



# Park Hall Academy

## Weekly News

27<sup>th</sup> March 2026



### SENECA SUCCESS: 5 weeks and what a half term it's been!



**Over 6.5million XP earned**  
**1,000+ students completed assignments**  
**Nearly 2,000 extra hours of study logged**  
**Close to 300 assignments set**

This has been a very successful half term for Seneca usage across the whole school with students developing strong, independent learning habits and engaging consistently with their studies. It's particularly encouraging to see high levels of commitment beyond the classroom with hundreds of students continuing their learning over the weekend. This reflects a growing culture of responsibility, resilience and self-motivation.

Teachers are using SENECA to reinforce knowledge, support retrieval and provide meaningful independent learning opportunities. Students are becoming more confident in revisiting content, closing gaps and taking ownership of their progress.

As we move into the summer term, the focus is on maintaining this momentum—continuing to build consistency, encouraging regular use and celebrating positive habits. Sustaining these routines will be key to ensuring students remain engaged, prepared and ready to succeed.

ALL students are expected to achieve our **minimum standard of 80%** on each assignment.

Special mention to our SENECA STARS for this **last half term**. The students with the highest usage are:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Ethan Hart	Mal	Frankie Davis	David Wilkes	Madison Wall
Kherys Bench	Mwedziwendira	Bernard Monks-Brown	Fern Tanser	Rafe Parry
Chigozirim	Poppy McGrath		Libby Rodway	Ryan Bevan
Ikechukwu-Obi	Mia Cockayne	Finn Rooney	Summer Giffin	Arturs Preijers
Emily Skelcher	Oliver Willetts	Oumie Ceesay	Ceejay Bridges	Neve Hartill
Zakiya Nazir	Zayaan Asim	Arissa Hussain	Frankie Collins	Kye Mills
Martins Okungbeni	Timothy Adeosun	Amara Slimper-Nisar	Toby-Jay Amphlett	Harry Coward
Tincuta Ciobanu	Amelia Sheppard	Ayesha Nzie	Marvelous Andoh	Kian Hawes
Sienna Gordon	Heidi-Louise Southam-Beebee	Kade Wilson	Alarnah Carrington	Isabella James-Blake
Nisma Ali	Jeremy Liu	Faith Johnson	Riley Woakes	Hayden Murrain
Emilie Ganley	Millie Peverelli	Jessica Whelan		

Special mention to those **achieving 100%** on all assignment:

**Year 7** – VERY SPECIAL MENTION to T’Varni Harris-Williams for being the only Year 7 achieving 100% on all assignments for the whole half term – well done!

**Year 8** – Amelia Duchnowska, Elsie Jo-Bick, Coryn Horne-Macdonald, Myles Henry, Niamh Watkins, Jacob James and Logan McCormack





**Year 9** – Jessica Harding and Summer Gauntlett

**Year 10** – A VERY SPECIAL MENTION to Isaac Allcock for being the only Year 10 achieving 100% on all assignments for the whole half term – well done!

**Year 11** – Kian Naven, Suzanna Otton, Sara Khalfi, Grace McLeod, Arash Nessar, Eve Barton, Eisa Imran and Stevie Sullivan.

## SPARX Maths Leaderboard

Well done to all our students who are engaging with SPARX maths and making real progress in their maths lessons. A huge well done to Lily, Jorgie and Eloise for making the top 3 for XP across the whole school this week. Keep it up!

 <b>Weekly Leaderboard</b> Monday to Sunday		
	Lily Morgan Berrill (Lily the Prodigy)	2,725 XP ...
	Jorgie Swallow (Jorgie the Athlete)	2,445 XP ...
	Eloise Bond (Eloise the Superstar)	2,220 XP ...

Our highest XP students from last week are...

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Jorgie Swallow 2,445 XP	Lily Morgan Berrill 2,725 XP	Maria Avram 1,190 XP	Teddie Teale 1,424 XP	Eloise Bond 2,220 XP
Chigozirim Ikechukwu-Obi 2,050 XP	Ciana Hughes 1,880 XP	Bernard Monks- Brown 1,109 XP	Libby Rodway 1,190 XP	Zara Khan 1,345 XP
Xabriel Lewis 1,555 XP	Jacob Harris 1,785 XP	Lexi Turner 1,090 XP	Alexia Cuffe 1,125 XP	Mason Bowen 1,190 XP
Tincuta Ciobanu 1,295 XP	Ava Winters 1,396 XP	Arisa Hussain 965 XP	Sienna-Grace Cruise 1,100 XP	Arturs Preijers 715 XP
Nay Cohen 1,224 XP	Logan McCormack 1,385 XP	Phoebe Matthews 825 XP	Toby-Jay Amphlett 1,090 XP	Ismael Khalil 680 XP

Highest completion:  
**8B1/Ma (64.5%)**

Biggest completion improvement vs  
previous week:  
**8A4/Ma 32.0% (+16.0%)**

Reached a new XP Level:  
**228 students**  
[view](#)

Highest average XP per student:  
**7A4/Ma (1054 XP)**

## Yr 8 ART

Year 8 students have shown fantastic effort and dedication in completing their recent homework project, which involved creating a sculptural African artefact.

It has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm and care that pupils have put into their work, with many clearly investing a significant amount of time and thought into their designs.

The range of outcomes has been particularly impressive. Each piece is unique, reflecting individual creativity and interpretation, and demonstrating a strong engagement with the theme. From intricate patterns to bold structures, the sculptures highlight not only artistic skill but also imagination and originality.

We are incredibly proud of the commitment shown by Year 8. Their work demonstrates a willingness to challenge themselves and take pride in their learning.

Well done to all students for producing such diverse and creative pieces—your hard work has truly paid off!

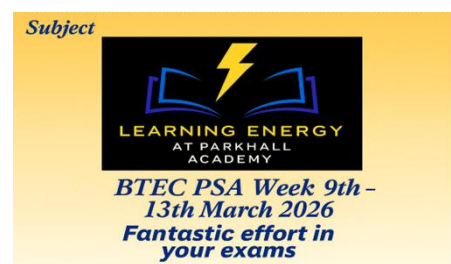
Here are some examples of their work.



## BTEC Controlled Assessment Week Success

From 9–13 March, students in Years 10 and 11 completed their second BTEC controlled assessment week. Throughout the week, learners across a wide range of subjects—including Sport, Enterprise, IT, Health and Social Care, Dance, Child Development, Media, Music, and Performing Arts—took part in assessments that contribute 30% towards their final GCSE grade.

To recognise exceptional effort, focus, and commitment during these assessments, students were awarded PRIDE stickers worth 60 points each day. These points celebrated not only their positive attitude but also the high standard of work produced under controlled conditions.



A huge well done to all students involved. Your dedication, hard work, and determination to achieve the highest possible grades are truly commendable. We are incredibly proud of the way you approached this important assessment window.

**Special mention** to the students below who have been recognised by their teacher as going above and beyond during their controlled assessment.

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Health &amp; Social</u>	<u>Enterprise</u>	<u>Media</u>	<u>Music</u>	<u>IT</u>	<u>Dance</u>
Daisy Carter	Megan Dalton	Ceejay Bridges	Daisy Carter	Briana McCabe	Raff Wilson	Tilly Ray
Millie Chambers	Sophie Hunt	Charlie Main	Katie Caves	Ruben Sansoni	Harvey Clements	Lacey Simkiss
Luca Dodd	Amy Coward	Sienna-Grace Cruise	Jenson Greenway	Grace MacLennan-Watkins	Matthew Curry	Ellie Male
San Fern-Mckenzie	Kacey O'Neill	Lacie O'Neill	Felicia Harding	Isabella Bryan-Gowen	Hudson Grosvenor	
Marvellous Andoh	Lucy Tilley	Raff Wilson	Harrison Brown	Harvey Deen	Emma Hill	
Macorley Jevons	Sum Kui Chan	Macorley Jevons	Joe Paur	Max Robinson	Zak Jeffries	
	Alexia Cuffe	Leyla Jones	Harvey Clements	Leah Williamson	Josh Leech	
	Kadey Grant	Charlie Piercy	Darcey Foyle	Eleanor Witheridge	Shae O'Toole	
	Chloe Dixon	Theo Locke	Sydney Goldie	Rebecca Tyson	Ben Smart	
	Sophie Davies		Raff Wilson	Oliver Kennedy	Dylan Thompson	
	Jalayah Thorne		Luca Dodd	Rachel Thompson	Finley Whittaker	
	Madison Pike		Olivia Slater		David Wilkes	

**Keep up the excellent work as you continue through your exams and GCSE journey.** Your focus, determination, and commitment during this assessment period have been impressive. Stay motivated, keep aiming high, and remember that every step you take now brings you closer to achieving your goals. We believe in your potential—continue striving for your very best.

Miss Mills



# CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE IN PERFORMING ARTS

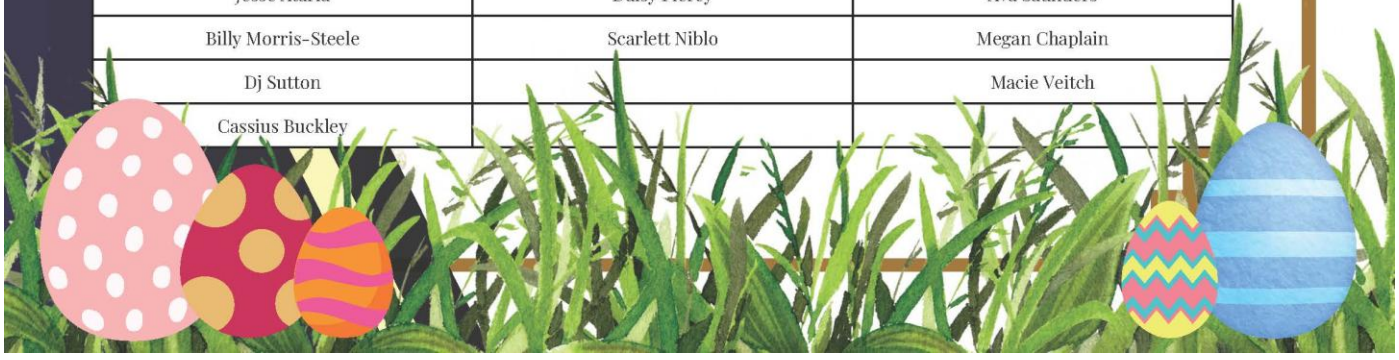


On Wednesday 25th March, the Performing Arts department proudly celebrated the achievements of students in Dance, Music, Drama and Musical Theatre across KS3 for the spring term. Congratulations to all students who were recognised for their consistent effort, determination and resilience in both lessons and extracurricular activities. Each student was rewarded with a personalised certificate and an Easter egg to commend their hard work and dedication.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE YOUR EXTRACURRICULAR ACHIEVEMENTS IN PERFORMING ARTS?  
PLEASE EMAIL [SGOOGAN@PARKHALL.AS.BOX](mailto:SGOOGAN@PARKHALL.AS.BOX) WITH ANY SUCCESS STORIES YOU WOULD LIKE US TO SHARE!



Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Erin Jones	Lacey Palmer	Adam Jarca
Marlei Bignot	Sina Babekir	Finn Rooney
Phoebe Bishop	Faye Ashby	Jessica Brady
Phoebe Boshier	Niamh Watkins	Melody Sankarsingh
Martha Sneyd	Noah Coleman	Sophie Linford
Ruby Marlow	Danny Naven	Isabel Goodhall
Sophia Reeve	Toby Cook	Evelyn Newman-Winters
Bella Appelbe-Wootton	Jacob Harris	Poppy-May Addison
Jesse Ataria	Daisy Piercy	Ava Saunders
Billy Morris-Steele	Scarlett Niblo	Megan Chaplain
Dj Sutton		Macie Veitch
Cassius Buckley		



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## National Reading Championships

A huge well done to Lily Yates, Alexandra Oana, Cheryl Ng and Scarlett Asprey who took part in Park Hall's first Senior National Reading Championships. The girls fought off stiff competition to come 10<sup>th</sup> best in the regional heats. It was amazing fun! The girls thoroughly enjoyed it and we're definitely entering next year.



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## Citizenship Workshop

This week, Year 11 GCSE Citizenship students had the fantastic opportunity to hear from two former Park Hall students, Georgia Peplow and Ethan Potter, who returned to deliver an insightful presentation on their roles in local politics. Their talk linked directly to the Year 11 project exploring why young people are often disengaged from local political processes. After sharing their experiences and motivations, Georgia and Ethan led a lively and thought-provoking Q&A session with Mr Smith's class. The visit was organised by Mr Goodridge and provided students with an inspiring example of youth involvement in shaping local communities.



# WHAT'S ON *in the* LIBRARY

Mar 27 2026



## BOOK FAIR!

**So far the Book Fair has made over £100. It will still be here when we return after Easter from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>**

Payments can be made by cash or card, and the World Book Day Tokens can be used to get £1 off any book over £2.99. Gift cards can also be purchased prior if you are worried about them carrying cash. They are available on the Scholastic Website using the link below: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers>

During the time that the Book Fair is here, we have a goal of spending £400 in order to receive rewards and money to spend in our School on new books and resources.



Happy Easter

**946**  
Books Checked Out

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

WB: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026



7	8	9	10	11	12
An intro to drugs part 1	Knife Crime part 1	Anti-social behaviour	Coercive, controlling and abuse behaviour part 2	Brain development and parenting	Honour violence and killings

# British Values

at Park Hall Academy

**TUTOR TIME ACTIVITY** →  
WB-13th April 2026



## P.R.I.D.E Points

Our students have the opportunity to earn PRIDE points in a variety of ways here at Park Hall. Well done to these students for receiving the most PRIDE points in their year group this week.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Mikail Hafeez	Alexandra Oana	Emma-Louise Moore	Sophie Hunt	Jude Wright

**EASTER  
REVISION  
SCHOOL  
2026**



**PARK HALL  
ACADEMY**

**THURSDAY 9TH APRIL  
FRIDAY 10TH APRIL  
2026**



## Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April 9.30-12.30pm

Subject	SESSION:	CLASS/ GROUP	ROOM	TEACHER	SESSION FOCUS
	1) 9.30-11 2) 11-12.30 Or both				
RE	Both sessions	yR11 D/Rt1	BG2	Miss Malik	Marriage and Family
Art	Both sessions	Yr 11	S218	Mrs Carlin	Coursework
Photography	Both sessions	Yr 11	S25	Mr Case	Coursework
Level 2 Business	9:30 - 11	Year 11 targeted students	L17	Miss Leigh	Knowledge and 3-mark questions
	11-12:30				Tricky Topics
Geography	9:30 - 11	Yr 11	B29	Mr Moore	Hazards
	11-12:30				Living World
History	9:30 - 11	Yr 11	B14	Mr Rowland	American West
	11-12:30				Norman Conquest
MFL - French & Spanish	Both sessions	11C/Sp1 11D/Sp1 11A/Fr1	B12	Miss Sweeney	Preparation for the Speaking Examinations
Child Development	Both sessions	Yr11	BG3	Ms Bartlett	Component 3 exam
Statistics	9:30 – 11	Yr 11	G26	Miss Drage	Statistical enquiry and normal distribution
	11-12:30				Extended Maths
Computer Science	9:30 – 11	11 CS	BG8	Mr Sanghera	Unit 1 Revision: Ethical/Legal Issues. Unit 1: Exam practice and retrieval questions.
	11-12:30				Unit 2 Revision – Data Representation, Translators & Programming Concepts. Code tracing. Unit 2 exam practice.

## Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 9.30-12.30pm

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<b>Science</b>	9.30-11	Higher Paper 1	L14	Ms Cooper	Examology, Predicted papers & modelling answers
	9.30-11	Foundation Combined Chem	L12	Miss Crowton	Chemistry I Do, we do, you do
	9.30-11	Triple Physics	L23	Mr Hammet	Examology, Predicted papers & modelling answers
<b>Maths</b>	9:30 – 11	Higher	G24	Mrs Raju	Algebra and Data Handling Focus
	9:30 – 11	Foundation	G23	Mr Wainman	Geometry and Algebra Focus
	9:30 – 11	Year 13	G26	Miss Drage	A-Level Applied Mechanics
<b>English</b>	9:30 – 11	Grade 6+	GG4	Mrs Kirkbride	Power poetry
	9:30 - 11	Grade 4/5	G12	Ms Hasan	Literature Paper 1

<b>Science</b>	11-12.30	Higher Paper 2	L14	Ms Cooper	Examology, Predicted papers & modelling answers
	11-12.30	Foundation Combined Bio	L12	Miss Crowton	Biology I Do, We do, You do
	11-12.30	Triple Chem	L23	Mr Hammet	Examology, Predicted papers & modelling answers
<b>Maths</b>	11-12.30	Higher	G24	Mrs Raju	Higher Exam Paper Practice
	11-12.30	Foundation	G23	Mr Wainman	Foundation Exam Paper Practice
	11-12.30	Year 13	G26	Miss Drage	Level Applied Statistics
<b>English</b>	11-12.30	Grade 6+	GG4	Mrs Kirkbride	Eva Smith in An Inspector Calls
	11-12.30	Grade 4/5	G12	Ms Hasan	Language Paper 1



## Signposting support:



### Useful helplines and charities

**Young Minds.** Child and adolescent mental health charity. Call: 0808 802 5544 (parents' helpline)

**Samaritans.** Samaritans provide 24-hour online and phone support to people in distress. Call: 116 123

**SANE.** National out-of hours mental health charity offering emotional support, guidance and information. Call: 0300 304 7000 (4.30pm to 10.30pm)

<https://mensadvice.org.uk/contact-us/> Men's advice and support site

<https://safeline.org.uk/mens-mental-health-a-silent-crisis/> Men's mental health site

**Mental Health Foundation.** Information and support for anyone with mental health problems or learning disabilities.

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Last day of term for students

### ***EASTER HOLIDAYS – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April***

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April – Students return to school

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Yr 7 Parents Evening – 3.30-6.30pm

## Solihull Family Information Service Parents' Network

Please find below information provided by Solihull Family information services on events and activities during the Easter Holidays.



Library activities

The Core

Family Hubs

Stay active events

Creative arts

SEND activities

Family days out

To see our latest newsletter, with details of family activities taking place over the Easter holiday please [click here](#)

(N.B. The above web link will redirect you to the Solihull Council website)

If you require information or advice relating to your child(ren) around childcare, activities or support services, early education funded places for under 5s or free school meals, please visit [www.solihull.gov.uk/familyinfo](http://www.solihull.gov.uk/familyinfo) for further details or contact the Family Information Service helpline on 0800 389 8667 or email [familyinfo@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:familyinfo@solihull.gov.uk)

## Easter Community Event

Super Sen CIC  
'Successfully Embracing Neurodivergence'

Solihull Family Hubs

### EASTER ARTS & CRAFTS

FOR SEN FAMILIES

March 31<sup>st</sup> 10-11:30am

As part of Elmwood family hub community day.  
No need to book, just hop along to see us!!

Elmwood Family Hub  
37 Burtons Way  
Smithswood B36 OUG

# EASTER COMMUNITY EVENT

CRAFTS | MUSIC | MAGIC | GAMES | RAFFLE  
SNACKS | ENTERTAINMENT | EASTER BUNNY

MINDFULNESS YOGA - 14:00-15:00

TUESDAY 31 MARCH, 10:00-15:00  
ELMWOOD FAMILY HUB, B36 OUG

Super Sen CIC  
"in it together"

Solihull Council

non-stop Kids Entertainment

Winnr

Scouts  
2nd Smiths Wood

## FREE HAF Career Day events

We're excited to share two fantastic **FREE HAF Career Day events** taking place this Easter for eligible young people in Solihull. These sessions offer hands-on, interactive experiences designed to inspire and help young people explore future careers in exciting fields. Both events are **free for children aged 11-16 with a valid HAF code**, and each day includes a **healthy lunch**.

### HAF Career Day: Life in the Police

**Date:** Thursday 2nd April

**Time:** 10:00am – 2:00pm

**Location:** Elmwood Family Hub

This immersive session gives young people the chance to experience what life is like in the police, including:

- CSI-style workshop
- Meeting police officers
- Interactive police tasks
- Learning about different roles within the police force

👉 **Book your place:** <https://ordinary-magic.classforkids.io/> (please click join waiting list to book)



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**SOLIHULL HAF**  
Holiday Activities And Food

### HAF CAREER DAY

Join us for an exciting interactive session discovering what life is like in the police!!!

CSI workshop!!

For children aged 11-16, free for children with a HAF code

Meet police officers!!!!

Find out more about different roles in the force!!!



Interactive tasks!!!!

When: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April  
Where: Elmwood Family Hub  
Time: 10am-2pm  
Healthy lunch included

To request a place please go to:  
<https://ordinary-magic.classforkids.io/>

Department for Education

### HAF Career Day: STEM Exploration (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths)

**Date:** Thursday 9th April

**Time:** 10:00am – 2:00pm

**Location:** Elmwood Family Hub

A creative and engaging STEM-focused event featuring:

- Fashion design & enterprise
- Interactive construction challenge
- VR challenge
- Lego race challenge

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Department for Education

### HAF CAREER DAY

Join us for an exciting interactive session around Science, Technology, Engineering and maths!!!

Fashion design and enterprise!

For children aged 11-16 with a HAF code

Interactive construction challenge!

VR challenge!



Lego race challenge!

When: Thursday 9th April  
Where: Elmwood Family Hub  
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## Kooth Engagement Team - News

Hello,

As we approach the Easter break and the height of the exam season for many young people, we know that they may be feeling the pressure and need some support.

Here's a selection of resources to help you support your community during this time and remind them we're here over Easter. [Access the full toolkit here](#)

### It is important to remind your young people that:

- There are ways to manage feelings of stress or worry during exam season, visit the **Exam stress calm zone**.
- Exams don't define who they are, or measure everything, see our popular article **10 things standard exams don't measure**.
- Self care is important. Help them tackle feelings of exam overwhelm with our **Self care bingo card**.
- There's tips on navigating exams and big changes in our **Exam stress and managing change video**.

### For families we have:

- Guidance on **supporting your child through exam stress**.

### How you can help your young people:

- Raise awareness of Kooth's free wellbeing support by displaying the **exam support poster**.
- [Use this form](#) to book an **exam stress or transition-themed talk** to introduce your young people to Kooth's safe, anonymous community. You can also **order free print materials** and **arrange staff training** on Kooth and how digital mental health support works.

**Please remember we are here over the Easter holidays.** Our BACP-accredited digital service provides free, safe, and anonymous support with no waiting lists or referrals needed. Live chat opening hours remain the same: 12pm- 10pm on weekdays and 6pm- 10pm on weekends. All other parts of the platform including the journal and goal setting features, wellbeing articles, forums and messaging service are available 24/7.

Best wishes over Easter,

## Attendance

### How absence from school affects children long term

Attendance	Average earnings (aged 28)
99-100%	£32,200
90-98.9%	£29,800
50-89.9%	£19,500
Below 50%	£10,100

A recent study by the **Department for Education study**, investigated the long-term impact of absence on future earnings. It highlights how students who attend school more regularly tend to earn higher salaries by the age of 28.

- **Students with nearly perfect attendance (99-100%)** earn an average of **£32,200** per year.
- **Those with attendance at 90-98.9%** earn slightly less, at **£29,800** per year.
- **Students with lower attendance (50-89.9%)** see a significant drop in earnings, averaging **£19,500** per year.
- **Students who attend less than 50% of the time** earn the least, at only **£10,100** per year.

This **Department for Education study** emphasizes the importance of regular school attendance in shaping a child's future success. Encouraging consistent attendance can have a **long-term impact** on job opportunities and financial stability later in life.

## Attendance Matters

As we all know, attendance plays a huge part in our children achieving their full potential. Research has shown that pupils who performed better at the end of secondary school missed fewer days than those who didn't perform as well. **Reporting a Student Absence:** On the occasions when children are too unwell to attend school, it is the responsibility of the parent/carer to contact school as soon as possible, by **8.30am** at the latest, on **each morning of absence**.

### ***DID YOU KNOW...?***

*There are **190** teaching days in a school year. **10** days of absence = **95%** attendance; **15** days of absence = **92%** attendance. Children with **OVER 90%** attendance are more likely to achieve 5 or more Grade 4+ qualifications Children with **LESS than 85%** attendance are **unlikely** to gain 5 or more 9-5 GCSE's or equivalent qualifications.*

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## Student Medication

This is a gentle reminder that if your child requires an inhaler, especially now that the colder weather is here, please ensure it is in their bag or blazer so they can use it as and when required. If your child needs medication that must be kept in school, please complete a consent form – please contact school if you need one

## Contact Details



**Have you changed your contact details?** If you have changed your home address, telephone number, email address or name, please ensure that you contact the main office to update your details so that you do not miss out on information from school. You can update your details via email: [post@parkhall.org](mailto:post@parkhall.org) or by calling 0121 748 0400.

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## For Parents - How to Report Online Harm

There are so many apps with different reporting functions, organisations, helplines and more it can be really frustrating for parents to get help. Internet Matters have a useful page which details some of these organisations and what they can do, how to report specific issues, how to report on many of the social platforms and games and where to go for more help. You can see all the details [HERE](#).

