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Statistics in Pharmacy Workshop

Parkside Studio College students recently participated in an inspiring science-focused workshop delivered by GSK, providing a valuable insight into the pharmaceutical industry and the diverse careers within the STEM sector.

The whole-school workshop commenced with an introduction to the essential role of statisticians in pharmaceutical research and development, demonstrating how data analysis underpins the creation and testing of new medicines. Students then explored how both human expertise and computer technology are used to collect, analyse and interpret data throughout the drug development process, gaining a greater appreciation of the scientific methods involved.

The event concluded with a careers networking session, where students engaged with a range of industry professionals in small-group discussions. This provided an excellent opportunity to ask questions, learn about different career pathways and gain first-hand insight into the qualifications, skills and experiences required to work within the pharmaceutical industry.

End of Term

The Summer Term ends on Friday 17th July we will operate our usual end of term dismissal arrangements; students will be expected to arrive at college at their normal time of 8:45am and all students will be dismissed at 12:15pm.

Academic Tutoring

Academic Tutoring appointments are currently being organised for Post 16 on Wednesday 2nd September and for Key Stage 4 on Thursday 3rd September. A separate communication to confirm these appointments will be sent out to parents, guardians and carers in due course. If you have any concerns in regard to your appointment, please contact your child's form tutor via the College office.

Summer Reading Challenge!

The Summer Reading Challenge, run by The Reading Agency in partnership with local libraries, returns from 4th July 2026 with this year's theme, Read to the Beat. This free, national initiative encourages children to keep reading over the summer holidays, helping to build confidence, creativity and a lifelong love of books. Children can sign up at their local library or online, choose their own books, and collect rewards along the way, with certificates or medals awarded on completion.

Designed to be fun for the whole family, the challenge celebrates the joy of music and storytelling while supporting reading development outside of the classroom. With 95% of participants saying they read more after taking part, it's a great way to keep children engaged with reading during the break. Families can visit their local library together or find out more at summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

Moving to Secondary School: *A Parent's Guide to Online Safety*

Starting secondary school is a big milestone for children and their families. Alongside new friendships, increased independence and academic challenges, young people often experience greater freedom online. Many may receive their first smartphone, spend more time on apps, and begin communicating independently with peers.

While this independence is exciting, it also brings new challenges. As a parent or carer, your guidance plays a vital role in helping your child develop safe, responsible digital habits during this transition.

Please note that our schools and colleges will be implementing the UK's new guidance regarding the social media ban for under-16s. Further information will be shared with parents, guardians and carers in the coming weeks.

Visit our website to download the full Online Guide: (https://www.therosedalehewensacademytrust.co.uk/internetmattersorg).

Week Commencing: *Monday 13th July*

MENU 1

MONDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Lamb Curry with Rice	**Halal**
Meal Choice 2	Teriyaki Chicken with Rice	**Halal**
Meal Choice 3	Teriyaki Chicken with Rice	**Non Halal**
Meal Choice 4	Baked Jacket Potato with Various Fillings	**Vegetarian**
Meal Choice 5	Gluten free Chicken Goujons with Potatoes and Beans	**Gluten/Dairy Free**
Vegetables	Sweetcorn and Green Beans	
Dessert Choice	*Strawberry Ice Cream and Fresh Strawberries*	*Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts*
TUESDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Spaghetti Bolognese	**Halal**
Meal Choice 2	Tandoori Chicken Breast with White Rice	**Halal**
Meal Choice 3	Tandoori Chicken Breast with White Rice	**Non Halal**
Meal Choice 4	Ratatouille Spaghetti	**Vegetarian**
Meal Choice 5	Bolognese with Gluten free Pasta	**Gluten/Dairy Free**
Vegetables	Carrots, Peas and White Cabbage	
Dessert Choice	*Jam Sponge*	*Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts*
WEDNESDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Tuna Pasta Bake	
Meal Choice 2	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice	**Halal**
Meal Choice 3	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice	**Non Halal**
Meal Choice 4	Macaroni Cheese	**Vegetarian**
Meal Choice 5	Lightly Spiced Chicken Breast with Rice	**Gluten/Dairy Free**
Vegetables	Broccoli and Cauliflower Florets	
Dessert Choice	*Lemon Tart*	*Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts*
THURSDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Mexican Chilli Mince Wraps	**Halal**
Meal Choice 2	Roast Turkey with Onion Gravy, Roast Potatoes and Stuffing	**Halal**
Meal Choice 3	Roast Turkey with Onion Gravy, Roast Potatoes and Stuffing	**Non Halal**
Meal Choice 4	Cauliflower and Broccoli Cheese Bake	**Vegetarian**
Meal Choice 5	Turkey Escalope with Potatoes and Gluten free Gravy	**Gluten/Dairy Free**
Vegetables	Mushy Peas and Sweetcorn	
Dessert Choice	*Strawberry Jelly*	*Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts*
FRIDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Fish Fingers with Oven Baked Potato Wedges	
Meal Choice 2	Tomato Pasta Bake	**Vegetarian**
Meal Choice 3	Gluten free Fish Fingers with Gluten free Potato Wedges and Beans	**Gluten/Dairy Free**
Vegetables	Baby Carrots and Peas	
Dessert Choice	*Fresh Fruit Salad*	*Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts*

Please note that all main meals are served with Fresh Vegetables of the Day. Homemade Soup of the Day and Baked Jacket Potato with Filling, are available daily

July to September 2026

July	
Friday 17th	Term Ends (early dismissal)
Monday 27th to Tuesday 1st September	Summer Holidays
September	
Wednesday 2nd	Staff Training Day
Thursday 3rd	Key Stage 4 Academic Tutoring Day
Friday 4th	Term Begins