



# Park Community School

## NEWSLETTER

## Fortnightly Update

18th June 2021

### Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Our focus this week in school has been making great first impressions. In assembly we have reflected on the England football team's start in the Euros and the qualities that make a strong team. We have then linked this to what makes our team strong too. We have so much to celebrate and together we continue to push ourselves to reach even higher standards.

Last week Year 10 completed their mock exams. This is the first time these students have experienced GCSE papers and exam halls in this way and they coped admirably. The exams are an important part of the GCSE process and mocks give students the chance to practise applying their learning and identify areas for revision. These students will have an official 'Mock results day' once they return for their two-week work experience. Work experience will be another chance to make a great first impression.

Year 11 students have now completed their assessment and are working online. Teacher Assessed Grades have been submitted to the exam boards for their moderation process. We look forward to Year 11's Leavers' assembly on Thursday 1st July.

### Uniform changes from September

Your child will have been coming home this week telling you about some small changes to our uniform from September, specifically skirts and trousers. Students have been given the chance to vote for exactly what this will look like.

The three choices are to the right. What will not be a choice is the style of skirt or trouser- this will be a box pleat skirt regardless of the design chosen. Trousers must be formal trousers. Legging type trousers, even if they have zips or pockets, will not be accepted in school. Do take time to use the link to vote and encourage your child to do the same. We will let you know the outcome next week.

We have researched the financial implications of this and can confirm that the black and grey options are available in most places, including Asda and Skoolkit, and can be purchased for as little as £8. The kilted skirt is more expensive. Students have the chance to influence the future first impressions we make as a school and I know they are excited about doing so.



Reminder of Year 10 work experience  
fortnight 28 June - 9 July



*Sky's photoshoot taken during  
Scrutiny week - professional*



Black box pleat or  
black formal trousers



Grey box pleat or  
grey formal trousers



Kilt box pleat or  
black formal trousers

### Use this link to vote:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=2W4a34q1NUG-g3oPDXQCwSMAn-MhrhtYVLPy64uSKYhLtUODI-CQIk4WINBTDMwV1k1MD-BUUK85WUdNUS4u>



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**DAME KELLY  
HOLMES TRUST**

## Dame Kelly Holmes Get On Track

On 14th June 40 Park students went sailing and paddle boarding with the Dame Kelly Holmes Get On Track programme. It was a joyful day!

The students were completely out of their comfort zone and learnt new skills, and were reliable, punctual and grateful for the opportunity. The students listened and followed instructions as a team and were a pleasure to be with. We received fantastic feedback from students. Ruby said "Miss, I'm not afraid anymore!".



Further, Faster, **STRONGER**. F.I.T.T.E.R  
**PE Mini Sports Days**

COVID restrictions unfortunately mean no traditional Park Community School Sports Day or Festival of Sport.

Next week Year 7, 8 and 9 will have their own individual sports day sessions. They will be with the PE team for a double lesson and opt into two different events to compete in and to represent their House.

Monday 21st June Lessons 1 and 2 **YEAR 9**

Wednesday 23rd June Lessons 3 and 4 **YEAR 7**

Thursday 24th June Lessons 1 and 2 **YEAR 8**

On these days students are to arrive to school in their Park Community School PE kit. Alternatively a top representing their **H O U S E** colour. When not in their double PE lesson students will be in normal lessons. Students will remain in kit for the day.

## Inspired Learning Trip to Wood Mill Outdoor Activity Centre

Yesterday, students completed their last Future You session at Wood Mill outdoor activity centre, where they took part in abseiling and wall-climbing. Students overcame their fear of heights in what was definitely the most challenging activity so far.





# Your child and online gaming

## Join one of our webinars to find out everything you need to know

Online gaming has seen a massive increase in popularity with children over the COVID-19 pandemic, as a result of more time spent at home and restrictions on physical social contact. In 2020, around seven in ten children aged 5-15 played games online (source: Ofcom). Chances are, your child could be one of them.

Most experts agree that playing online games can have many beneficial effects to our children, developing key cognitive, motor and life skills and encouraging them to keep abreast of the latest technology. However, as with many things children do online, there can also be negatives.

Please join one of our free Gaming4Good webinars where you can hear from a panel of experts in family gaming, psychology, gaming risk and finance, about how to approach your child's gaming to help them get the most out of it ... and avoid the pitfalls. We'll also be welcoming your questions in a Q&A session at the end of the panel discussion.

There are three one-hour webinars, each tailored for parents of children of different age groups.

Date	Your child's age
Thursday June 17, 10am – 11am	2 – 12 years
Thursday June 24, 10am – 11am	12 – 15 years
Wednesday June 30, 10am – 11am	15 – 18 years

To register visit: [www.getsafeonline.org/gaming4good-webinar-registration](http://www.getsafeonline.org/gaming4good-webinar-registration)



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## Our panellists



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Get Safe Online



**Annette Whalley**  
Senior Consultant –  
Education & Financial  
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Online Harms,  
Cybertrauma & Online  
Safeguarding Specialist



**Adrian Sladdin**  
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& Trainer



**Andy Robertson**  
Family Gaming Expert,  
Journalist & Author



**Mat Hasker**  
Global Website Director,  
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