

Newsletter



MEADOW PARK
SCHOOL

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers

We have reached the end of this half term and it certainly has been very busy. Last week I had the pleasure of taking students to the Chinese Embassy where students and myself spoke to the Chinese Embassy staff together with representatives from the Department for Education, the British Council, University College London and other dignitaries from China and the UK. It was a real honour to be asked to represent the UK at this event and the students who were exemplary as ambassadors themselves for Meadow Park School.

Last night was our annual Awards Evening. It was our third year of hosting this event and it was definitely our biggest and best so far! The evening consisted of awards being presented to students, student performances as well as a guest speaker, Gemma Hunt a Television presenter and author. To round of the evening, attendees were treated to canopies and light refreshments. It was an absolute honour to see students come onto stage to collect their awards and I reminded the audience that with 800+ students, it was indeed an achievement for students to be selected to receive these awards. Families and staff were equally delighted and I was so proud of all of them. It is evenings like this which really capture the heart of what we do, working with amazing students and their families to provide them the best opportunities we can. I am already looking forward to next year's event!

We break for half term today which means students are not in school tomorrow (Friday 24 October) and also not in school next week. All students should return to school at the normal time, by 8:40am on Monday 3rd November. Can I remind you to have a check with your child regarding their uniform. We have seen a few students who have forgotten to put their full uniform on and they have then found the correct grey skirt or trouser, and even blazers, in the bottom of their bags. We only allow black leggings for PE lessons - at all other times either a grey pleated skirt or grey trousers should be worn. We do offer a uniform swap shop and we also provide support for families with uniform if requested. Finally, from me a reminder that the clocks change this weekend - we end British Summer Time and revert to Greenwich Mean Time. This does mean the evenings get darker earlier, so please can you remind your child of road safety and particularly being visible to road users. I wish you a lovely half term break and look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 3rd November.

Best Wishes

Mrs Pettman
Headteacher

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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.



Class of 2026

Thank you to all the Year 11 parents who have ordered revision guides on Parent Pay. They have been ordered and should be with us next week. We will give the revision guides straight to the students so please ask them and also encourage them to use them.

In tutor time Year 11 students have been learning about different ways to revise. Please encourage your child to put some of the revision techniques that they have learnt into practice by learning the topics, knowledge and skills that they need for the upcoming mock exams which start on **Monday 10th November**. For extra information about exams and revision, please visit our school website <https://meadowparkschool.com/key-information/exams/>

Thank you.

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Mrs Secker
Assistant Headteacher

Business Management and Administration T-Level



Our Business Management and Administration T-Level students spent a day in London in September with colleagues from their work placement at the Teacher Regulation Agency. This awayday has allowed them to connect and network with people from different areas of the UK, helping to develop their professional communication skills.



During the morning, they visited the Houses of Parliament, which included a tour of ceremonial rooms and a tour of the House of Lords. This visit also saw the students learning about the history of the UK political parties.

After lunch they visited the Department of Education main office in Central London – called the Sanctuary Building, here they learned about the different areas that help keep the department of education running so smoothly including transport and education.



Click here to find out more about one of our student's experiences studying T Level: <https://skillsengland.blog.gov.uk/2025/10/15/in-conversation-why-employers-should-offer-t-level-placements/>

Miss Yates

Head of Stellae House

**Meadow Park Business and
Innovation Sixth Form Centre**

Free School Meals



Are you entitled?

If you do not qualify for most benefits (also known as having 'no recourse to public funds'), your child may still be eligible for free school meals.

Contact school or the local authority to find out more.

We can help you apply online.
Ask for details.

Do you know if you qualify for additional support?
Please speak to a member of the House Team to see what support might be available.

As a school, we can offer food parcels to families.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- ⇒ Income Support
- ⇒ Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- ⇒ Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- ⇒ Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- ⇒ The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- ⇒ Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- ⇒ Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- ⇒ Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

Parent App and School Communication

Please sign up to our 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.

MCAS allows us to securely share your child's achievement points, attendance, behaviour, school reports, letters and school diary whenever you wish. This is our primary means of communication with you, so 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.

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 or scan the QR code
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 can be found on our website.

School Communication

All communication from school is 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 require any assistance logging in for the first time, please contact the School Office by emailing admin@meadowparkschool.com or telephone 02476 302580.

Looks What's Back

Hot Chocolate
£1.20

Add Marshmallows
£1.30

Add a Cookie or a Brownie
£1.90

Morning Break in
The Diner



Starting November 3rd

Wednesday 5TH NOVEMBER

Bonfire

MAIN

Bangers & Mash served in a fire pit
£2.30

Hot Fiery Vegetable Samosa
£1.30

Bonfire Bombers
£1.50

DESSERT

Guy Fawkes Ginger Sponge - £1.00



Are Your Contact Details Up-To-Date?

Moved House?
Changed Phone Number?

contact school via
admin@meadowparkschool.com
to update them today.



REMINDERS



EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS

Would you like to know more about your children's behaviour?

Would you like to know how to support your child's emotional regulation?

Friday 3 October 9:30-11:30am

Wednesday 17 December 6:00-8:00pm

Virtual via Microsoft Teams

Understanding Your Child's Behaviour is an introductory workshop designed to provide parents/carers with a valuable insight into your child's development and practical strategies to help you to help your child.

Two hour workshop delivered both face-to-face and virtually by Coventry's Positive Parenting Team.

Suitable for parents of children aged 2-10 yrs.

To find out more e-mail:
parenting@coventry.gov.uk

To book a place visit:

[coventry.gov.uk/
parentingrequestform](https://coventry.gov.uk/parentingrequestform)



Head of House Awards

The Head of House Awards were awarded last week and this week to:



Poppy and Cooper

Nethra and Ruth

Dylan and Alice

Zainab

Aiden and Darius

Uniform



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

Fire Safety, Age Ratings and Advice from the Police this half term!

When it comes to this time of year - our students and families often have lots of things to look forward to, whether it be a firework display, a bonfire celebration or all of the spookiness and sweets that comes with Halloween!

We want you to spend your time with your family safely and have lots of fun – so wanted to share the guides attached for some advice and things to think about and discuss with your children.

Please take a look at the [Teaching Children Fire Safety guide](#) to ensure you've taken precautions and talk to your children about the risks and dangers especially around flammable materials and naked flames. Did you know that approximately 350 children are injured in accidental fires every year – don't let it be one of yours!



The guide on [Horror Films & Age Ratings](#) explores what to think about when you are choosing what spooky film to show your children and check that they aren't watching something that isn't right for them! Ofcom's latest study states that most children can stream films on their mobile devices, tablets, games consoles and laptops – **have you checked that there are restrictions or what they have been viewing?**

Children often want to be older than they are or join in what they *think* all their friends are doing – but each child is different, what is right for one might not be for another! It is especially hard with older children to know how to manage their increasing interest in more mature content (*like horror films*). To help avoid interrupted sleep, upsetting content and anxiety as a result of something 'TOO SCARY' - Please read through the guide for some food for thought!

Message for Parents from West-Midlands Police:

As Halloween and Bonfire Night approaches, West Midlands Police would like to encourage you to talk to your child about staying safe and sensible during this time.

Remember...

- Stay visible at night by wearing fluorescent clothing or head torches
- Supervise children with sparklers and at firework displays
- Warn your children about stranger danger and only trick or treating in well-lit, known areas
- It is illegal for anyone under the age of 18 to possess a firework, flare or smoke bomb.



If you want to report something suspicious call 101 or **999 in an emergency**. For more information about how West Midlands Police are helping keep you safe this Halloween, search 'WMP Darker Nights'.

You can download our free parents' guide of safety tips here:

<https://www.westmidlands.police.uk/police-forces/west-midlands-police/areas/campaigns/campaigns/darker-nights/>

EARLY HELP – Parent in Coventry? – Feel like you might need some help or advice?

VISIT: <https://www.coventry.gov.uk/earlyhelp>

Are you a parent/carer?



[Request support from Early Help](#)



[What is a Family Hub?](#)



[Find your nearest Family Hub](#)



[Virtual Family Hub](#)



[Start for Life \(first 1,001 days\)](#)



[Coventry Families Portal](#)



[Videos](#)



Early Help Team

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Paul Rule
Child Protection Officer



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