



**Park Hall  
Academy**

12 July 2010

Dear Parents / Carers,

### Arrangements for the last week of term wb 19<sup>th</sup> July 2010

During the last week of term we have planned many interesting and exciting activities for the students at Park Hall Academy.

#### YEAR 10

Year 10 students are all out on work experience placements in our local (and in some cases not so local!) communities. For a number of months now they have been planning and organising their individual experiences at a wide range of placements and are now ready to go. We are really grateful to you for the help and support you have given your sons and daughters to help make the week of 19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> July really special for them. If you have any questions regarding placements then please contact your child's form tutor in the first instance and they will do all they can to help you. As I write, briefings are being held with the students and staff are making their plans to visit the placements.

#### YEARS 7, 8 & 9

As for Years 7, 8, and 9 we have suspended the usual curriculum for the week and they will be involved in a fantastic week of activities and experiences.

On Monday and Wednesday Year 7 students will be visiting Warwick Castle and Year 8 students will be visiting the Black Country Museum. Half a year group will be going at a time and those at school will be involved in a business project and a performing arts experience.

There is a range of workshops for Year 9 students which will see many of them involved in a science and art experience or creating podcasts or a musical theatre workshop or solving maths puzzles.

On Tuesday the whole school is involved in a sport and fitness day where students have opted for a range of activities both off site and in school. Weather permitting the afternoon will culminate in an inter-house mini sports competition. For this the students will be expected to wear appropriate PE kit to school. Sporting activities will include a football tournament, dance, tennis, rounders, badminton, rugby, darts, and off site experiences such as golf, tenpin bowling and ice skating. I am sure that you can see that there will be something for all.

On Thursday we are holding a WORLD CULTURE day which will involve the students in dance, drumming, poetry, French, food and sports from other cultures, jewellery making, and much much more. Prior to this we will have assemblies to recognise subject achievements in each year group and to celebrate our first year as an Academy.

Finally, on Friday we will be involved in house activities which will give us the opportunity to share in the successes and experiences of the last year.

#### YEAR 12

Year 12 students will be involved in a visit to Birmingham University, a safer driving experience and team building activities as well as acting as student leaders supporting the younger students in year 7, 8 and 9.

**Throughout the week students will be expected to arrive at school at the usual time for registration and will leave at 3.00 p.m. unless they are involved in a visit which returns at a different time. (Parents / carers will have been notified of this in a letter). THE ONLY EXCEPTION TO THIS WILL BE ON FRIDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> JULY WHEN STAFF WILL BE INVOLVED IN TRAINING AND STUDENTS WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO ARRIVE UNTIL 9.10 a.m.. THIS WILL BE IN PLACE OF WEDNESDAY MORNING WHEN STUDENTS WILL BE EXPECTED TO BE AT SCHOOL FOR 8.50 a.m. SCHOOL WILL FINISH AT 12.30 p.m. ON FRIDAY.**

Like us I am sure that you will be excited about the curriculum we have planned for the last week of term, a curriculum which will involve all of the students in an eventful and interesting end to this year.

Yours sincerely

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