



11th December 2020

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 Petchy 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 Virtual Open Evening, which laid out the extensive Post 16 offer at the Rosedale Hewens Academy Trust. 'Mathematics Challenge Week' was a huge success across all year groups with students exploring their favorite mathematicians and competing in a poster competition to celebrate the events of the week. Black history month was also celebrated and culminated in a fantastic afternoon of students presenting information relating to their option subjects.

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: <http://www.parksidestudiocollege.co.uk/95/newsletters>.

Friday 17th December 2021 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 4th and Wednesday 5th January 2022 are Teacher Training days, therefore students are not required to attend college.

Academic Tutoring will be held on Wednesday 5th January 2022. 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. It is our expectation that all students attend this virtual 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.

As per government guidance we will be conducting testing for students on their return to college on Thursday 6th January. Ensure that you have provided consent, this can be done by online, please follow this link: <https://trhat.co.uk/letter-lateralflowtest/> In order to facilitate testing we will have a staggered start to the day. Please ensure that your child only attends at the specific time outlined below:

Year Group	Start Date	Start Time:
Year 11 SET 1	Thursday 6 th January 2022	9:00am
Year 11 SET 2	Thursday 6 th January 2022	10:00am
Year 10	Thursday 6 th January 2022	11:30am
Year 9	Thursday 6 th January 2022	12:30am

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 6th January 2022.

With all good wishes,

Karina Porter
Principal