosted at Coventry Building Society Arena when it takes place on Tuesday, February 25 and Wednesday, February 26.

It launched at the Coventry venue in 2022 as a one-day event and has since expanded to a two-day event to cater for demand from businesses and people interested in learning more about Apprenticeships.

The free event covers all levels of Apprenticeships, from entry level to higher and degree level, and provides valuable opportunities to speak face-to-face with the Midlands' top Apprenticeship employers and providers.

The two-day event seeks to attract visitors from across Coventry, Warwickshire, Birmingham, Dudley, Sandwell, Walsall, Wolverhampton, East Midlands and surrounding areas.

Employers already confirmed to attend include the British Army, Aldi, Mercedes, Severn Trent and the NHS – the event also encourages SMEs from the local area to exhibit to showcase opportunities with smaller businesses.

In school on Monday, 10th February ASK Apprenticeships are coming in to launch the week at a special assembly for us:

The Apprenticeship Support & Knowledge programme (ASK programme) is funded by the Department for Education.

The ASK programme supports schools, special schools and colleges in England to raise awareness of apprenticeships and T Levels.

The programme offers a variety of activities to inspire learners, including mock interviews, assemblies and workshops, all delivered by four expert partners across the country.

Mrs Evans
Careers Advisor



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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



Family Hub & CIRV Youth Takeover Event

Dive into Coventry's Youth Scene
with a FREE fun day of workshops and
activities at The Moat Family Hub

19.02.2025 11:00AM - 14:00PM

The Moat Family Hub, Coventry, CV2 1EQ

A FREE event for Coventry families
with activities including

Music | Multi-Sports | Virtual Reality |
Arts & Crafts | Food | Youth Partners |
And Much More

In partnership with



Create it.
Shape it.
Embrace it.

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



10% off
with

go

CV

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:



Isabel
Sienna
Kaydon
Destiny

News from the Library!

Here at Meadow Park Library we have a new display unit and will be updating it regularly to display topical books.

The current display is celebrating the Coventry Inspiration Book Awards, and here in the Library we are homing in on the Rapid Reads books. These have been read and shortlisted by a panel of specialist children's librarians and teachers and reflect a wide range of genres and styles.

We would love you to pop into the Library to borrow one of the CIBA books and vote for your favourite! For more information, please go to the CIBA website:

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/coventry-inspiration-book-awards>



Chillout Monday:

Mrs Dearden's Book Club (F17)

After school on Monday:

Dungeons and Dragons Club

Rowdy Tuesday:

Fluxx - the card game where you play by changing the rules

After school on Tuesday:

Library Open for revision, reading or games

Geeky Wednesday:

Harry Potter Top Trumps

Sporty Thursday:

Pocket basketball dice game

After school on Thursday:

Library Open for revision, reading or games

Creative Friday:

Luck of the Draw (deferred from last week) – a drawing game for people (like Mr Spencer!) who can't draw

We look forward to seeing you; 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

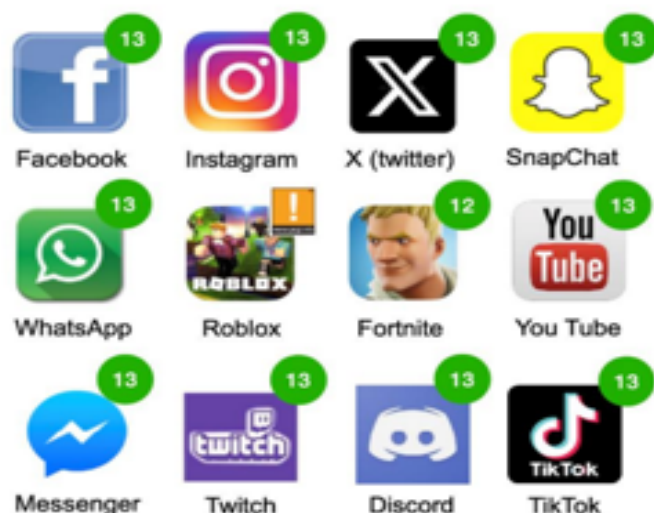
Term Starts	Monday 28th April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 5th May
Half Term	Saturday 24th May – June 1st June
Last Day of Term	Friday 18th July
Summer Holiday Starts	Saturday 19th July

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

Age Ratings – What's Right for your Child?

When our children are asking to play a new game, or telling you the latest thing all their friends are into, sometimes we have to reflect on what's APPROPRIATE for our child. This is often a difficult decision for parents, do you exclude them from 'that thing' for their safety – or allow it to stay included despite the risks of harm?

Age ratings exist to help protect your child, so we thought we'd provide you with a little reminder of how important it is to check the age ratings of what your child is accessing online. Here are the age ratings of some of the more popular apps that young people are accessing



Whether your child is viewing films, accessing apps, playing games online or using social media – make sure you check the age rating first to see if your child is old enough. In addition, the likes of PEGI (Pan European Game Information) provide further content descriptors, which will give you an indication of the type of content that your child might view e.g. violence or bad language.

What else should I review?

It is important to note that whilst age ratings do allow you to see if something may be appropriate for your child, it is also important to review the content yourself. This will allow you to make an informed decision as to whether it is suitable for your child to access and if it would be beneficial to apply further parental controls. For example, does it include the ability to communicate with others and are in game/app purchases available?

What else can I do?

- Explain the importance of age ratings to your child and how they protect them.
- Go online together to see what your child is accessing.
- Set up parental controls on your broadband, devices and on any individual apps that your child is using. This will reduce the chances of them accessing or viewing anything unsuitable.
- Chat to your child regularly about what they are doing online and as always, remind your child that if anything is worrying them then they should talk to you or another trusted adult.

Further information You can find out more here: <https://eegamesmart.co.uk/articles/how-age-ratings-help-families/>

Worried about Nudes? - Report Remove Tool Reminder

Please talk to your child about the Report Remove Tool: Having your nudes shared can feel scary, and it can leave you feeling worried or even ashamed.



It's against the law for anyone to share a sexual image or video of someone who's under 18, and we're working with the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) and Yoti to help you remove any sexual image or video of you that's online.

Report Remove is safe, easy and free – all you need to do is follow these steps:

- choose your age range
- create a Childline account so we can send you updates on your report
- report your image or video to the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF)
- talk to a Childline counsellor if you want any extra support, or access support on the Childline website
- check your Childline locker a few days after your report to see if you need to add any more information and to see updates on your report
- report any issues with this process by sending an email from your Childline locker with the subject 'Report Remove' and as much information about the problem as you can.

Report Remove

The Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) have a Report Remove tool to help young people under 18 to report sexual images and videos of themselves and remove them from the internet.

This service is confidential and links in with Childline who can provide access to counsellors should further support be required. Find more information here: <https://www.iwf.org.uk/our-technology/report-remove/>

To make a report or for more information please see: <https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/report-remove/>

Stay Safe!

Paul Rule
Child Protection Officer &
Senior Pastoral Support Manager



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