



Park Community School

NEWSLETTER

Fortnightly Update

14th January 2022

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2022. The return to school has been a smooth one and students have adapted well to wearing their masks in classrooms as well as corridors. Last week's staggered return and induction has helped ensure all students are prepared for the term ahead.

The theme for this half term is relationships. Alongside our weekly SMSC lessons, our assembly programme looks at different areas of relationships in detail. This week Mr Anders focussed on the new year and opportunities, making the most of what it has to offer.

Next week Mrs Capaldi will look at managing conflict, focussing particularly on bullying and the actions we take as a school to address it when it occurs and create a culture where everyone feels safe and celebrates our differences.

Yesterday's Year 8 and Year 10 remote parent evening was well attended. Thank you for taking the time to look at your child's report in advance so that discussions could be focussed on next steps. Let us know how you feel about remote parent evenings rather than face to face ones here: <https://forms.office.com/r/WLOKHdGJhL>

Congratulations to the students who have achieved their Reading canon awards. We awarded one gold, four silver and 40 bronze badges. Please ask your children about what they are reading - everyone is reading at least one text from Park's canon and they will be able to tell you all about it. Some of the popular choices at the moment are *Lord of the Rings*, *The Green Mile*, *My Sister lives on the Mantelpiece* and *The Hate You Give*.

This term's after school clubs began on Monday. Alongside daily period 6 session for all Year 11s, we have broadened the extra curricular clubs we offer for all. In our whole school survey, students told us they really value these extra opportunities and highlighted robotics club, rugby, football and Yes! Trips. A full list of extra-curricular activities can be found here [extra-curricular-clubs.pdf \(pcs.hants.sch.uk\)](http://extra-curricular-clubs.pdf (pcs.hants.sch.uk)) and all students are welcome. The list will grow again after February half term.

This term we have welcomed some new staff to our team including two new staff who have joined our WSG team - Mr Donnelly and Mrs Read. Both are attached to Red House. Their appointment means we now have increased capacity to support students with their pastoral needs. Mr Bryce is now Deputy Head of School and Miss Conner and Mrs Cavanagh are acting Assistant Headteachers alongside their roles as subject leaders of Science and PE.

We look forward to the busy term ahead and continuing to support and challenge your children to dream big and work hard.



Year 11 mocks begin on Monday 31st January 2022

Geography, Geology & Sustainability Club

Geography, Geology & Sustainability had an excellent turnout this week. We had time to create a poster and a mindmap explaining how we could save the world and become more eco-friendly. We filled a whole industrial sized recycling bin - collected after two weeks in the humanities department. – **By Alfie Year 8**



Extra-Curricular Clubs

Monday

Art & Photography drop in
British Sign Language (BSL)
Butterfly Broadcast
Computing Homework
Drama

Handwriting
MFL Homework Club - Years 7-8
PE - Dodgeball - Years 9 & 10
PE - Fitness - All Years
PE - Park Boys Football
Academy

PE - Park Girls Football
Academy

Period 6 for Year 11

Student Voice

Tuesday

PE - Cricket - Years 7 & 8
Period 6 for Year 11

Sports Ambassadors

Wednesday

Bookbusters Book Club
Construction Skills - Years 8-10
Dance

GGS (Geography, Geology & Sustainability)

Wednesday cont.

Maths Homework - all Years
PE - Basketball
PE - Fitness - All Years
Period 6 for Year 11

Thursday

Cooking - KS3
Greenpower - Year 7-10
Music Performance
PE - Badminton
PE - Fitness - All Years
Period 6 for Year 11

Robotics

Science - KS3
SEN Homework
Warhammer

Friday

Period 6 for Year 11

Robotics
Stage Crew
Theatre

Saturday

YES! trips



Year 9 Students and Parents

It is almost time to select your GCSE options. Lessons and assemblies will be sharing information about futures and careers as well as GCSE choices. Thursday, 31 March 2022 is the Year 9 Parents' evening, please make sure the date is in your diary.



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Basketball tournament

Turnout for our basketball club has been great this half term, with students working hard on practising their techniques. And it was not long before this was put to the test when they took part in their first tournament.

'It was amazing to come and play for Park in the basketball. We did so well in our first tournament. We all can't wait to come back and do even better next week.' Blake

It was simply amazing to watch our boys and girls compete. We were by far and away the most inexperienced team yet played with fantastic energy and resilience. We were the only school to bring a mixed team of boys and girls and competed so well in every single match.

Some of the students have only had a few lessons of basketball so far this term which makes their results even more impressive.

Highlight of the tournament:

Beating Priory 2-0 with a Josh set shot to win it late.

Heroes of Park: Blake, Josh , Kaydie-Leigh, Megan, Harley, Caleb

Mr Pollard and Mr Herriot



Robotics Club Competition

We are running a competition for all students to solve real world problems using robotics.

A category 3 hurricane has struck a small island in the West Indies, leaving hundreds of islanders stranded without food, shelter, and medical supplies.



HMS Destroyer has been diverted from her round the world deployment to offer aid to the islanders, but the road onto the island is blocked by debris, and the crew is unable to provide any help.

Your task is to build and program a robot that can be deployed to clean the debris on the road.

The winning team will each win a:

- Kitronik :MOVE mini MK2 buggy kit
- BBC Micro:Bit

Mr Wray



Park Outdoors Launch Event

On Saturday 4th December, seven Park staff, two Duke of Edinburgh guides and 11 keen students from Year 10 took on the challenge of walking across the South Downs in the launch event of Park Outdoors.

The weather was completely perfect for walking the Downs - fresh, dry and sunny. From Queen Elizabeth Country Park we walked up...and up...and up. We travelled across country towards Buriton, onwards to Ditcham and Chalton, stopping frequently to be taught about various plants, wildlife, and general interesting facts by our guides. After mile 6, we stopped for our well-deserved packed lunches and some lessons in knot tying. We also talked about our next Park Outdoors challenge - a night walk.

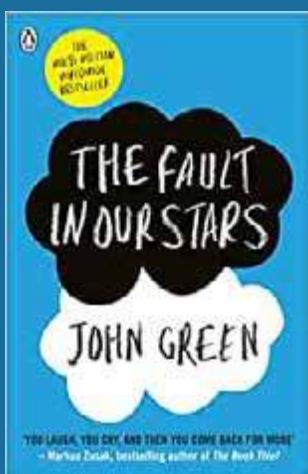
After lunch we continued our discovery of the stunningly beautiful countryside, but as our bodies started to ache and the hills felt more challenging the team ethos of walking as a pack really came into its own. Everyone supported and encouraged each other to continue and feel pride in our accomplishments. On returning to the car park our group had achieved an impressive 9.18 miles!

Mrs Cavanagh





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The Fault In Our Stars by John Green

A 16-year-old girl suffering with terminal cancer meets a boy at her support group meeting who makes her think differently about life and death.

Diagnosed with Stage IV thyroid cancer at 12, Hazel was prepared to die until, at 14, a medical miracle shrunk the tumours in her lungs... for now. Two years post-miracle, sixteen-year-old Hazel is post-everything else too, post-high school, post-friends and post-normalcy. And even though she could live for a long time (whatever that means) Hazel lives tethered to an oxygen tank, the tumours tenuously kept at bay with a constant chemical assault.

Enter Augustus Waters. A match made at cancer kid support group, Augustus is gorgeous, in remission, and shockingly, interested in Hazel. Being with Augustus is both an unexpected destination and a long-needed journey, pushing Hazel to re-examine how sickness and health, life and death, will define her and the legacy that everyone leaves behind.

I think the book is good and it helps people educate themselves about what it's like to have a terminal illness. I would recommend the book to teenagers as the characters in the book are around the same age as them. The book shows the importance of terminal illness and how it can affect people's mental health and how other people may think of them as a person. It also makes me want to read more books by John Green as he is good at writing books with a realistic storyline, and I would read the book again. The book also makes you feel some of the emotions that the characters may be feeling. For example, sadness, happiness and maybe anger. Personally, I would give this book 4/5 stars as I was a bit disappointed with the ending. Layla 8AGR

I think it is a good book because it talks about the life of a terminally ill teenager with cancer going to live out the rest of her life; I would recommend it to teenagers to understand what it is like to be terminally ill. At the beginning it was a bit difficult to get into but when it starts to get deeper into the story you start to feel the emotion between the characters. This book alone makes me want to read more by John Green because the way he writes makes you want to read on. I would give this book a 5/5 because it makes you feel emotion and inspires you to want to cure terminal illnesses when you are older. I read this in tutor, I loved the book but near the ending you start to feel sad and want her to be ok. Hayden 8TDE

This is one of my favourite books. I love this book because it simultaneously made me cry with laughter and cry because I was genuinely so heartbroken by the end. The book was a million times better than the film. Miss Manning

Year 7 Humanities Challenge

In the final week of last term, our Year 7 students took on the challenge to showcase their learning from RE and History Identity units, which have had a shared focus on Britain's ancient marvel - Stonehenge. It was their opportunity to pull together their studies from both subjects and produce a presentation to inform and engage their audience in their learning.

Year 7 invited in staff and Year 10 Humanities' students to educate them about the origins, possible reasons for construction and key beliefs of the people who built and worshipped at this pre-historic site over 5,000 years ago. Students spoke confidently about how their learning from both subjects connected into building



their wider understanding of Stonehenge. It was impressive to hear the explanations and visual aids created to help them convey their learning. Many groups even tested their visitors with engaging and challenging quizzes they had created.

Year 10 History student, Tahlia, said, "They spoke so confidently, and I had no real knowledge about Stonehenge before today, but I do now!" Another, Year 10 History student, Rachel, said, "I was so impressed with how clearly and confidently they spoke about their learning". We are incredibly proud of how well these students rose to this challenge and we hope to repeat a similar opportunity open to parents and carers later in the year, as we can't wait to see what these young Humanities students will achieve next!

Mrs Last



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MUNCH PANTRY

A helping hand not a hand out

OPENING TIMES
11-2.30pm
Monday - Friday

Dickinson Centre,
 Park Community School,
 Havant, PO9 4DQ

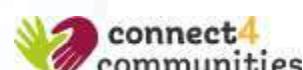


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 an average of
£15 worth of food!

Choose from a selection of
 groceries, fresh and frozen food

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