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Dear Parent/Carer

### Ofsted

Our recent Ofsted report is enclosed with this letter. I think it accurately reflects our school at this time. The inspectors recognised our strong pastoral systems, high aspirations and more academic curriculum. They praised staff ambitions for pupils and students' attitudes to learning and school, and, as a result, judged the school to be 'Good'. There are many insightful and positive statements in the report. Please take time to read it.

The outcome means we will continue to decide our own future; I think ensuring schools meet local needs is important. As a Hampshire County Council school we retain a lot of independence. Our school has many unique qualities and the inspectors found this in their inspection. One inspector said to me he had never been in a school where so many children say "Hello!". I am not sure there is a better accolade. The friendliness and confidence of your children shines through in the report as it does at school each day.

Ofsted have set three targets which cover a number of areas. They recognised that the new consequences-based behaviour system is starting to work well and inspectors want me to make sure it is applied in all situations. We will continue to enforce our high standards and ask that all parents/carers support the school staff in its implementation. Inspectors visited the consequences room and spoke with students about it. They agreed with me that it is an effective deterrent and appropriate punishment for those who prevent others in their class from learning.

We are expected to continue to improve teaching and learning and to increase the challenge for the most able students. The new GCSE exam will see the academic demand on all students increase. Some Year 11 students will sit 25 GCSE exams from this summer.

Attendance rates need to improve and this is perhaps the greatest challenge for Park over the next three years. Many students already come to school every day, but some students are absent too often and this means that they learn at a slower rate and as a result do less well in exams and are less prepared for life. We will continue to support parents and carers to ensure students attend school. Although the use of fines and legal procedures is rare, these will be used when attendance becomes a concern.

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### **School Meal Price**

As you will be aware food prices are on the rise. We have been negotiating prices to make sure our students get high quality, tasty food at a very reasonable price. Unfortunately, due to recent supplier increases, we have to slightly increase the cost of our meal deal offer. Currently the meal deal is offered at £2.10 and has been since April 2015, for this our students get a hot or cold main meal, choice of a dessert and a drink. From 1 April 2017 the price of the meal deal will increase to £2.15. Students will still get the same high quality tasty offerings. The free school meal allowance will also increase to £2.15 each day.

Please take the time to read the contents of this mailing. You will find important information about on-line safety and also our regular Park Post celebration of school life at Park Community School.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C Anders".

Christopher Anders  
Headteacher

### **Also enclosed with this letter you will find:**

- A letter from me regarding E-safety, together with an E-safety statement on behalf of all local secondary schools.
- Your child's Key Assessment 3 report.
- A letter from Miss Walker, if you are the parent of a Year 11 student, regarding exams and the Prom, including the provisional Year 11 exam timetable.
- A letter on behalf of the Solent SCITT regarding teacher training opportunities. If you are interested - get in touch. If you know someone else who may be interested – please pass the letter on.
- The latest edition of Park Post.