

# NEWSLETTER Final Newsletter of the Year -18 July 2022

### Dear Parents, Carers and Students

In this final newsletter of the academic year, there is much to celebrate and be proud of. Once again this newsletter captures many of the memorable moments from the last few weeks.

It was lovely to welcome our new Year 6 students to Park for Freshers and to meet their parents at our BBQ. We also had Sports week, the Year 8 science fair, and welcomed Year 10 back into school after their work experience fortnight. Sports week focused on everyone participating and included welly wanging and volleyball along with the traditional track events.

Congratulations to the Blue House team who triumphed after closely fought battles with Red and Green Houses

At the end of this term we will say goodbye to the following staff:

Miss Gibbons, Mr Warshow, Ms Tate and Mrs Norman.

We wish them all luck for the future and look forward to welcoming Miss Gibbons back for her maths teaching training in the Autumn term. Mr Warshow is going to work closer to home and Mrs Norman is retiring.

Mrs Norman has worked with hundreds of students and she has made a huge difference to each and every one of them through her support, high expectations and passion. Thank you Mrs Norman, we wish you a very happy retirement.

Finally a reminder that students will be dismissed from school after lunch on Thursday at 1pm.

We would like to wish you and your families a wonderful summer and look forward to welcoming students back



### **Return to School**

Friday 2 September: Year 7 all day, Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 one-to-one appointments only.

Monday 5 September: All years in all day with slightly phased start times. Please check letter for details.

## Celebrating success at Park

Last week was a week full of celebrations. Selected students and parents attended our Awards evening on Monday to celebrate exceptional effort and hard work. In House assemblies, subject awards have been awarded to students for their dedication and hard work. Well done to everyone.





## Annual Science Fair

We hosted our very first Annual Science Fair at Park on Tuesday 12 July. The whole of Year 8 worked really hard during their science lessons on their chosen project, completing all the research and planning their experiments independently. Students were guided in how to write a scientific report, conduct a pilot project, undertake corrections and then explain the whole process to teachers and visitors. We had a large number of visitors to the fair which was fantastic for the students who really enjoyed showing their project and, in some cases, encouraging people to take part in the experiment themselves!

Students have engaged incredibly well with the fair and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. All students showed that they are creative, imaginative and up for a challenge. The next steps for one group is to pitch their brilliant turbine idea as a viable alternative to fossil fuel, so watch this space for our future innovators.



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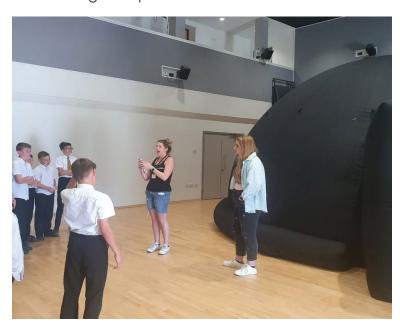
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## Astrodome at Park

Our Year 8 students had a fantastic experience this week when the University of Southampton brought their Astrodome to Park. Students had an hour's session where they were transported to the outer reaches of the universe to discover evidence for the Bia Bana and learn about how the ancient Greeks used the stars in their storytelling, myths and legends. We also learnt to navigate using the North star in case Google maps ever lets us down!





Parents/Carers: this is a confidential service being offered by the Citizens Advice for anyone who is finding energy costs difficult. No need to book, please drop in.

### **HIGH ENERGY COSTS?**

Citizens Advice Havant will be at Park Community School, Middle Park Way, Havant, PO9 4BU every Tuesday during July and August 2022 from 9.30am until 12pm to assist you with applying for up to £147.00 towards your household fuel bills.

We will ask you to complete a data protection form and take copies of the following items:

Proof of address Screenshot of meter reading (pre payment) OR Utility bill showing account number (credit)





### Young People's Safe Haven

For 11-17 year olds living within Havant, East and South East Hants. Open 5pm to 8pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday at The Pallant, Havant, PO9 1BE. Just drop in, no appointment needed.

- · Immediate access to one-to-one targeted support session with a wellbeing practitioner
- Group sessions discussing important wellbeing topics
  Wellbeing activities, arts & crafts and mindfulness
- Meeting other young people and peer supportA calm and positive safe space

Email: cvpsafehaven@easthantsmind.org

Freephone: 0300 303 1580





## Festival of Sport

Festival of Sport Week 2022 took place over four days with excellent participation by all. Students completed multi event activities within their House groups including: tyre flipping, mini hurdles, welly wanging, egg and spoon races, vortex throw, toxic waste, bunny hops and bean bag targets. Everyone gained points within their year group which went towards their final totals on Sports Day.

On Sports Day students participated in throwing events throughout the morning with the afternoon filled with exciting track events, volleyball, rounders, cricket tournaments, fitness challenges and Park Outdoors activities. The afternoon concluded with staff relay and the Tug of War.

It was fantastic to have our Year 6 Freshers as part of the event. They completed their own endball tournament and fitness challenges to build valuable points for their House teams.

The points remained close throughout the week with strong competition, brilliant levels of team work and outstanding levels of effort demonstrated. #ProudtobePark. #MuchMoreThanJustASportsDay.







Congratulations to the mighty BLUE HOUSE for their 2022 Festival of Sport Week Victory! \*BlueArmy





### Park Community Schools Festival of Sport 2022 – Results

This year you really did 'raise the bar' and walk the walk of 'Further, Faster, Stronger, Fitter'. Every student contributing to their Houses total points and demonstrating what a brilliant students Park Community School has.

Year 6			
Place	Points	House	
1 <sup>st</sup> place	140	Green	
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	105	Red	
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	80	Blue	

Year 7			
Place	Points	House	
1 <sup>st</sup> place	417	Blue	
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	332	Red	
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	265	Green	

Year 8			
Place	Points	House	
1 <sup>st</sup> place	361	Red	
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	299	Blue	
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	213	Green	

Year 9			
Place	Points	House	
1 <sup>st</sup> place	347	Blue	
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	312	Red	
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	217	Green	

OVERALL			
Place	Points	House	
1 <sup>st</sup> place	1063	Blue	
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	1005	Red	
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	695	Green	

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## Sailing in Emsworth

Last week our Year 10 boys and their mentors from Lippert Marine celebrated the end of this year's mentoring sessions with a trip to Emsworth. The group had a fantastic afternoon in the sunshine experimenting with remote control boats and sailing.

Students have benefitted from fortnightly mentoring throughout the year and have really appreciated the time, advice and motivation their mentors have provided. Park looks forward to continuing the partnership.



## History Visit to Fort Cumberland

What do archaeological scientists do all day? This was the question a group of Year 8 and 9 students got to investigate when they visited Fort Cumberland, Southsea, for an exclusive tour around Historic England's laboratory.

A team of archaeological scientists allowed our students to handle animal bones that date back to Roman Britain, look at the skulls and bones of people of the Middle Ages and examine a pistol from a 17th century Dutch shipwreck.

The scientists taught them about the techniques they use in their day-to-day roles and how their analysis of physical evidence can reveal information about the lives of



ordinary people from thousands of years ago! The team at Fort Cumberland was very impressed with how polite, inquisitive and confident Park students were. An excellent opportunity for our students to see what range of careers is available to them.







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## News Release

### Support for struggling families through the Household Support Fund

People who are already receiving Housing Benefit or the housing element of Universal Credit and have applied for a Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP) but are in exceptional need can apply now for a one-off grant through the Household Support Fund.

The fund can be used to help cover rent arrears built up before a benefit claim was made.

### Find out more

These grants have been funded by central government and allocated to Havant Borough Council (HBC) by Hampshire County Council.

The scheme runs until 30 September 2022 or until the funds have been allocated.

HBC has been working with housing associations, Citizens Advice and debt support agencies to ensure that those who need it most are aware of the scheme.

Councillor Gwen Robinson, HBC Cabinet Lead for Affordable Housing, Communities and CIL said:

"The nature of the current inflationary pressures in the economy are affecting the lowest paid in society the most.

"These grants will help those most in need to keep a roof over their heads."

"Families that receive benefits but are still struggling financially should check our website to see if they're eligible for a grant."

Find out more and apply at:

www.havant.gov.uk/exceptional-household-support-fund