



5th December 2022

Dear Parent, Guardian or Carer,

Re: Arrangements for the end of term

As we come to the end of what has been a very long and busy term, I am writing to let you know about the arrangements for the end of this term and the start of next term. I am also going to take the opportunity to look back on some of the highlights of the academic year to date.

At Parkside Studio College we have always believed that learning is not just confined to the classroom and our students have had the opportunity to take part in a number of exciting activities this term. These have included Year 10 students taking part in the Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge. The Brooks Education Group have provided workshops on self-esteem and mental health to all KS4 students. Year 11 students have taken part in a Careers Advice and Guidance day, which provided them with comprehensive information regarding the next steps in education, employment or training. Year 11 have also had their Post 16 Options Open Evening, which laid out the extensive Post 16 offer at the Rosedale Hewens Academy Trust. 'STEM Challenge' continues to be a huge success with students exploring, creating and building concepts with a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematical focus.

We should also congratulate our Year 11 students who have taken their first set of trial examinations. We are proud of the way they conducted themselves and at how seriously they took their responsibility to prepare thoroughly. Staff have also supported Year 11 diligently with English, Mathematics, Science and Business revision sessions leading up to the examinations. Further details of these events can be seen in our weekly newsletters, which can be accessed at: <https://www.parksidestudiocollege.co.uk/newsletters>.

Friday 16th December 2022 will be the last day of term. Please note that students are expected to attend college at their normal start time, in full college uniform, and they will be dismissed at 12:15pm.

Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th January 2023 are Teacher Training days, therefore students are not required to attend college.

Academic Tutoring will be held on Wednesday 4th January 2023. This will take place from 2:30pm (according to your appointment time). As previously communicated, we are offering the option for this meeting to be held virtually via your child's MS Teams account or in person. It is our expectation that all students attend this meeting, together with at least one parent, guardian or carer. I recommend that you familiarise yourself with your child's Microsoft Team's account beforehand so that the meeting can commence promptly.

I would finally like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and to wish you all the best for the winter holidays and look forward to the start of the Spring term, which commences on Thursday 5th January 2023.

With all good wishes,

Karina Porter
Principal