



# Park Community School

## NEWSLETTER

## Weekly Update

2nd October 2020

### Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

This week has seen the launch of our virtual Open Evening for Year 6 alongside after-school tours. Alfie, Archie and Brooke from Year 9 do a fantastic job of touring prospective parents and students around the school virtually and present a great summary of what makes our school unique. View the film here - <https://vimeo.com/462988107>

Other exciting developments have included the launch of this year's application round for Head students. Each house will have two Head students from Years 10 and 11. Many prospective candidates have already completed their application forms. Do encourage your child to apply if you think they would be a strong candidate for this important role.

You will have received an email this week showing students how to download the INSIGHT app onto phones and other devices so they can easily view their timetable, homework and rewards. All parents have access to the app and this is our main form of communication. Please make sure both you and your child have downloaded it. If you need any support, please email [ITServices@pcs.hants.sch.uk](mailto:ITServices@pcs.hants.sch.uk). Further links are also available on the school website.

Next week is testing week for Years 7, 8 and 9. These are held in classrooms. Please remind your children to complete their homework to prepare for this and use their books to revise the key content studied so far this year.

Year 11 mock exams will be staggered over October and November to ensure social distancing is in place. Their first mock exam will be English on Monday 12 October. Look out for their mock timetable in the next few weeks. Period 6s also begin next week for small groups of Year 11s. A reminder that virtual college Open Evenings have now started too, Havant and South Downs College have presented to Year 11s in school this week.

As the cold and wet weather arrives, please ensure your children wear coats to school over their blazers. School zoning means students line up outside briefly at the beginning of the day and after breaks.

Finally, we have said goodbye to Mr Bird this week, he is retiring after almost 18 years at Park. We would like to wish Mr Bird a wonderful retirement.



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### History Competition for Black History Month

We want your help to commemorate the outstanding achievements of black Britons from the past and present!

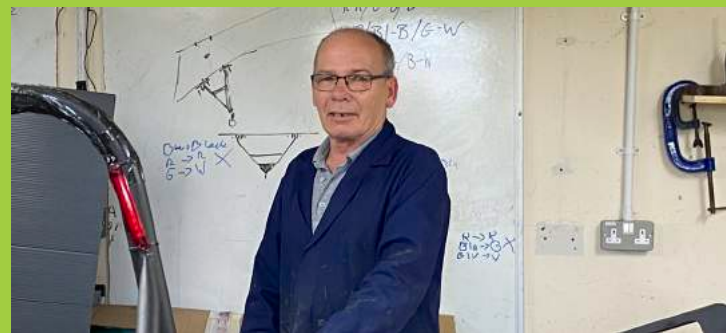
Create a story, work of art, song, poem, newspaper article, dance, drama piece, film, written piece on a significant individual from our British history. Amazon gift vouchers for best submissions!

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

**Entries due:  
21st October  
to Mrs Last in JOI**

### We will miss you Mr Bird!

After almost 18 years at Park Mr Bird is retiring. We will miss him greatly. He has made a huge difference to so many students during his time at Park, whether this has been his work with the Greenpower team, support of individuals in Technology or mentoring them. We would like to thank Mr Bird for all he has done for Park students and staff and wish him a wonderful retirement.



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# WALKTOBER



The PE Team would love students to take part in Walktober which is structured around Hampshire and the NHS's Five Steps to Wellbeing. During the month of October we are encouraging you to get outside as much as possible. Starting 5-9 October with 'Walk to School Week'. In the meantime have a go at the Scavenger Hunt on page three and send in your entries to [c.bearpark@pcs.hants.sch.uk](mailto:c.bearpark@pcs.hants.sch.uk). Whilst you are out on your Scavenger Hunt, please take pictures of the beautiful scenery or any cool things you may see and again email Mrs Bearpark - the top 5 entries will earn points for their house and rewards on the system.

## Much More Than Experiences in Years 7, 8 and 9

Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 have all now started their curriculum experiences in our 'Much More Than' Carousels. They have started visiting the farm, kitchen, print-shop, Apex centre and the media suite.



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Hampshire Parent Carer Network (HPCN) offers parent carers of children and young people aged 0-25 with an additional need (diagnosed or not) or disability the opportunity to tell the Local Authority, Health and other services, what life is really like.

We use our lived-in experience to shape, challenge and ultimately improve services for our children and young people living in Hampshire. Professionals have a duty to listen to parent carers and with HPCN your voice will be heard loud and clear.



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### Join us!

As a member of HPCN, you will receive access to training opportunities, our monthly newsletter and regular opportunities to have your say on key topics. You can join us via our website, or call us if you do not have access to the internet.

#### Future in Mind



Do you care for a child or young person who struggles with their mental health? Is your child attending, or waiting to attend, CAMHS? Future in Mind sessions run at multiple locations in Hampshire and provide an opportunity to share strategies, meet other local parents and keep up to date with the CAMHS service.

#### Get Togethers

HPCN offer Get Togethers at multiple locations across Hampshire. An opportunity to share your experiences and ideas with other local families in a friendly environment.

To find out where your nearest Get Together or Futures in Mind session is, contact us or find us on Facebook 'Hampshire Parent Carer Network'



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# Scavenger Hunt