



Park Community School

NEWSLETTER

Fortnightly Update 29th January 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

We are almost a month into another national lockdown and most students are doing brilliantly with their remote learning. Thank you for supporting us with this. We are trying to make sure we strike a good balance between live lessons with feedback and independent work so that students do not spend all day sat at their screens, but have enough challenge and support to continue making good progress. Three quarters of students are accessing live lessons regularly, if your child is not, please let us know how we can provide support. We will keep reviewing our approach; please make sure you complete the survey we have sent this week so we can compile your feedback about what's working and what we could tweak.

Thank you for ensuring your children attend their twice weekly session with their tutors, this means that we have been able to achieve 100% contact every week so far, with just a few home visits necessary. Please continue to stay in touch. The next few weeks will be busy ones with Year 10 parents' evening on Thursday, 4 February and Student Review Day for all students via Teams on Thursday, 11 February. Tutors will book these appointments with your children and you are welcome to join.

At the moment, we have no certain date when school will return to normal, but it looks likely that learning will continue remotely for at least a few weeks after half term and potentially longer. We are pleased to share the news that Park Community School is taking part in an exciting new Hampshire and Isle of Wight COVID-19 Testing Programme later this term. A letter with details will be sent to you early next week, the testing will only apply to key worker students initially.

As always, we will keep communicating with you and update you as soon as we have more information. Take care,




Key dates coming up in the next few weeks...

Thursday 4 February	Year 10 parents evening 2-4.30pm
Wednesday 10 February	Challenge Day - Confidence, Contentment and Consideration. All year groups will start and end the day with a live session with their tutor. No live subject lessons, but menu of well-being challenges away from screens and being kind to yourself.
Thursday 11 February	Student Review Day: Students only attend for their live tutor appointments this day. Students break up for half term.
Friday 12 February	INSET Day
Monday 22 February	Students return to remote learning or Key Worker school after the half term break

Getting on Track with Dame Kelly Holmes...

2021 has proven to be an excellent start for our Year 9 Sports Ambassadors. We have been accepted into the Dame Kelly Holmes Get on Track and Unlocking Potential programmes. Thirty students will take part in this initiative in which they will work with two Olympic athletes Hannah Beharry and Liz Johnson on online sessions and then face to face sessions as soon as we can. The students will work with the Olympic athletes on building their self esteem and confidence. In the Summer they will be working on a Social Action Project, such as working in a care home, primary schools, in the community with food bank deliveries or cleaning up an area of litter. We had a wonderful introductory session virtually with Liz and Hannah.

Some of the comments from students after our first session:

"That was brilliant.. Fantastic to get going"

"I'm so happy I could burst"

"That was brilliant I'm so chuffed to be chosen"

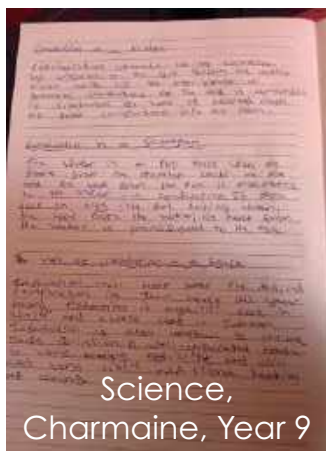
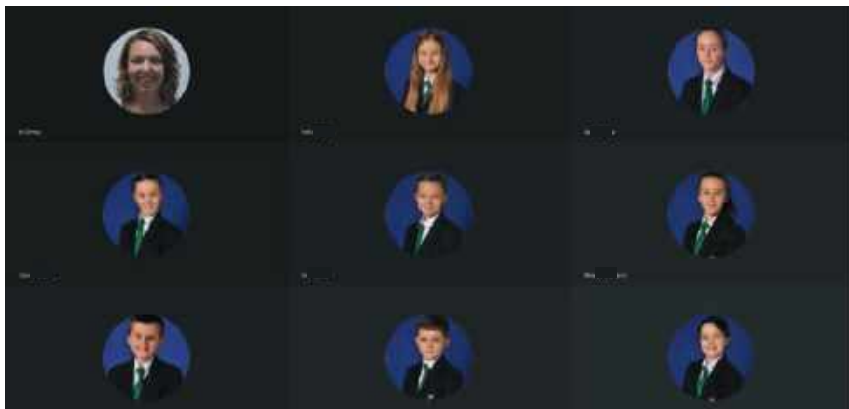




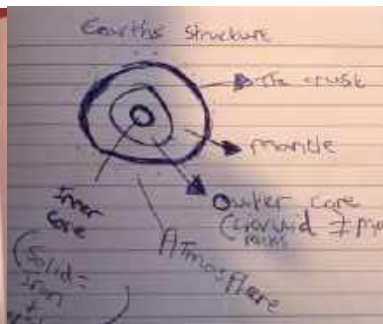
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HOME LEARNING AND LIVE LESSONS!

30 Year 7 students logged in for their Spanish lesson

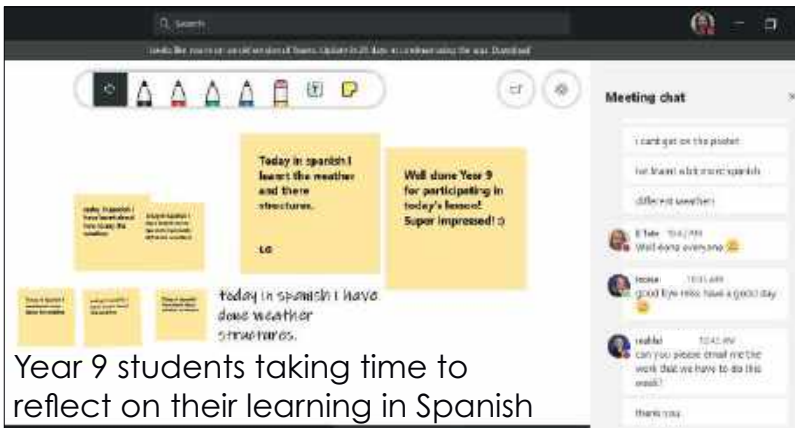


Science,
Charmaine, Year 9



**Delicious results from
Mr Cushion's Year 9
Remote Cooking Club!**

Excellent results from
Alfie, Keira, Ashley
& Mahlah



Year 9 students taking time to
reflect on their learning in Spanish

Sofia, Year 8



Ryan, Year 7



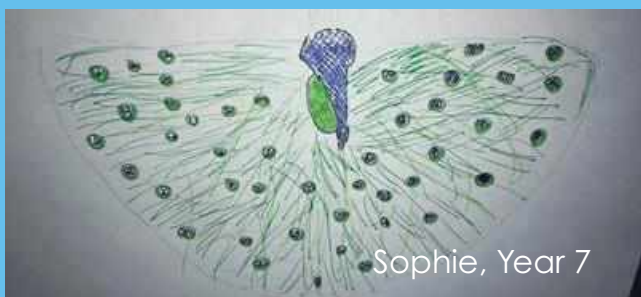
Kali, Year 7

Reegan, Year 7

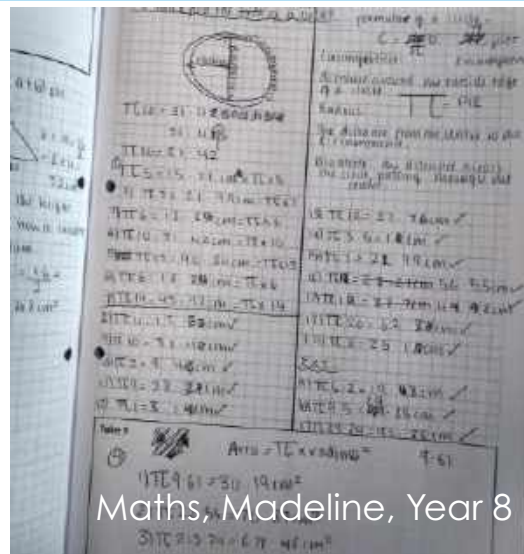
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Alex, Year 8



Sophie, Year 7



Maths, Madeline, Year 8

Photography,
Matthew, Year 11





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MUCH MORE THAN JUST A SCHOOL

The MMTJAS course is designed to offer all students in years 7, 8 and 9 a three-week foundation course in different school facilities. The objective is that students will learn a new skill, demonstrate progress from start to finish and have something tangible to take away with them. This week students have enjoyed visits to our farm, Park Design and Print and working with our catering team.



FARM

Have you recently changed your contact details, phone number or email address, or have you moved?

Please let us know by calling
Reception
02392 489800



STEP CHALLENGE

It is important during this time that you stay active and exercise! Therefore our next house challenge is a 'Step' challenge to see which house takes the most steps. The challenge runs from Monday 1 - Friday 5 February.

A photo of your step count needs to be sent to me for your scores to count, this can either be done daily or at the end of the week. Every 1000 steps will equal 1 House point for your team! These can be sent via email or Teams.

Individual Prizes will be given for most steps in: Year 7, Year 8, Year 9, Year 10, Year 11 and Staff!

Deadline for submitting results Monday 8 February.
Email photos to j.crowley@pcs.hants.sch.uk

Scan these QR codes to access Remote Learning Resources

Maths



Computing



Modern Foreign Languages



English



Physical Education



History



Science



Visual Arts



Geography



Design & Technology



Performing Arts



Religious Education

