



# MURRAY PARK NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parent/Carer and students

Welcome to our first newsletter of the 2020/21 academic year. It has been a sobering half term and one which has been full of mixed emotions.

The untimely passing of our Deputy Head girl Holly Baddiley has been devastating to all who knew her and her family. Her diagnosis of Hodgkin Lymphoma in September was a shock but we could never have anticipated that she would have passed away so suddenly due to the fact she was responding well to treatment.

We have set up a book of condolence and a table of memories in the library for anyone to come and spend some time thinking of Holly and the wonderful person she was. You can also bring flowers to the school and lay them at the front of the Maple Park Centre, just outside reception.



Holly's funeral will be held on the Friday of the half term break, at a socially distanced ceremony with limited numbers (invitation only) due to the pandemic. Red roses will be laid on her grave to remember her love of Alice in Wonderland and Beauty and the Beast.

Murray Park students will get a chance to say goodbye and remember Holly on a non-uniform day we plan to hold to coincide with Remembrance Day 11th November. We will send more information out closer to the time, as well as other ways we will remember Holly.

We have had two COVID-19 cases in school this half term, which were both contracted within the homes of those infected and we took immediate action to ask anyone who was in contact to self-isolate for 14 days. This shows that our distancing and self-isolation measures are working to ensure everyone is safe. Please see the leaflet on Page 7 which Derby City have published about the steps to take should your child experience any symptoms. Thank you for your cooperation and support in this matter.

Today we enjoyed our headteacher reward assembly which was brought together only small numbers in separate year group bubbles - very different to the usual busy rewards events. Well done to all those who received an award—you are a credit to Murray Park School.



Thank you for all your support in the last few weeks. Have a good rest with your families and I look forward to returning in November ready to learn and celebrate Holly's life in a spectacular way!

Mrs Caley  
Headteacher

## PE NEWS



### GET SET GO WALKING

The PE department launched the Get Set Go walking community competition on the 14<sup>th</sup> September. The aim of the competition is to encourage everyone to get involved with their own daily exercise and to try and become more active. The students have been asked to record their steps and then to email the results into school and they have been added to their community total. There have been a lot of big steppers !!!!!

We will be announcing the winning community in school time to the students at the end of term. Thank you for all of your support.

Mrs Hollins PE

### Badminton Competition

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September the Year 9 Bubble took part in a round robin Badminton competition afterschool. The students played some fantastic Badminton with brilliant sportsmanship. We would like to share the results with you . Well done to everyone that took part.

Mrs Hollins PE

1<sup>st</sup> Harry - 55 points 2<sup>nd</sup> Archie - 48 points 3<sup>rd</sup> Sabahat - 46 points

4<sup>th</sup> Leila-37 points 5<sup>th</sup> Blaine -36 points 6<sup>th</sup> Marcy - 34 points



## LIBRARY NEWS

'Philosophers Corner' is a group created by Chengo and her team in year 10 who debate and discuss important issues in the world and dilemmas facing the global population. They weigh up different sides and consider a range of perspectives in order to explore ideas fully.



### Accelerated Reader Millionaires

Sofia; Hasan; Zeinab; Alexander; Amelia & Holly were Accelerated Reader Millionaires so they got their certificates and Amazon gift card.



# ASPIRATIONS, CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY NEWS



We have delivered a number of careers lessons for our Y10 and Y11 students to help them plan for their futures Post 16.

To support students with career planning and to support them to make well informed choices about their next steps we've encouraged them to register on <https://pathwayctm.com/for-school-leavers/> platform where they can find out about all the options post GCSE and A-Level, create CVs and covering letters; master the art of networking on LinkedIn; understand their strengths and how they can help them in their career journey; learn how to win at assessment centres, and smash the 1-2-1 interview by phone, online and face to face.



Students can take part in regular employer and industry events, giving students a platform to speak to employers directly, and find out what it's really like embarking on a career with them. Check out current opportunities, including Apprenticeships, Work Experience and Internship placements, Sponsored Degrees, Training Programmes and Gap Year programmes, and use our Student support to help you through the whole process.

There is a parent's newsletter which you can register for <https://pathwayctm.com/parents/> which we would strongly encourage you to do which. It will give you the tools and information to support your child choosing Post 16 pathways and help them career plan for the future and make well informed choices.



We encourage all students in Y11 to check their school emails on a regular basis for information sent regarding all things Post 16 and Careers related as many local 6<sup>th</sup> Forms, Colleges and employers will be posting and sending us updates and information for students.

Information on career resources and Post 16 options and providers can be found on our website under the careers section and then the careers resources tab <https://www.murraypark.derby.sch.uk/careers/careers-resources>



We have sent out to students the brand new Careers and Advice E-Magazine called Decisions <http://magazine.decisionz.co.uk/books/qdus> which is a fantastic resource to help students plan their next steps Post 16 so please refer to this.



## 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.

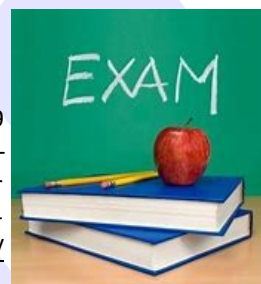


If you do have difficulties please contact Patricia Bowler, Data Manager Email: [cathe-rine.bowler@murraypark.derby.sch.uk](mailto:cathe-rine.bowler@murraypark.derby.sch.uk)

## EXAMINATION INFORMATION

### Examinations news for Year 10 and Year 11

Year 11 students will have their formal mock GCSE exams from Monday 11 January – Friday 29 January 2021. There are also several real external exams taking place during the January – March 2021 period including one for Engineering in the first week of the mocks. Timetables for Year 11 examinations can be found on the school website. Students will be issued with individual candidate timetables in addition to the overall timetable. <http://www.murraypark.derby.sch.uk/student-zone/exams>



Year 10 and Year 11 students will be issued with the 2020-21 Candidate Handbook; parents can find a copy on the school website along with other key documents and regulations for GCSE exams. The Handbook contains information including where students should be, regulations for completing coursework and non-exam assessments, use of social media, rules about mobile phones and watches in the exam room and procedures for absence. <http://www.murraypark.derby.sch.uk/student-zone/exams>

Exam timetables, results dates and the official Contingency Day for Summer 2021 will be updated on the school website as soon as the final timetable is issued by the exam boards.

Mrs Boots, Examinations Officer

## SAFER INTERNET RESOURCES



### Free online resources for parents / carers

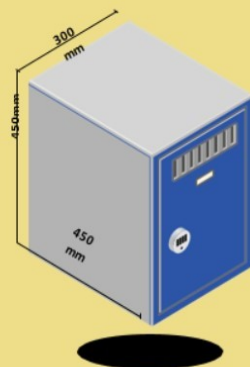
You can use the link below to access new updated parental guides to help keep your children safe and for the actions they take online.

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/htjyjj>

# LOCKER RENTALS

Locker dimensions



Lockers are being installed during half-term which will be available to rent (£18.00 for the academic year).

Information will be texted to parents before the half-term break.

THE UK'S NO.1 SCHOOL LOCKER.

# Secure

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## 2 SIMPLE WAYS TO RENT YOUR LOCKER.



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



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.

# SCHOOL GARDEN

Our Bridge student Daniel has been working on the garden project since we started and came in to school throughout the lockdown period and also during the weekend in order to tend to the garden and all the different fruit and vegetables they were growing.

Vegetable boxes have been sold to staff in order to raise more money for the garden and most recently home-made green tomato chutney has been made by Dan using garden produce and was then sold to staff. This is giving our students great experiences in the world of Business as Dan is responsible for all the working out of costings,

Budgets, expenditure and calculating profit made. All the proceeds go back in to the garden to buy more equipment and things needed to grow

Due to the successes of the garden we had another article printed in the local newspaper and Dan was also on the BBC East Midlands today news which we are extremely proud of.



# B-LINE CARD CHANGES

Derbyshire County Council have changed the way they administer the b line scheme. Previously we have been using a photography service in school, but it has now moved over to a fully online system in order to streamline and speed up the application process, as well as reduce costs. From the end of November 2019 all Derbyshire 11 to 18 year olds will instead be able to apply online for their b\_line card.



The link to the new online application portal is <https://bline.derbyshire.gov.uk/home.faces>

Applicants will be required to enter their email address and set up a password to register. They will then receive an email to activate their account and then proceed to enter their name, address, date of birth and upload a head and shoulders photograph. T&C's must be read and acknowledged by the parent/guardian of students for b\_line1 cards and by the student themselves for b\_line2 cards. The card will be sent direct to the student's home address within 5 working days of application.

# SCHOOL NOTICES



**School photographs will be taking place on 24th November**

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







# COVID-19 PARENT GUIDES

COVID-19 (coronavirus) absence:  
A quick guide for parents / carers

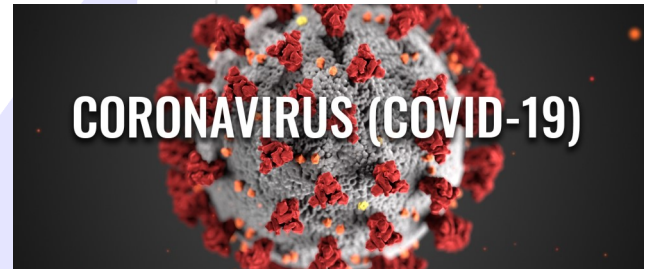
let's do the  
right thing  
for Derby







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 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - even if someone tests negative during those 14 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 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - even if someone tests negative during those 14 days</li> </ul>	<p>...when child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during the 14 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. <sup>1</sup>

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 14 days (as advised by NHS Test and Trace) – even if they test negative during those 14 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 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during those 14 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>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child shouldn't attend school</li> <li>Whole household self-isolates for 14 days – even if they test negative during those 14 days</li> </ul>	<p>...when the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed for the child, even if they test negative during those 14 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>
October 2020 Half Term	Friday 23rd October 2020	Monday 2nd November 2020
<b>CHRISTMAS 2020</b>	<b>Friday 18th December 2020</b>	<b>Monday 4th January 2021</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>
Thursday 3rd September 2020
Friday 4th September 2020
Friday 27th November 2020
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



<p><b>Friday 23rd October</b>  <b>Monday 2nd November</b>                      Monday 2nd November                      Tuesday 10th November</p> <p>Monday 16th - Friday 20th November                      Thursday 26th - Friday 27th November                      Tuesday 1st December</p> <p><b>Friday 18th December</b></p> <p><b>Monday 4th January 2021</b></p>	<p><b>Autumn term ends</b>  <b>Students return</b>                      Year 11 mock series begins                      Year 8 Parents' Evening                      Year 11 Industrial Cadets                      (provisional)                      Year 11 CV workshops (provisional)                      Year 11 Revision Evening</p> <p><b>Break for Christmas</b></p> <p><b>Students return</b></p>
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Tuesday 10th November	Year 8 Parents' Evening
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

### Parents' evening

