

RL/HY/HWD

18 October 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian

On behalf of the Heath Park staff, we thank you for the support you show your children to ensure they are prepared to work hard and be successful. As a school, we consistently strive to improve so that your children benefit from a world-class education which empowers them to move into their adult lives with a wealth of positive choices. Your support is very much appreciated, and we look forward to seeing your child when they return to school on **Monday 4th November at the usual time of 8:40am.**

'Every Pupil. Always In Focus' is our mission statement which highlights our relentless passion for our students to achieve exceptionally well. In the summer, our year 11s achieved outstanding GCSE results, again putting Heath Park in the top 10% in the country! As a school, we are extremely proud of the students and how they worked with staff to secure incredible outcomes. Hard work pays off, and we look forward to every cohort at our school achieving the results that they deserve. We also wish to give a huge welcome to our new year 7 students who have settled into Heath Park really well.

Heath Park Curriculum

Our school curriculum is the key driver for continued academic excellence. We have a strong balance of the academic subjects, the arts, and the vocational subjects. This is because we understand that every child is not the same, and there will always be a subject (or a set of subjects) that "hooks" them. However, we also believe that, through hard work, all students can have the foundational knowledge that will give them the skills to do well in life. This is reflected in our curriculum offer, here at Heath Park. You can find our curriculum offer on our website via the link below. If you have any queries about our curriculum, please do not hesitate to contact us.

[Curriculum Overview – Heath Park](#)

Mock Exams

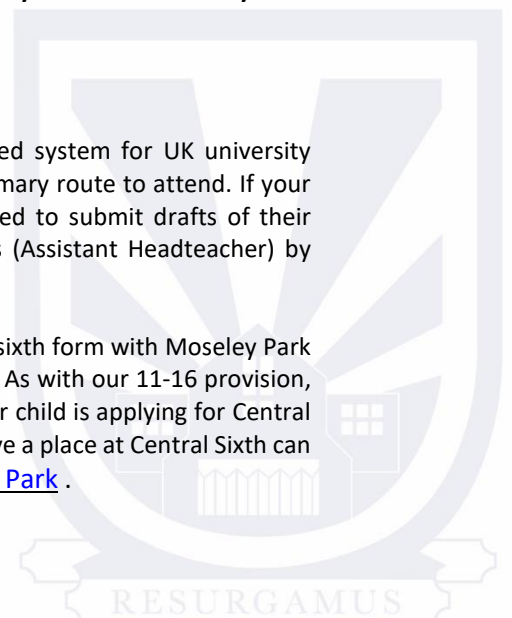
After half term, our year 11 students will be sitting their first set of mock exams during this crucial year. Mock exams are not just about assessment; they are also an invaluable source of feedback to help students identify the key knowledge and skills they need to be successful. The first year 11 mock exams commence on **Monday the 18th of November** and conclude on **Friday the 6th of December.**

Our Year 13 students have one set of mocks this year. This starts on **Monday the 27th of January 2025** and finishes on **Friday the 14th of February 2025.**

UCAS and Sixth Form

The University and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) is the centralised system for UK university applications. For students who wish to attend university, UCAS is the primary route to attend. If your child is in year 13 and intends on applying to university, then they need to submit drafts of their application to our Head of Sixth Form (Mrs Holloway) and Miss Davies (Assistant Headteacher) by Christmas at the very latest.

For students applying for our Sixth Form, Central Sixth, which is our joint sixth form with Moseley Park and Coppice, applications are open and will **close on 9th December 2024.** As with our 11-16 provision, our sixth form is one of the most popular sixth forms in the city, so if your child is applying for Central Sixth, please encourage them to apply ASAP. Entry requirements to achieve a place at Central Sixth can be found via this link [Central Sixth Form Entry Requirements – Heath Park](#).



Heath Park Careers

Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) is a mandatory expectation of schools to provide careers advice to all students that enables them to make choices based upon their skills and aspirations. All students at Heath Park will soon have access to Unifrog, which is a highly regarded careers guidance website/app that provides advice and access to information about the world of work, universities, and apprenticeships. We are also proud to have the services of a careers advisor who works closely with our year 10 – year 13 students to ensure that they are fully aware of what options they have with their current (and ambitious) set of skills.

MFL (Modern Foreign Languages)

For our Key Stage 3 (KS3) students (year 7 and year 8), we have provided the opportunity for a trip to France during the next school year (2025-2026) on 17 October 2025. We are impressed by the uptake thus far, which shows how much our students love studying French. In addition to the trip, we will be starting a French club during lunchtimes for KS3 students, which is an exciting opportunity to engage in Languages.

School Events

For parents and carers of our year 10 students, we have our Year 10 Parents' Evening on the **14th of November, from 4:30pm – 7:00pm**. This is a good opportunity to have discussions with staff about how much your child is progressing through their GCSEs and other Level 2 courses (E.g., BTECs). The next two years of the students' lives will proceed quite quickly, so we strongly encourage all parents and carers to attend.

Another event for students, parents and carers in the next half term will be our **Heath Park Exams Achievement Celebration Evening**, celebrating the achievements of our year 11 students and year 13 students from last summer. As stated earlier in this letter, we are incredibly proud of our students, and the Celebration Evening is a wonderful opportunity for the community to commemorate their fantastic achievements. This event will be taking place on **Thursday 19th December and starts at 7:15pm**.

Finally, in the next half term, we also look forward to showcasing the exceptional talents of our students in the performing arts. On the 27th of November, we have a Dance show, and from the **10th of December to the 12th of December** we are proud to present to you "Sister Act Jr". More information will be shared on our website soon, so please look out for this.

Core Expectations and Behaviours

At Heath Park, we have high expectations for our students – we are preparing them for a highly productive adult life. As part of our expectations, we have our minimum expectations, as highlighted below:

- Attendance at school in the correct uniform: blazer, shirt, and tie; trousers; skirts that are no higher than the knee. For our sixth form students they will be wearing black business wear, as seen on our website.
- **They bring a pen, pencil, ruler, and rubber in a pencil case to school and a bag to carry work.**
- They attend lessons on time, especially after break and lunchtime.
- They follow "The 3 Rs" (Ready; Responsible and Respectful) at all times to each other and to staff.
- They develop effective self-management skills such as excellent communication skills, determination, resilience, and focus, which are attributes typical of a good character.

- Mobile phones are **not used on the school premises at any time of the school day**. If students need to contact home, or home needs to contact school, then this will be done through our front desk at reception.

If students have concerns, they are to share them with their form tutor, teacher, or any staff member, and we will support them as best as we can in that moment. In addition, Student Services (our pastoral team) are available to support your child if they need someone to talk to away from the classroom. Additionally, as parents and carers, we understand how important your children are to you. If your child is distressed, you (as parents) may also be. However, if you have a concern about your child, please be respectful to our staff when addressing any concerns. We thank you for your ongoing support with these expectations.

School Nurse

As part of our ongoing support for the wellbeing of our students, our School Nurse is available for drop-ins for all students (Year 7 to Year 13) during lunchtime every Thursday. We encourage all students to utilise this service as we understand that health and wellbeing are central in helping all citizens to lead productive lives.

Student absence (Holidays)

The DfE (Department for Education) has recently reviewed children being out of school on holidays during term time. This is known as a “leave of absence.” The consultation period from the summer has now ended, and it is now a statutory expectation for schools to issue because of children being on holiday when they are expected to be in school. Therefore, we encourage you to arrange holidays during the school holidays as we cannot grant any leave of absence for your child. Full details can be found by clicking this link [Holiday in term time - penalty notices | City Of Wolverhampton Council](#).

Parking

If you are using a vehicle to drop your child off at school (or pick up our child from school), can you please avoid parking on the double yellow lines outside of the school, please? Parking outside of the school causes considerable traffic-flow issues and presents a safety risk to students if they are trying to cross the road.

If you do wish to drop or pick your child up, can you please arrange for this to take place away from the school on Prestwood Road, where it is safer for all. We thank you in advance for your cooperation with our request.

Heath Park School Term Dates 2024-2025

As per the previous letter, below are the term dates for Heath Park School the rest of the school year:

- **Monday 4th November 2024 – half term 2 begins.**
- **Friday 20th December 2024 – half term 2 ends (Christmas Holidays).**
- **Friday 3rd January 2024 – INSET day.**
- **Monday 6th January 2025 – half term 3 begins.**
- **Friday 14th February 2025 – half term 3 ends.**
- **Monday 24th February 2025 – INSET.**
- **Tuesday 25th February 2025 – half term 4 begins.**
- **Friday 11th April 2025 – half term 4 ends (Easter Holidays).**
- **Monday 28th April 2025 – half term 5 begins.**
- **Friday 23rd May 2025 – half term 5 ends.**
- **Monday 2nd June 2025 – half term 6 begins.**
- **Thursday 24th July 2025 – school year ends.**

We wish you and your families a restful half-term break and look forward to seeing your child on the 4th of November.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Rollins', written in a cursive style.

Mr. Rollins
Head of School

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Mrs. Holloway
Chief Executive Officer (CEO)