



Park Community School

19 July 2024

END OF TERM **NEWSLETTER**

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Welcome to the final newsletter of the school year. What a wonderful year it has been!

The last few weeks of term have been full of great examples of what it means to be part of Park. Key moments have included: Welcoming over 200 Year 6 students to Freshers' week in preparation for their start in September, our Sports Festival, our performance of Legally Blonde, welcoming 60 Chinese students, hosting all of the primary schools across Leigh Park for The Power of Music Concert, university visits, Challenge Days and much more. This newsletter captures many of those moments.

It has been lovely for staff to receive so many messages of thanks from parents, carers and students this week- thank you for taking the time to do this. This week we have said goodbye to the following staff: Ms Bearpark, Miss Torquette, Miss Tennant, Mrs Dempsey and Miss Ashman. We wish them every success for their futures and send them off with our sincere thanks for their work at Park.

Remember that school is open throughout the summer if students need us, including daily MUNCH meals and our Connect programme. From everyone at Park, we would like to thank you for your support and wish you and your families a wonderful summer.



Mr Anders



Mrs Capaldi



Celebrating Our Students

Last week our annual awards evening celebrated the achievements of students at Park who have consistently worked hard and demonstrated a great attitude to their learning.

We also introduced some special awards for the first time this year. The awards are named after three colleagues who have passed away in the past few years having contributed significantly to the development of young people at Park over many years. Awards were given to students nominated by staff. The winners of the awards are listed below.

The Tony Watson Award: Coping with adversity/ helping others to cope with adversity. Awarded to Kiahn, Year 8

The Lyn Butler Award: Relentless push and striving to get it right. Awarded to Sophia, Year 9

The Gary Dickens Award: Enterprise and creativity. Awarded to Maisie, Year 10.

Many more subject awards were awarded in Year assemblies too. Congratulations to everyone who received an award.

Mrs Capaldi



RETURN TO SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 3 September

Year 7 in all day, Years 8-11 attend for Student Review Day appointments (These have been sent home with children)

Wednesday 4 September

All years in, with a staggered start time, see a reminder of this here: [end.of.term.letter.july2024.pdf \(pcs.hants.sch.uk\)](http://end.of.term.letter.july2024.pdf (pcs.hants.sch.uk))

If you need to remind yourself of uniform expectations or routines , here is the link to Our Welcome To Park Booklet. [welcome-to-park-2024.pdf \(pcs.hants.sch.uk\)](http://welcome-to-park-2024.pdf (pcs.hants.sch.uk))



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Musical Theatre Workshop

The performing arts ambassadors welcomed students from Riders School to take part in a Matilda musical theatre workshop. The students worked really hard in planning and delivering the session and had great feedback.

Both staff and students can't wait to work together next year and continue to grow our outreach provision here at Park.

Mrs Marr



Girls Network

It was our final Girls Network session for 23/24 last week. This offered time for the students and mentors to reflect on the last 10 months and consider the progress made and plans for the future. The girls exchanged thank you cards with their mentors and plans to maintain contact were made. We were able to remind the girls about their attendance at a workshop with Pamodzi Creatives and a visit to Portsmouth University where positive messages about aiming high, empowerment, and being your authentic self were given. These messages were reinforced at the monthly meetings.

It was a lovely celebration. Mentors fed back to the wider group about their mentees progress and words used included " inspirational... hardworking... kind... focussed... go-getting... open... resilient... caring... wonderful... capable..."

Many of the mentors have expressed a desire to mentor at Park again during the next academic year and plans are currently being made to start with a new cohort in September 2024.

Mrs Seaman



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Frozen the Musical Trip

The performing arts team took 44 students across Years 7, 8, and 9 to see Frozen the Musical at the Drury Lane theatre in Covent Garden. For many of the students, this trip not only marked their first visit to London but also their first time stepping foot into a theatre.

Upon our arrival at Covent Garden, the bustling square greeted us with chatter, singing, and the aroma of freshly baked food. The students were amazed by the numerous stalls and entertainment options that Covent Garden had to offer.

Once the curtains rose, the students were captivated by the enchanting tale of true love between sisters. The students immersed themselves in the magical performance. Some were so moved by the experience that they expressed a desire to stay in London and watch another show.

All students exemplified what a great school Park is, showcasing impeccable theatre etiquette and representing our school with pride.

This trip proved to be a life-changing experience for many of our students, igniting their passion for the theatre and the performing arts. This was more than just a school trip—it was an opportunity for our students to explore and embrace the magic of live theatre. We are excited to see how their love for the performing arts continues to blossom and flourish.

Mrs Marr



Year 7 University Visit

Year 7 students visited the University of Chichester. The aim was to motivate and inspire our students and we participated in an interactive session about 'Why go to University?' and had a tour of the learning facilities and residential halls.

It was amazing to hear our students talking about their ambitions with some wanting to study medicine resulting in their dream job of a paediatrician and others aiming to complete a Masters degree in theoretical physics and computer programming!

Mrs Pearce



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Wimbledon 2024

Last week we took eight students to Wimbledon to watch some tennis on Court No1.

Most were not tennis fans before we went and weren't sure what to expect but have found something they love after watching a thrilling quarter finals between Taylor Fritz and Lorenzo Musetti.

They had the opportunity to walk around the grounds and experience the atmosphere of a world class event.

Big thank you to Mr Anders and Mrs Capaldi for allowing us the opportunity to experience this,

Mrs Sexton



Stonehenge Trip

Last Friday, I took a group of Year 9's and some Year 8's alongside their Chinese buddies on an end of year trip to Stonehenge. The students were excited and chatty on the coach down and amazed by the size of Stonehenge as we arrived. We sat and ate lunch watching over the site whilst a group of students played catch with our Chinese buddies.

We then walked around the site and back to the visitor centre before some of them tucked into an ice cream. Overall, it was an amazing day that was both educational and exciting for students and staff.

Mr Penlington





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Charity Football Match: Staff V Students

Last Friday we held our charity football match, organised by Year 10 students Vinnie and Harry.

The boys galvanised support for the event, which was held to raise money for a cancer charity. The match was an exciting event with goals being scored up to the last few minutes. A final score of 3-5 to the staff saw Mr Shearn, team captain, take the trophy. Vinnie was awarded player of the match for his great leadership of the event and his team. He had the support of Seyithan as manager!

The event raised a fantastic £329 for a local cancer charity.

Well done to Vinnie and Harry. A special thank you to all players for their efforts, Mr Bryce for refereeing and Mrs Gray for supporting in printing match kits. Thank you also so to our site and community teams for ensuring the event ran so smoothly.

Thank you to everyone who came out to support, especially those running the tombola which added to the funds raised.

Mrs Capaldi





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The Power of Music at Park

Last week Park hosted four concerts to mark the end of year 1 of The Power of The Music across Leigh Park.

The project has been run by Hampshire Music Service across Park, Trostont, Warren Park, Barncroft, Sharps Copse, Riders and Front Lawn. Students across the schools have received free music tuition and representatives from all schools have worked together to become vocal ambassadors.

It was fantastic to see so many families come to support the young people in their performances. Not only were their talented performers, but we were able to see how confidence has improved for these children as they developed their performance skills.

We were also lucky to have representatives from The Arts Council, The Spring and Music Fusion join for performances. The Mayor and Mayoress of Havant also attended to enjoy the event.

Mrs Capaldi

Legally Blonde Production

On 11 and 12 July, 50 students performed our production of 'Legally Blonde'. We were very lucky to have the Mayor and Mayoress of Havant watch on Friday who thoroughly enjoyed the performance. We are extremely proud of all students involved. Their hard work and determination certainly paid off. We are looking forward to starting our Christmas production in September.

Mrs Chuter



Just Like Us talk

On 17 July we had the wonderful Just Like Us deliver a virtual talk to a small group of our LGBT+ students. The talk gave the students a chance to hear the real stories from young people who identify as queer and gave them an opportunity to ask questions about their lives such as "how did you come out to homophobic parents?" and "when did you know you had a different identity?"



The students heard a brief description of key terms like cisgender/transgender and the many different sexual orientations before hearing about the ambassador's own lives. It was incredibly enlightening for our young people to interact with this topic and feel more comfortable in their own identities.

Key messages

It would have helped if...

You never forget that you, as an individual, can have a huge impact on someone **just by being a friend or ally**. It's always worth it, no matter how small the difference you think you're making.

You take the time to think about what it's like to be an LGBT+ person and let that guide the way you treat people. **Don't be dismissive** just because it's not something you feel.

Mrs Turp





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PARK ALUMNI

As part of our Alumni programme, we have been delighted to welcome back students who attended Park.

Two ex-students have returned recently to present their journey and successes in a Year 7 assembly.

Beth Watts returned as a qualified midwife and explained to the students that there are challenges to success along the way and being resilient and adaptable are key skills. Beth has now delivered over 200 babies at QA Hospital!

Rosie Davis left Park 12 years ago and since then childcare has taken her to different places in the world alongside other travel experiences. Rosie had recently returned from a trip to Peru and went backpacking around Eastern Europe, including Amsterdam, Nice, Monte-Carlo, and Barcelona. Rosie lived in Australia as an Au Pair and completed a Ski Season in the French Alps. Rosie explained that she has always taken the opportunities life has offered her and said that Park always encouraged her to do this.

We also had a special guest, PC Bannard. PC Bannard explained to the students that persistent hard work and dedication is important. PC Bannard is a first response officer; the students were very keen to ask questions to find out about his typical day.

We really hope that these stories from ex-students motivate and inspire students and that students have an early opportunity to consider their future.

We hope to welcome many more familiar faces.





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UK China Immersion Programme

Park Community School's international connections have continued to develop during the last two weeks of term. We have had the pleasure to host two groups of students from China, 56 visiting students in total. Park students were invited to volunteer to be buddies to our guests, with over 80 of our students in years 7, 8 and 9 requesting to be a part of the experience.

The Park students guided their Chinese partners through tutor time, lessons, Finding What You Love activities/clubs, Much More Than Just A School Carousal opportunities, school production rehearsals, a Stonehenge trip, sports events, assemblies and much more.

Each week ended with a celebration assembly. During these assemblies not only did Park students present reflection of their experiences but also several of the visiting students presented. Each of them explaining how struck they were with the warm welcome they had received from staff and students at Park, the wide range of alternative activities they had experienced, and each student also explained how lessons here allowed all students to be active in their learning to feel stretched.

Lifelong memories have without doubt been made throughout this fortnight and we look forward to hosting more overseas guests and planning our next internally adventures.

Mrs Cavanagh





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Our students showed that again not only we are Much More Than Just A School, but that they could raise the bar in their House teams during Much More Than Just A Sport Day! Our 2024 Festival of Sport was just yet another reminder of how fantastic Park Community School really is.

The week consisted of a range of sports, games and activities to gain points for House totals. Students from Years 6, 7, 8 and 9 plus the nursery children and school staff all showed outstanding hard work, effort and enthusiasm throughout every further, fitter, faster, stronger challenge.

Nursery		
Place	Points	House
1 st place	179	Blue
2 nd place	131	Red
3 rd place	75	Green

Staff		
Place	Points	House
1 st place	160	Blue
2 nd place	140	Green
3 rd place	100	Red

We were blessed with perfect weather conditions for our track and field events, Rounders, Volleyball and Endball tournaments as well as our cross fit challenges. Students dressed in Park PE kit or Red, Blue or Green tops to support their House teams brought a wonderful atmosphere to the event, the displays of sportsman ship, encouragement and celebration throughout the day was again evidence of what a wonderful school community we are.

Mrs Cavanagh

OVERALL		
Place	Points	House
1 st place	5226	Blue
2 nd place	5027	Green
3 rd place	4621	Red

Year 6		
Place	Points	House
1 st place	100	Red
2 nd place	80	Green
3 rd place	60	Blue

Year 7		
Place	Points	House
1 st place	2127	Blue
2 nd place	1844	Red
3 rd place	1736	Green

Year 8		
Place	Points	House
1 st place	2218	Green
2 nd place	1534	Blue
3 rd place	1490	Red

Year 9		
Place	Points	House
1 st place	1166	Blue
2 nd place	956	Red
3 rd place	778	Green





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Year 10 Taster Days

At Southdowns College, the students participated in a range of activities including:

- Outdoor Education - Emily and Jacob were amazing at Rock climbing!
- Hair and Beauty - Lots of braids and theatrical make up.
- Catering - Some amazing pizzas were made! The Lecturer was very impressed!
- Automotive - Tyres were checked and new skills learnt.
- Engineering - Some amazing keyrings were made.
- Child Development - Students enjoyed making playdoh!
- Animal Care - Students enjoyed seeing the large range of animals the college have to look after.

We also had some amazing musicians who wanted to stay longer and use the college facilities.

At Havant College, we had a range of A-levels experienced, including Criminology, Law, Chemistry, Computer Science amongst others.

The students did themselves proud at the colleges and adapted well to the new environment. They are very excited for the next steps and lots have chosen the course they wish to study after they leave us.

Mrs Conner





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Challenge Days at Park

Last week, all students participated in Challenge days. Year 7 worked with EBP to solve a 'Who Dunnit?' Crime, Year 8 completed an 'On Your Doorstep' day where they explored the ecology of our local environment.

Meanwhile, Year 9 engaged in an employability day and Year 10 reflected on their work experience placements, alongside testing their knowledge of the Highway Code and having a driving lesson on the hard courts!

Mrs Capaldi





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Year 10 Challenge Day - Driving School



Year 10 Work Experience

Our Year 10's had an extremely successful work experience fortnight. We had placements taking place across a multitude of businesses including but not limited to SERCO Marine services, placements in London, engineering firms, a veterinary hospital and at Spinnaker Tower.

The school received overwhelmingly positive feedback from employers, with some even being offered future employment and apprenticeships. Across the fortnight, many members of Park staff went to visit our young people and observe them in a working environment. They certainly did us proud and exceeded expectations. Many staff noted how exciting it was to see our young people in a different, working environment.

Our employers were impressed with the hard work, dedication and resilience which our students both demonstrated and developed over the two weeks. I am looking forward to seeing how our young people will develop these skills now that they are back in school and how they might impact on their career prospects and college choices.

Mrs Jervis





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Year 9 Trip to Bude

Miss Wingham and I had the privilege of taking 13 Year 9 students to Bude for an adventure that filled three days and two nights.

Our first challenge was getting bags into the minibus! It was a game of Tetris but we got there. Then we hit the road! We did not have one complaint from the passengers, just plenty of snacks and toilet stops. On arrival to beautiful Bude, we were given a tour around the facilities and the girls enjoyed some down time, playing football and some basketball. The next morning, we had an early wake up call, followed by an early morning swim in the sea pool or a run on the beach. After breakfast, the students then enjoyed caving and mountain boarding. Both activities provided challenges for the students, but all participated and pushed themselves. The encouragement of each other from the group was fantastic to see.

The second morning brought some team activities and then bodyboarding. I was concerned we wouldn't make it to the sea after spending so long getting wet suits on, but we made it! The girls loved it after not being so keen to get wet initially.

We enjoyed all weather conditions so there was a reason for the girls' huge bags! It was lovely to enjoy time with the students outside of the classroom and yes, they had gone slightly mad by the time we pulled into Park's carpark on the Friday evening. All I will say is Dance Moms!

Miss Firbank





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Bookings are now open!

FREE ACTIVITY DAYS

FOR 11- 16 YEAR OLDS ATTENDING SECONDARY SCHOOL

Includes free lunch - Young people attend alone

Week 1

- MON 29TH JULY Creative Art with Making Space- Clay, felt and print making
- TUES 30TH JULY Trip to Petersfield Open Air Pool
- WEDS 31 JULY Creative Activity Day at PCS*
- THURS 1 AUG Trip to Chichester Adventure golf

Week 2

- MON 5TH AUG Trip to Hollywood Bowl, Gunwharf
 - TUES 6TH AUG Skateboarding with Team Rubicon at PCS*
 - WEDS 7TH AUG Landscape painting at PCS*
 - THURS 8TH AUG Trip to Rock Up, Whiteley
- Activities may be subject to change

Week 3

- MON 12TH AUG Cooking at PCS*
- TUES 13TH AUG Woodwork at PCS*
- WEDS 14TH AUG Trip to Game Over- Video Games
- THURS 15TH AUG Skiing at Calshot Activity Centre

Week 4

- MON 19TH AUG Art Journaling with Creative
- TUES 20TH AUG Circus Day!
- WEDS 21ST AUG Design a Theatre Show in a Day at PCS*
- THURS 22ND AUG Trip to Playzone, Portsmouth

*PCS - Park Community School

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FREE FAMILY FUN DAYS

PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN WITH THEIR PARENT/CARERS

Monday 29th July to Thursday 22nd August

EVERYDAY INCLUDES

Crafts - Cooking - Sports - Entertainment - Specialist Activities - Free Lunch

Week 1

MON 29TH JULY Singing with TADAA

TUES 30TH JULY Havant Rugby

WEDS 31 JULY Havant Freestyle Martial Arts

THURS 1 AUG Reptiles

Week 3

MON 12TH AUG Yoga for Children

TUES 13TH AUG Bootcamp

WEDS 14TH AUG Family First Aid

THURS 15TH AUG Dance with TADAA

Week 2

MON 5TH AUG Falconry

TUES 6TH AUG Hula hooping with Hula Skoola

WEDS 7TH AUG Scrap metal airplanes with Winchester Science Centre and Scooters with Team Rubicon

THURS 8TH AUG BrightBites- Dentist

Week 4

MON 19TH AUG Acro with Abstract

TUES 20TH AUG Big Top Circus!

WEDS 21ST AUG Street Dance with Abstract

THURS 22ND AUG Cheerleading with Abstract

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Free Lunches in Summer Holidays 24th July to 30th August

12-1pm

Please note: We are closed for Thursday teatime

We provide free hot meals for families.

There are many reasons why people come; for example to meet up with other families, help with the budget in the holidays, loneliness or just want a lovely fresh cooked meal that is **FREE!**

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