



Park Community School

NEWSLETTER

Fortnightly Update 14th May 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

As school life continues to move a little closer to 'normal', another important step next week is that the government is no longer recommending that students wear face masks in school. Therefore, from Monday 17th May, students are not required to wear them. Other safety measures in school continue, including the expectation that students sanitise regularly and continue to test at home twice every week.

Parents of Year 9 students will have received a letter this week confirming their provisional options for Year 10. We hope to start our September timetable early this year to allow students to begin options in the Summer Term. Details will follow closer to the time.

Year 10 students are busy preparing for their work experience fortnight which runs from Monday 28th June to Friday 9th July. Many students will be attending physical work experience placements, whilst others will attend virtually. This is an important experience in broadening students understanding of the world of work and Mrs Munoz has been working hard with Year 10 tutors and students to make sure everyone gets this opportunity.

Life for Year 11 in school is very different once again this year. They now only have two more weeks of learning and assessments before their in-class teaching stops. After half term they will attend one to one appointments with their teachers to sign off their evidence. However, they will all return to us on Thursday 1st July for their Leavers' assembly and a Leavers' event at school. A committee of students is working hard with Mrs Parish and senior staff to make sure this year group get a memorable send off. We are also looking forward to capturing their time at Park next week with their official Year 11 photograph.



Important Dates

28th May	Year 11 lessons end Year 7, 8 and 9 reports
31st May - 4th June	Half Term
7th June - 18th June	Year 11 one to one appointments
28th May - 9th June	Year 10 Work experience
1st July	Year 11 Leavers' assembly and Leavers' event
5th July - 9th July	Freshers' Week for Year 6

Greenpower Racing!

A great day racing. Students were amazing as always!

We had problems with 'Keep Up' car from the get go. The steering rack was not playing ball and kept mis-aligning. After a 'bodge' with an Allen key replacing a bolt we managed to get the car safe and driving again. Race 1 'Keep Up' car sadly had another steering problem but an easy fix allowed us to get back on track for Race 2,3 and 4. It kept going right through to the end and managed to clock a very respectable 25 miles placing it 11th/24 for the day and 14th nationally. This gives us a good chance of qualifying for the national final with still one race to go in September.

'Chase' car looked strong throughout the entire day with lap after lap being put in. A brilliant four races without a hiccup and the girls' team looked solid going into Race 4. 'Chase' car kept hunting down the cars and made up six places in this race to finish 5th/24 covering 30miles. This ranks us 5th nationally and will almost certainly get us a place in the national final in October! So we might risk a higher gear ratio in September to push further as 'Chase' has more to give. A brilliant day. Lots learned and the students loved it! **Mr Payne**



Masks are not required in school for students from Monday 17th May



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Freshers' Week

5th July - 9th July

From Monday 5th July to Friday 9th July, we are looking forward to welcoming the new Year 7 students for Freshers' week.

This week gives them the opportunity to find out all about secondary school and what life is like at Park.

On Wednesday 7th July we will hold our usual parents' barbecue to give parents the chance to find out what the children have been doing and give them the opportunity to meet staff and to learn about life at Park.

Letters with further details will be sent out before half term.



Future You Trip to Marwell

Inspired Learning have been taking part in a programme called Future You. The programme is designed for young people aged 15-16 who are getting ready for their next steps into further education.

All activities help develop their self-confidence, encourage discussion and self-development.

This week we attended Marwell Activity Centre, where many of the students overcome their fears of heights by taking part in the high ropes activities. Students supported and coached each other around the course ensuring the whole group finished. Archery was the second activity. Students played three different competitions with their confidence growing each time.

Miss Wingham



YEAR 10

Monday 28th June & Friday 9th July 2021

Benefits of work experience

Doing work experience gives you the chance to:

- Try out your career ideas
- Find out more about what's involved in a job and see if it's for you
- Learn new skills or build on those you already have
- Meet new people and grow your network of contacts
- Boost your confidence
- Get back into a work routine if you've been out of work for a while
- Show employers what you can do so they consider you when a job is available
- Identify any reasonable adjustments you need because of a disability or long-term health condition.

Any enquiries please contact Mrs Munoz:

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Piglets born at our small holding on 9th May!