

Park Aspire AP Academy – Spring 1 Newsletter – 2025/2026

Dear Pupils, Parents/Carers and Staff,

I would like to warmly welcome everyone back to Park Aspire following the festive period. I hope you all enjoyed a restful break and are feeling refreshed and ready for the term ahead.

Building Works Update

We are pleased to confirm that the recent building works are now nearing completion, with handover scheduled for 12th January. These developments represent an exciting step forward for our provision and we look forward to sharing further updates with you soon as the new spaces come into use.

Staffing Updates – Thanks and Farewells

This term, we say goodbye to several valued members of staff, and it is important to recognise their dedication and commitment to Park Aspire.

Mrs Wightman will be leaving us to begin a new role. We would like to wish her the very best of luck and sincerely thank her for her nine years of outstanding service to our pupils and school community.

Mr Maskill will be leaving at the end of the first week of term. Mr Maskill has been part of Park Aspire for ten years, and we thank him for his tireless efforts, consistency and support for pupils during his time with us.

Mrs Roberts will also be moving on at the end of the first week, following eight years of dedicated service. We are extremely grateful for her commitment and the positive impact she has had on so many pupils.

Welcoming New Staff

We are delighted to welcome Mr Todd and Mrs Smith to Park Aspire AP Academy. Mr Todd will be joining us as a teacher and will be replacing Mrs Wightman. Mrs Smith will join our team of dedicated Learning and Behaviour Assistants. We are very much looking forward to working with them both and becoming part of our school community.

Pupils Moving On

We would also like to wish all pupils who are moving on from our provision the very best of luck in their next schools. We are incredibly proud of you and wish you every success for the future.

Celebrating Success

Congratulations to all pupils who earned a place on our recent behaviour reward trips:

KS3 pupils who attended Jumparooz

Primary pupils who enjoyed a trip to Hollywood Bowl

These trips are a celebration of positive behaviour, effort and commitment, and we are proud of the pupils who represented Park Aspire so well.

Christmas Fayre – Thank You

Our Christmas Fayre was a great success, raising nearly £400. Thank you to all parents and carers for your support, and to staff for their time, contributions and for supporting pupils on the stalls. Events like these highlight the strength of our school community.

Attendance and Uniform Reminder

We would like to remind families of the importance of regular attendance. Every day in school matters and plays a crucial role in pupils' progress, wellbeing and success. Thank you for your continued support in prioritising attendance.

A reminder that pupils are expected to attend school in the correct uniform:

Grey polo shirt

Black school jumper

Plain black trousers, skirt with tights, leggings (not sports leggings), or plain black jogging bottoms/shorts (no logos or stripes)

Looking Ahead

We are excited to continue our extra-curricular activities in partnership with the Adventure Development Activities Centre, including opportunities such as High Ropes, Indoor Climbing and Mountain Biking.

We would like to thank parents, pupils and staff for a positive start to the academic year and look forward to continuing to move forward together. This includes the opening of our new reception area and additional classroom space, with more news to follow soon.

Thank you all for your continued support and commitment to Park Aspire AP Academy. We look forward to another successful and positive term ahead.

Warm regards,

Mr Morris & The Park Aspire AP Academy Team