



Letter from the Head 12/1/24

In this issue; Spring term 'sprint' and PHS review day.

Dear all,

It has been fantastic to welcome all of our students back to Park House after the Christmas break. Attendance has been significantly increased this year, and I look forward to us all working collectively to maintain this higher standard as the weeks progress across the Spring term.

The Spring term dates this year are much shorter than the Autumn term, with there now being only ten school weeks until the Easter holidays. Our message, as a staff team, this week has been about making sure we make every day count. This is something that I believe we do very well - our students and staff work hard with real purpose and drive - but over the next few weeks this is only going to be even more important, especially for our examination year groups. We want to give them the very best chance of success this summer, so that they can both fulfil their academic potential and give themselves the chance to move on to the range of ambitious destinations that they are aiming for.

Tuesday was a big day for the school as we welcomed a number of colleagues from across the Trust; Headteachers from other secondary schools, and members of the school improvement team visited Park House for our 'SEF review'. This is essentially a review of all aspects of the school, to monitor our progress, and help shape priorities for further improvement.

As they are every day, our students were superb, and demonstrated how much progress the school has made in terms of their learning and general conduct. A selection of comments from the final report are below.

- ❖ Classes were 100% disruption free, and distractions were minimal.
- ❖ Student voice is incredibly positive about the changes and current provision - they would recommend the school, are proud of, and feel they have the best chance of success. All mentioned the impressive after school provision.
- ❖ Relationships between staff and students are very strong
- ❖ Knowledge of individual Post-16 students and their needs (including SEND students) is excellent.
- ❖ Conduct / behaviour of Post-16 students is exemplary in all lessons/activities seen.



The review is an essential part of school monitoring and supports us on our improvement journey towards the next visit from Ofsted, which we become in line for from September 2024.

I wish you all a lovely weekend,

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'JMK', written over a faint, light blue grid background.

Mr King

Headteacher