



# PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

## Summer Term 2024

### Year 9

Dear students and families,



At Orchard Park High School, in addition to a broad academic and character curriculum, every one of our students has the opportunity to experience a wealth of personal development activities. This newsletter contains useful information about the provision for your child this term. We will send this to all families at the beginning of each term.

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## Inspiring our students to think big!

At the heart of every student's experience at Orchard Park is knowledge-rich, high quality teaching. Outside of the classroom, students develop their character further through our comprehensive Character Education programme. The third element in ensuring every student leaves Orchard Park with the best chance of success is our ambitious Aspirations Programme.

Some examples of what our Aspirations Programme has already delivered this year include all key stage 3 students taking part in our Green Careers Week, Year 8 girls visiting the offices of KMPG on International Women's Day and Year 10 students being given the opportunity

to ask questions of community business leaders in our Meet the Professionals event. You can find out more in our latest newsletter, which was sent out at the end of the spring term. It can be downloaded from our website [here](#).

Detailed below are the remaining opportunities our Aspirations Programme will provide to students for the rest of this academic year.

We also offer our Excellence Pathway to selected students. More information can be found on our website here: <https://www.orchardparkhigh.co.uk/excellence-pathway>

**Mr R Shah, Assistant Headteacher**

## Year 9 Aspirations Programme events

Date to be confirmed	King's College visit (Excellence Pathway)
8th May	Mansfield Access Officer visit (selected students)
4th July	Festival of Play Tech Conference, University of Westminster

**"The development of pupils' character is central to the ethos of the school."**

– Ofsted 2024

## Key dates

**Assemblies for Year 9**  
– every Wednesday

**Spring Term – Drive**  
**Core message:** Always strive to be better.

**Key characteristics:**  
Diligent, curious, reflective, respectful, motivated, stewardship, principled, tenacious, persistent, considerate.

**British values:**  
Democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, respect and tolerance.

**Week commencing 22nd April**  
House: Drive

**1st May**  
Year group: Mental Health Awareness

**8th May**  
Year group: London Learning Consortium

**15th May**  
Year group: Leadership

**22nd May**  
House assembly: Awards  
– diligent, motivated

**5th June**  
Year group: Pride Month  
Considerate, respectful, tolerant

**12th June**  
Year group: PSHE Focus

**19th June**  
House: World Refugee Week

**25th June**  
Year group: Preparing for end of year exams

**2nd July**  
Year group: What are principles?

**9th July**  
House: Reflections on the year

**16th July**  
House: Awards



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#### Year 9 PSHE schedule for the summer term

Big ideas	Topic	Atoms
<b>Summer 1</b> <b>Living in the wider world</b>	<b>Setting goals</b> Learning strengths, career options and goal setting as part of the GCSE options process.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Transferable skills, abilities and interests.</li> <li>2. How to demonstrate strengths.</li> <li>3. Different types of employment and career pathways.</li> <li>4. Managing feelings relating to future employment.</li> <li>5. How to work towards aspirations and set meaningful, realistic goals for the future.</li> <li>6. GCSE and post-16 options.</li> <li>7. Skills for decision making.</li> </ol>
<b>Summer 2</b> <b>Living in the wider world</b>	<b>Employability skills</b> Employability and online presence.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Young people's employment rights and responsibilities.</li> <li>2. Skills for enterprise and employability.</li> <li>3. How to give and act upon constructive feedback.</li> <li>4. Managing their 'personal brand' online.</li> <li>5. Habits and strategies to support progress.</li> <li>6. How to identify and access support for concerns relating to life.</li> <li>7. Online risks and safety.</li> </ol>

If you would like to discuss the subject matter or wish to withdraw your child from any of the PSHE lessons listed above, please contact Head of Year 9, Miss Goodwin, at [Igoodwin@orchardparkhigh.net](mailto:Igoodwin@orchardparkhigh.net)

#### Character Clubs for the summer term

Monday Lunch (12.50-1.20 pm)	Tuesday Lunch	Wednesday Lunch	Thursday Lunch	Friday Lunch
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Library</li> <li>• Working lunch (10-IT2, 11-SSC)</li> <li>• Biology- S3( 11)</li> <li>• Debate-S7 (7-9)</li> </ul> <b>Week A Only</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meditation-The STAR</li> </ul> <b>Week B Only</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Politics- H1</li> <li>• Business- IT1 (11)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Library</li> <li>• Working lunch (10-IT2, 11-SSC)</li> <li>• Equality Club</li> <li>• Steel Pans (7-8)</li> <li>• Business- IT1 (11)</li> <li>• Spax Club- IT4</li> </ul> <b>Week B Only</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eco club- L5</li> <li>• Cultural Speaking Club (Jack Petchey)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Library</li> <li>• Working lunch (10-IT2, Monday11-SSC)</li> <li>• Steel Pans (8-11)</li> <li>• Crochet- AR2 (7-9)</li> <li>• Crossing the Finishing Line Club- IT4</li> <li>• Maths Count On Us Club - M4</li> </ul> <b>Week B Only</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spanish grammar L3</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Library</li> <li>• Working lunch (10-IT2, 11-SSC)</li> <li>• STEM-S3 (7-9)</li> <li>• Drums- MS1</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Library</li> <li>• Working lunch (10-IT2, 11-SSC)</li> <li>• Geography GCSE Club (Year 11 - Week A in L5, Week B in L1)</li> <li>• Checkers-S2</li> <li>• Writers' circle-Library</li> <li>• Guitar &amp; Keyboard- MS1</li> </ul> <b>Week A Only</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scrabble- H2</li> <li>• French grammar - L2</li> </ul> <b>Week B Only</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chemistry -S5 (10&amp;11)</li> </ul>
After School (3.00-4.00 pm)	After School	After School	After School	After School
Homework- Library	Homework- Library	Homework- Library	Homework- Library	Homework- Library
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rounders (All Years)</li> <li>• Tennis (All Years)</li> <li>• Film club- L4</li> <li>• Musical Theatre Club</li> </ul> <b>Week B only</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Young entrepreneur- IT1(7-9)</li> </ul> <b>Every Monday 3.45-4.45 pm</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• History booster (Migrants/Cold War) - H1 (11)</li> <li>• Business Booster</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Athletics (All Years)</li> <li>• Chess and Rubik's cube - L2</li> </ul> <b>Week A Only</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foreign language film club KS3</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OP Dance Co- <i>By audition only</i>- Theatre (3.00-4.30 pm)</li> <li>• Philosophy Club- L4</li> <li>• Duke of Edinburgh - IT1 (9&amp;10) Walking &amp; Volunteering</li> <li>• Visual Art Club -AR2 (7-9)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Band- MS1</li> <li>• Cricket (All Years)</li> <li>• Coding (Year 8&amp;9) IT4, Week B only</li> </ul> <b>Every Thursday 3.45-4.45 pm</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• History booster (Germany) - H2 (11)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coding (Year 7) IT4, Week B only</li> <li>• Drama Club: KS3 and Yr10.</li> </ul>

You can find out more about personal development at Orchard Park High School on our website [here](#).

There is also a wealth of information about student support under [Information, Safeguarding](#).