

# Metropolitan Borough of Solihull



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Dear Parents,

We are very busy in school at the moment with Y10 students having just come back from work experience and the start of our World Culture week this week. Throughout the week students will be experiencing the world through the curriculum, music, food, dance, art, sports etc. Each day, throughout the day, we have various lessons, events and activities taking place which range from learning about slave culture in history, to Egyptian, Chinese and Russian multiplication in Maths, to Gaelic football in PE, to Bhangra dancing in dance, to African drumming in Music and many many more experiences. We are all looking forward to enjoying the wonderful variety of cultural events in store for us this week.

Unfortunately our Sports Day fell victim to the poor weather on Friday but the PE department have assured me that they will run sports throughout the next two weeks to ensure that students can participate in team events and aim to set a record in individual events.

On a practical note, I know from personal experience how quickly teenagers grow and often that means they have outgrown their uniform over the past year. If you have a blazer at home that is now too small for your child please bring it or send it in to our reception – we will clean them and then keep them for emergency use in school (larger sizes are particularly sought after!).

You supported the school really positively regarding uniform over the past year for which I thank you. One small alteration for September is that we are moving to a black jumper for all students. The new year 7s have already got theirs, following the new intake evening; if your child is in need of a new jumper the colour for September is black.

Before we know where we are we will be saying goodbye to what has been an incredible year. A number of staff are moving on at the end of this term and I would like to thank; Mr P Hickman, Mrs C Cairns, Mrs A Meacheam and Mrs H Young for their support and commitment to the learning of Park Hall students. A special mention must be made of Mr G Smith who is finally retiring after 20 years and Mr J Freeman who is retiring after 21 years at Park Hall. We all wish them well.

Park Hall is well on the way to becoming a place of outstanding experiences for all students and we have appointed some exceptional staff for next year when we are fully staffed.

School will close to students for the summer break on Friday 17 July at 12.25pm. Y7 12 & 13 students will start back in September on Monday 7 at 8.45am with all other student returning at 11.25am. It remains for me to wish you all a happy and healthy summer break.

Yours sincerely

Mrs A Green  
Headteacher