



Park Community School

NEWSLETTER

Fortnightly Update

15th October 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Welcome to the final newsletter of this half term. The past few weeks in school have been full of excitement. Our Greenpower team competed in the national finals at Goodwood last Sunday, robotics club was launched thanks to a \$20,000 sponsorship secured by Mrs Parish from AT&T, Year 10 students embarked on a 15-mile sponsored walk, our head chef went to Birmingham to compete in the national finals of School Chef of the Year and Red House assembly experienced a fantastic live performance from Shailey (aka Matilda). PE after school clubs also had a record 90 students on one day participating in both girls' and boys' football academies.

Yesterday also saw our first parents' evening of the year. Although we had to make this a remote one, 173 parents attended appointments. That's a great turn out! Thank you to everyone who attended to discuss their child's progress. Year 7 parents: tutors appreciated meeting you, even if virtually. Year 11 parents: we hope the conversation yesterday will help you in supporting your children to continue their hard work and revision this year, including preparing for their mock exams after half term.

A reminder that students' last day in school this half term is Wednesday 21 October. Over half term, MUNCH is available in school providing lunch every weekday. We hope you all enjoy a lovely half term and look forward to seeing students back in school on Monday 1 November.



Key dates:

20th October-

Students break up for half term

1st November –

All students return to school

29th November-

Rescheduled flu vaccinations

Year 11 Mock Exams 1st-12th November



GREENPOWER

What a fantastic day. The students as always were amazing. Practise went really well and both cars set a new lap record. The grid walk was superb before the race.

Race 1. Both cars started well and were flying around the track. 'Keep Up' overtook chase for the first time in four years. 'Keep Up' covered a staggering nine miles in the 20 min race and 'Chase' 8.5.

Race 2. A safe start again with our latest addition of 'bake off' style kitchen timers working brilliantly to inform race strategy.

Race 3. Great race with no sign of battery fatigue.

Final Race. We knew at this stage that we may have two personal best performances on the cards so our drivers were cautious off the line to ensure no crashes.

Final results

'Chase': 12th place nationally.

'Keep Up': 7th place nationally.

Our best ever result in the national final. We were only 0.4 miles off a third place finish!



MUNCH
Free Community Meals

Every day over half term

12-1pm

Every Thursday night

5-6pm

At

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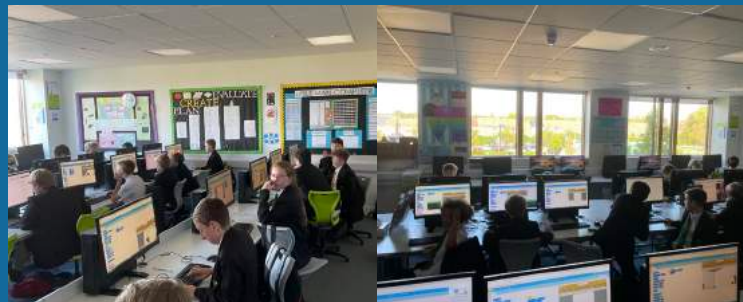


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Robotics in Computer Science

We started well with 25 keen students to learn some of the basics before our kits arrive.

The students made use of a VR environment to begin understanding how to develop code to support a series of challenges. We all had a great time.



Successful workshop with Fix it- Bike it Repair Cafe Havant

Many students came to have their bikes repaired.



Media work in our media suite as part of our MMTJAS carousel

Sponsored walk for Afghan refugees

Miss Holland, Miss O'Halloran and a group of Year 10 students have taken part in a 15 mile sponsored walk to Hayling and back to raise money for refugees. They will be using their £300 sponsorship money to make care packages. Well done to all of them!



Girls' Network meeting



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PE News

PE Uniform

It has been a fantastic start to the school year in PE and Performing Arts.



Win a Park Hoodie

We have an exciting opportunity for students to win a free or discounted hoodie from school – see more details on the letter sent home and complete the survey on TEAMS for your chance to win.



Football Trip

We have successfully secured 26 tickets for our students for the Women's European Football Championships in 2022. We will be heading down to St Mary's stadium, Southampton to cheer on the Lionesses. The students will be invited on their commitment to 'Park Boys Football Academy' and 'Park Girls Football Academy'. The game we will be going to will be on Friday 15th July 2022. Come on England! Letters will follow soon.

HWFC Tickets

FREE Season Tickets

We have been fantastically lucky to be awarded 150 FREE season tickets for Havant and Waterlooville Football Club. The ticket entitles free child entry to any home game and reduced fee entry to up to two adults. Visit Mrs Cavanagh in the PE office during break/after school if you are interested in a ticket.

Football Academies

The Park Football Academy has been a fantastic success and students are invited across all year groups and all abilities. We had 60 students in our first week and the aim of the academy is to build competitive squads for future fixtures for our gifted and talented students. It is also for beginners and those that want to improve their skill level, confidence and overall enjoyment of the 'Beautiful Game'.

Rugby

We have introduced rugby to our extra-curricular program. Rugby is open to ALL students on a Monday where they learn and develop skills building confidence towards 'full contact'.

We have then been taking groups of boys down to Havant RFC on Tuesdays (Year 7) and Thursdays (Year 8) to further develop their skills in competitive matches with other local schools including Oaklands, Crookhorn and Purbrook Park. Our Year 8 boys are currently unbeaten having played three games.

This is an amazing achievement considering they have only had a few weeks rugby experience!



Year 10 Challenge

Year 10 students will be offered the fantastic opportunity to be involved in an Outdoor Adventurous Activity challenge in the South Downs National Park after half term. The event will involve physical and mental challenges. An assembly and letter with full details to follow soon.