

Summer Holiday Letter (Week 4)

Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope you are having a restful and enjoyable summer break. As we look ahead to September, we want to take this opportunity to remind families of some important expectations to ensure all students are ready for a positive and successful start to the new term.

Behaviour: The Fir Vale Way

At Fir Vale School, we are committed to high standards of behaviour, both in and out of the classroom. To do so, we will be introducing some clear expectations for each and every student through our Fir Vale Way.

FV1 - We show determination by attending every day, ready to learn

FV2 - We show respect by following instructions first time, every time

FV3 - We wear our uniform with pride and take every opportunity

FV4 - We move calmly and quietly around the academy with pace and purpose

FV5 - We speak and act with kindness to show togetherness in our community

FV6 - We have a positive attitude in everything we do to achieve our potential

By following The Fir Vale Way, students help create a calm, safe, and supportive environment where everyone can succeed. In school there will be lots of adults supporting students in following the Fir Vale Way to ensure that students have a happy, safe and engaging environment to learn in.

Attendance & Punctuality

Good attendance is essential for success. From September, we expect all students to:

- Return to school on time on the first day back in full uniform, ready to start the new year positively
- Maintain excellent attendance and punctuality throughout the term

Every day in school counts, and missing lessons means missed learning. Again, if you need any support with this, please do contact us.

Online Learning Over Summer

The summer holidays are a great opportunity to rest and relax, but they also provide some time to revisit and review what students have learned so far. To support this, we have set online learning tasks for students to complete over the summer, including Sparx Maths, Science and Reader.

Completing this will help students keep their skills sharp and be fully prepared for September.

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If students would like to access any additional work over the summer, they can do so using the online platforms we use in school:

Key Stage 3 (Years 7–9):

- [Sparx Maths](#) – practise Maths at your own pace
- [Sparx Reader](#) – continue reading and build comprehension
- [Sparx Science](#) – explore science topics you've learned this year

Key Stage 4 (Years 10–11):

- [Sparx Maths](#) – revise and prepare for GCSE Maths
- [Seneca Learning](#) – revise English and other subjects

Rewards & Recognition

Students who complete their online learning will be entered into prize draws, receive certificates, and have the chance to be celebrated in recognition assemblies in the new term. We look forward to seeing many students being rewarded for their hard work and commitment.

Thank you for your continued support. We wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable remainder of the summer, and look forward to welcoming students back on time, ready to learn, in September.

Best wishes,

Miss J Spurr

Deputy Headteacher

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