



# MURRAY PARK NEWSLETTER

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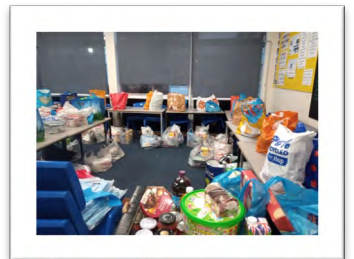


## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parent/Carer and students

We have come to the end of an interesting and extraordinary term. We have celebrated great successes, such as our School Mental Health Award in recognition of our great work to ensure the mental health of staff and students is safeguarded. In addition, we have been recognised for the fantastic on-line work we have been providing—much enhanced when compared to many schools in the city and indeed the country.

One of the amazing acts of kindness, from staff, has been the work with the foodbank this term. This has been coordinated by Miss Woolley and involved collating 34 boxes of food and distributing them yesterday. It was delightful to see the many cars leaving the site to deliver these boxes. We hope the families who have benefited from them enjoy the contents over the Christmas break!



Join the PTA!



The PTA undertook their AGM this term and you will have seen their message of best wishes. It would be great to see more parents getting involved in some of the virtual events on 2021 which will be organised to fund some much needed extra resources for our students to enjoy.

Our COVID measures have continued to be effective and we have not had any linked cases within school, which is a testament to how well all students, staff and visitors are coping with the measures in place. Thank you to everyone for their co-operation with this.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your continued support. Without your commitment to ensure your child/ren attend school regularly, with the correct equipment and uniform and undertake on-line learning when necessary, we would not be as successful as we are. I wish you a lovely, relaxing Christmas and a fantastic 2021!

Mrs Caley  
Headteacher



## ENGLISH - A CHRISTMAS CAROL



On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December, 9JF enjoyed a livestream of The Old Vic's new production of 'A Christmas Carol,' featuring Andrew Lincoln, star of 'Love Actually' and 'The Walking Dead.' This followed on from the class's work last half term on the Charles Dickens' novella, examining its key themes and characters as well as how it links to the time period in which Dickens was writing. Class teacher Mr Flint said, "When I saw that The Old Vic were putting on a performance, it was an opportunity not to be missed. It was fantastic for students to engage with live theatre, even at a distance."

## HEGARTY MATHS COMPETITION

### Hegarty Maths Competition



The maths department is challenging all students to go above and beyond to complete extra maths. We are starting a competition to see who can answer the most Hegarty maths **Fix Up 5** and **MemRi** questions **correctly** every week.

**Prizes will be awarded to the top 5 students in each year group.**

**League tables will be updated each week and released via the tutor slides.**

**For more details, please speak to your maths teacher.**



# PE NEWS - GET SET GO STEP RESULTS

## 2020 Get Set Go ! Community Step Final Results

COMMUNITY	STEPS
KESTREL	2,324,033
PEGASUS	1,977,253
MERLIN	1,873,661
GRIFFON	819,331

Individual Results tables on the next slides GET SET GO!!!!!!!

## Top Ten !! Student Steppers

NAME	Tutor Group	Community	Total-Steps
Billy	7P	Kestrel	349,091
Matthew	11A	Kestrel	344,639
Kalpriya	7S	Merlin	307,766
Thomas	11A	Pegasus	273,182
Harrison	8K	Kestrel	270,345
Caitlyn	7S	Merlin	250,769
Steven	7Y	Pegasus	218,928
Alex	11A	Merlin	215,280
Hope	8P	Pegasus	202,279
Rose	7S	Merlin	201,792

More results on the next slides!!!

Name	Tutor Group	Community	Total Steps
Joshua	9A	Merlin	195,168
Max	11A	Griffon	170,812
Paloma	7P	Kestrel	169,313
Faith	11S	Griffon	142,416
Philip	7S	Merlin	102,830
Joe	8K	Kestrel	86,779
Leah	7P	Kestrel	73,848
Alexander	8K	Kestrel	72,746
Alexa	7S	Merlin	70,957
Carter	8K	Kestrel	63,741

Name	Tutor Group	Community	Total Steps
Hannah	8K	Kestrel	63,046
Dlen	7P	Kestrel	57,267
Daisy	7M	Kestrel	39,319
Muhammad	9S	Griffon	38,269
Poppy	9U	Merlin	34,258
Jessica	7S	Merlin	28,803
Petra	7P	Kestrel	21,448
Tommy	7S	Merlin	9,435

## Staff Steppers

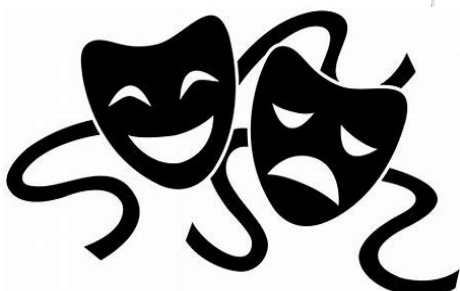
Name	Tutor Group	Community	Total Steps
Mrs Hadden	7Y	Pegasus	456,603
Miss Gaillard	8K	Kestrel	408,451
Miss Miller	7K	Pegasus	401,065
Mrs Makasis		Pegasus	390,000
Miss Patterson	9P	Kestrel	304,000
Mrs Logan	7M	Griffon	303,362
Miss Jackson	11U	Pegasus	298,250
Miss Harris	11A	Pegasus	193,549
Miss Clarke		Griffon	164,472

Well done and thank you to everyone that took the time to step for their community.

Look out for a **NEW GET SET GO** Challenge in 2021 .  
Thank You . PE Department.



## GCSE DRAMA EXAM



Year 11 completed their first practical exam for their GCSE Drama on the 26<sup>th</sup> of November. This exam required students to perform character monologues from published plays. All students performed well and should be exceptionally proud of themselves.

## LIBRARY NEWS

The library honoured Holly Baddiley's memory by giving out the first "Holly Award" Student of the Month to the students who proved a real dedication to reading and their love of books.

As part of the well-being programme, the library has created a new activity called: Bibliography where many issues and students' worries are tackled through writing and reading books.

## MENTAL HEALTH

Murray Park School is now recognised as a mentally healthy school.

Mental health is extremely important to us and in these testing times, we have needed to be more resilient than ever. Our students have completed a mental health survey and we are looking at ways we can support them to develop healthy minds so that they are able to cope with the ever changing landscape of our society. Your mental health matters to us too. You will receive an email with a link to the parental mental health survey. Please take 5 minutes to complete this so that we can offer support where it is needed. Our aim is to build strength from within and outwardly grow and you as parents are vitally important to this as you are the heart of our community.

In January we will be launching a parental group for any parents feeling they need some help, knowledge, support with their own wellbeing or advice or guidance on implementing parenting strategies. This will be an eight week programme initially that focuses on understanding brain development in children, attachment styles, emotion coaching, changing mind sets and instilling boundaries. More information will be released in January and I will be asking for parents to express their interest if they wish to take part.

Please see the link to our wellbeing survey below:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=-t8DoPBLpUiBrgsOIVy6s7m89eEdK5ZJv5GrdlIJpytUOEQ3Sjk5MEIHRUVWR0pWWWTBJSkFVRzIKVC4u>

We wish you a Merry Christmas from Murray Park.



## SAFER INTERNET RESOURCES



### Free online resources for parents / carers

You can use the link below to access new updated parental guides to help keep your children safe and for the actions they take online.

Covering risks posed and actions to keep safe, these guides cover the big four social media platforms your child may be using (Instagram, WhatsApp, Snapchat and TikTok).

<http://tiny.cc/htjydz>

# ASPIRATIONS, CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY NEWS

## Raising Aspirations for Y9

12 of our Y9 students have started a programme 'Raising Aspirations' which will help each learner to identify interests, goals and experiences that will enable them to raise their aspirations. The programme is underpinned by employer interactions. Wider focus groups are included in some of the opportunities.



## Derby County Community Trust – 'Winning Minds Workshop's'

Some of our KS3 students are taking part in the Winning Minds workshops which will engage students through a leadership and community development programme. This will aim to develop their sports leadership skills and empower them to increase personal skills such as confidence and self-esteem whilst also having a lasting and significant impact on the local community.



The project aims to engage students who will undertake accredited leadership qualifications, complete the Winning Minds Developmental Programme (reflection diary and sessions) and be provided with volunteering opportunities. Students will also take on their own social action projects within their local communities to advocate the power of the youth voice on issues including: anti-bullying, LGBTQ+ awareness, mental health awareness and anti-racism.

## Mock interviews Y11

Y11 students have been taking part in Mock Interviews with local employers to help prepare them for the next steps in their Post 16 journeys. The Mock Interviews have been organised through E4E (Enterprise for Education) and students have been conducting their mock interviews virtually which is a new adventure for us.



Despite some challenges with COVID restrictions we are striving to ensure all students in Y11 are well prepared and equipped for the journey ahead Post 16.

## GO 4 SCHOOLS

In order for parents/carers to be able to access Go 4 Schools we need to have an accurate email address on our school system.

Please make sure as parents/carers that you have given us your most up to date email address and that all students know how to access their school emails.

New users and those resetting their passwords (if they've been forgotten) on Go 4 Schools will need to retrieve a link sent to their email address in order to set up a new password.

The school website has a simple link for students and parents to click on to go straight through to the Go 4 Schools website and log in.

If you do have difficulties please contact Patricia Bowler, Data Manager

Email: [catherine.bowler@murraypark.derby.sch.uk](mailto:catherine.bowler@murraypark.derby.sch.uk)



## YEAR 11 REVISION EVENING



This year's annual year 11 revision evening went virtual this year. We had presentations on a variety of revision techniques and coping strategies. These ranged from the use of flashcards and revision books, to how our students can take care of themselves during the exam period. The school would like to thank all students and parents for logging in and we hope that you found the event purposeful. We would also like to thank Mr Beattie, Miss Dodd, Mr Olubodun and Mr Heaney for their fantastic work in helping the students to prepare for their exams. Next week all year 11 students will be gifted a revision pack full of goodies to ensure that everyone can put the skills they have learnt into practice.

## EXAMINATION INFORMATION

### Examinations in Summer 2021

The written exams in Summer 2021 will start on Wednesday 26 May 2021 with the vast majority of exam papers being sat on or after 7 June. It's worth noting there will be some external examinations taking place during January, February and March 2021 as well (listed below). The planned end date for the Summer exams is Friday 2 July with the majority of students having an exam to sit that day – however, the Department for Education has confirmed that students for GCSE and AS will be given an opportunity to sit a paper if an individual misses the main exams due to illness or self-isolation. We are still waiting for news of these additional exams but they are expected to take place throughout July. Partial absences from exams due to illness and self-isolation will be subject to the usual processes and school will require evidence to support any application to an exam board as a request for special consideration on the basis of absence (something that happens after exams have taken place).

I would recommend that students have their school jumper as well as their blazer ready for all examinations being sat during this school year. Additional ventilation of exam rooms required for Covid-19 hygiene will mean that students may feel colder than usual sitting still for an exam so that extra layer will be beneficial.

### Confirmed exam dates for external public exams

- Monday 11 January 2021: Construction (at Derby College)
- Tuesday 12 January 2021: Engineering
- Thursday 4 February 2021: BTEC Digital Information Technology
- Friday 5 February 2021: BTEC Health & Social Care
- Tuesday 9 March – Thursday 11 March 2021: BTEC Creative Media
- Thursday 18 March 2021: Hair & Beauty Level 2 Theory
- Wednesday 26 May 2021: Summer exams written papers start
- Last date on the summer exam timetable to be confirmed
- Tuesday 24 August 2021: AS results day
- Friday 27 August 2021: GCSE results day



# LOCKER RENTALS

Lockers were installed during half-term which are available to rent (£18.00 for the academic year). Please visit [www.locker.rentals](http://www.locker.rentals) for more information.

**THE UK'S NO.1 SCHOOL LOCKER.**

# Secure

**LOCKER.RENTALS**

## 2 SIMPLE WAYS TO RENT YOUR LOCKER.

**1**

Visit [www.locker.rentals](http://www.locker.rentals)

**2**

Scan this QR Code

**Once on the web app do the following:**

- Enter your **LOCATION**
- Choose your **PREFERRED LOCKER AREA** from the drop down menu (if available)
- Click on **CHECK AVAILABILITY**
- Where prompted enter your details and read and agree to the terms and conditions
- Click on **RENT LOCKER** and follow the instructions for entering your payment details
- You will then be emailed a locker code and the number of your locker compartment.

**How to Access your Locker:**

- Go to the locker number detailed on your confirmation email
- Enter the **4 digit code** detailed on your confirmation email and open the lock
- Should you forget your code it can be reissued by visiting [www.locker.rentals](http://www.locker.rentals) and clicking on the re-issue my locker code link.

# UNIFORM SUPPLIER INFORMATION

### CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR HOURS

7th Dec to 11th Dec	10am to 5pm
12th Dec to 29th Dec	closed
30th Dec	10am to 5pm
31st Dec	10am to 2pm
1st Jan	closed
2nd Jan	Open as usual 10am to 5pm

SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE PLEASE CHECK OUR FACEBOOK & TWITTER PAGES FOR UPDATES

### COVID-19 & VISITING STORE

In order to keep everyone safe and help reduce the transmission of COVID-19, please follow the below advice when visiting store;

	Please be aware that you will be expected to wait in a queue following social distancing rules and <b>keeping 2 metres apart</b> . Queues can be in excess of 2 hours, during the summer and peak times. Please bring an umbrella with you in case it rains. Please be considerate to our neighbouring businesses - do not block access. We are open Monday to Saturday 10am to 5pm. (closed on Sunday)
	Please always comply with the government guidelines and <b>wear a face covering</b> (covering your mouth and nose), whilst in store. This will include children 11 years and above. If you have a medical exemption, please let a member of staff know.
	A member of staff will bring customers into store for a one to one service. Please follow the instructions from the team and <b>wait at the marked position</b> to be served. <i>Only one adult with one child (upward of 16)</i>
	Upon entering the store- please use the hand sanitiser provided.
	With COVID SAFE measures in place, trying on or touching merchandise is not permitted. <b>Ensure you measure your child before visiting</b> (sorry staff will not be able to measure your child) This will help us to assist you quickly. The changing rooms remain closed.
	There will be no browsing in store allowed so please <b>come prepared with a list of uniform items</b> you require including the sizes you need. Staff will fetch all the items for you.
	Please pay by contactless where possible.

These measures are in place to keep all our customers and staff safe, during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please respect and follow instructions from staff and observe the floor markings.  
Any form of abuse, rudeness or violence against our staff will not be tolerated, CCTV is recording and will be used if necessary.

Be Kind Be Safe. Thank you for your co-operation

# PARENTPAY - ONLINE PAYMENT SERVICE

ParentPay is our preferred method of making payments to school. This is a secure online payments system accessed via a website where parents & carers can use their credit or debit card to pay for school trips and school meals.

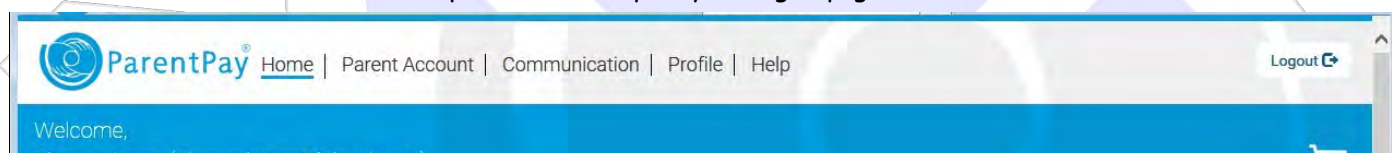
By using ParentPay your child/ren will not have to worry about losing money at school and also ensures that all financial transactions are safe and secure.

If you want to find out more about ParentPay go to:

[www.parentpay.com/Parents](http://www.parentpay.com/Parents)

If you have not received an activation code and would like one, please email [finance@murraypark.derby.sch.uk](mailto:finance@murraypark.derby.sch.uk) to request an activation code; also include your child's name in this request.

Once you have activated your account there are some really useful FAQs on the help & support pages which can be accessed via the help link at the top of your log in page.



## SCHOOL NOTICES

### STAY SAFE



Please remember to wear your face covering when moving around indoors, such as in corridors and communal areas where social distancing is difficult to maintain.

### Parking near School

Please can you drop off and pick up your child away from the school and avoid blocking residents drives.



### Catering

Did you know, you can set a daily limit on your child's dinner card to help them budget their allowance.



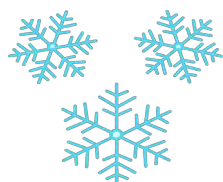
### Bike Safety



### Bike Safety

Now we have dark nights, please make sure you have lights to ensure you can be seen.

Please remember to wear a helmet and lock your bike up safely at school.



### Winter Weather

Can students please be mindful of the winter weather conditions and wear the appropriate clothing and footwear.





***Please come to Student Services if you would like any free sanitary products.***





# COVID-19 PARENT GUIDES





COVID-19 (coronavirus) absence: **let's do the right thing for Derby** Derby City Council

What to do if...	Action needed	Back to school...
 <p>...my child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child shouldn't attend school</li> <li>Child should get a test</li> <li>Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result</li> <li>Inform school immediately about test results</li> </ul>	<p>...when child's test comes back negative provided they have been fever free for the 48 hours before returning to school, and feel well</p>
 <p>...my child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child shouldn't attend school</li> <li>Child self-isolates for at least 10 days from when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms)</li> <li>Inform school immediately about test results</li> <li>Whole household self-isolates for 10 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - even if someone tests negative during those 10 days</li> </ul>	<p>...after 10 days, once child feels better, and has been fever-free for at least 48 hours</p> <p>They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell / taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.</p>
 <p>...somebody in my household has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child shouldn't attend school</li> <li>Household member with symptoms should get a test</li> <li>Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result</li> <li>Inform school immediately about test results</li> </ul>	<p>...when household member test is negative, and child does not have COVID-19 symptoms*</p>
 <p>...somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child shouldn't attend school</li> <li>Whole household self-isolates for 10 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - even if someone tests negative during those 10 days</li> </ul>	<p>...when child has completed 10 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during the 10 days</p>

Symptoms include at least one of a high temperature; a new continuous cough; a loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste.

See more at: [nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms](https://nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms)



What to do if...	Action needed	Back to school...
 <p>...NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as a 'close contact' of a confirmed COVID-19 (coronavirus) case</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child shouldn't attend school</li> <li>Child self-isolates for 10 days (as advised by NHS Test and Trace) – even if they test negative during those 10 days</li> <li>Rest of household does not need to self-isolate, unless they are a 'close contact' too</li> </ul>	<p>...when the child has completed 10 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during those 10 days</p>
 <p>...we / my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not take unauthorised leave in term time.</li> <li>Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel</li> <li>Provide information to school as per attendance policy</li> </ul> <p><b>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child shouldn't attend school</li> <li>Whole household self-isolates for 10 days – even if they test negative during those 10 days</li> </ul>	<p>...when the quarantine period of 10 days has been completed for the child, even if they test negative during those 10 days</p>
 <p>...we have received advice from a medical / official source that my child must resume shielding</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child shouldn't attend school</li> <li>Contact school as advised by attendance officer / pastoral team</li> <li>Child should shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again</li> </ul>	<p>...when school / other agencies inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again</p>
 <p>...I am not sure who should get a test for COVID -19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Only people with symptoms* need to get a test</li> <li>People without symptoms are not advised to get a test, even if they are a 'close contact' of someone who tests positive</li> </ul>	<p>...when conditions above, as matching your situation, are met</p>

If anyone in your household has symptoms\*, book a free COVID-19 test at [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://nhs.uk/coronavirus) or call 119

For further information visit [gov.uk/backtoschool](https://gov.uk/backtoschool)



## TERM KEY DATES 2020/2021

	<u>Last Day at School For Students</u>	<u>First Day Back at School For Students</u>
<b>CHRISTMAS 2020</b>	<b>Friday 18th December 2020</b>	<b>Monday 4th January 2021 for Year 11 and vulnerable/key worker students</b>
February 2021 Half Term	Friday 12th February 2021	Monday 22nd February 2021
<b>SPRING 2021</b>	<b>Thursday 1st April 2021</b>	<b>Monday 19th April 2021</b>
May 2021 Half Term	Friday 28th May 2021	Monday 7th June 2021
<b>SUMMER 2021</b>	<b>Thursday 22nd July 2021</b>	

<u>INSET Days</u>
Friday 2nd July 2021
Friday 23rd July 2021

<u>Bank Holidays (outside of school holidays)</u>
Friday 2nd April 2021 (Good Friday)
Monday 3rd May 2021 (May Day)

## KEY DATES



### Monday 4th January 2021

Tuesday 12th January  
 Wednesday 13th &  
 Thursday 14th January  
 Thursday 21st January  
 Tuesday 2nd February

### Friday 12th February Monday 22nd February

Monday 8th March  
 Tuesday 9th March  
 Tuesday 16th - Friday 19th March  
 Monday 22nd - Friday 26th March

### Thursday 1st April Monday 19th April

### Students return

Year 9 - Options & Core subjects Parents' Evening

Year 9 Progression Pathways Workshops  
 Year 8 Skills Challenge Workshop  
 Options Online Q&A Evening

### Break up for Half Term

### Students return

Year 7 Tomorrow's Engineers around the world day  
 Year 11 Parents' Evening  
 Krakov Trip  
 Year 10 Industrial Cadets (Provisional)

### Break up for Easter

### Students return

Tuesday 12th January	Year 9 Options & Core subjects Parents' Evening
Tuesday 9th March	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Tuesday 15th June	Year 7 Parents' Evening
Tuesday 13th July	Year 10 Parents' Evening

