



Park Community School

NEWSLETTER

Fortnightly Update
11th February 2022

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

As we approach the end of this half term, this newsletter summarises some of the many things we have to be proud about at Park.

Next Thursday, students have their Student Review Day including appointments with their tutors. You are welcome to attend school with your child if you are able. Students will also be set remote learning to complete.

Along with the tutor appointments, there are reading activities and book reviews to complete with Years 7 and 8, Options information for Year 9 (their official Options evening with full details is 31 March), Revision resources for Year 10, and Homerun booklets for Year 11. There will also be opportunities to have some refreshments and speak to our WSG, SEN or INclude team if you need any advice or support.

This week Ofqual published final arrangements for this summer's GCSE examinations, including some further detail on what exam papers will include. This is all included in our Year 11 Homerun booklets so they can target their areas for revision and study. Lessons have already been reviewed to reflect these for after half term.

A reminder that students' last day in school this half term is Thursday 17 January for their Student Review Day appointments.



Thursday 17 February

Student Review Day:

Students attend for their tutor appointments only

Friday 18 February

INSET Day

Monday 21 25 February

Half term

Monday 28 February

Students return to school

Licoricia Event

You might have seen on South Today last night some of our Year 7 students helping to unveil a statue in Winchester. The students had VIP access in front of a large crowd- we were the only school in Hampshire invited. Prince Charles was supposed to be leading the ceremony but unfortunately tested positive for COVID. Despite the disappointment the students remained very excited and engaged by this civic event and what was a new experience for them all.



The ceremony was to mark the achievements of a 13th century Jewish woman named Licoricia, whose life we have been studying in lessons. Five students were selected to help the Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire, Nigel Atkinson, unveil the statue of Licoricia in front of dignitaries from Hampshire and the Jewish community including Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis, as well as a large crowd watching in the street. Students also shared what they have learned about Licoricia with guests invited to watch the ceremony. Really well done to Summer, Frankie, Jahziel, Ronnie and Katie for representing Park and schools across Hampshire during the ceremony.

Mr Pycroft



HSDC
@BeJHSDC

Huge congratulations to Air Cabin Crew students Zara, Faith and Toni who have been offered their dream roles for @TUIGroup, @British_Airways and @easyJet before even finishing their course! Find out more here [ow.ly/zjzc50HFG57](https://www.ly/zjzc50HFG57)

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*Well done to ex
Park students
Faith and Toni
on being offered
their dream job
after college!*



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Dame Kelly Holmes Unlocking Potential



Hannah Beharry Olympic Gold Medalist Boxer and Claire Bennett Commonwealth Games Gold Medalist visited Park to continue with their Dame Kelly Holmes Unlocking Potential Programme.

The students are working with the two athletes on a Social Action Project raising money for Mental Health and Cancer in children. The project will involve a week of fun with the inflatables in the Sports hall, a Year 7 disco and wearing Superheroes outfits for a non-uniform day. The aim of the week is to raise awareness of mental health issues. The four students Emma, Ruby, A'layah and Ella are among only 80 young people out of the whole of the UK are involved. Perfect timing for #childrensmentalhealthweek2022.

Miss Norman



HTC Maths Challenge

I took eight students from Year 7 and Year 8 to Horndean College, to take part in a Junior Maths Challenge. They were split into 2 groups, one of which came 3rd out of 9 teams!

They all did amazingly well, persevering with some challenging problems and worked extremely hard as a team.

Miss Brigyte

STEM Trip

On Monday I was lucky enough to take a select group of students to a national STEM competition, hosted at Portsmouth University, called the Faraday Challenge. It was all based on engineering. Our students were up against hundreds of other schools in a bid to win a trip to Liverpool. The students were given a project to design an item that would make a child's stay in hospital more comfortable for them and/or their family. They had a certain remit as to what their design needed to include. They were completely in charge of their own design, budget and group management. The day culminated in the group presenting their design to the other students and judges, sharing their rationale, where they had challenges and what improvements they would look to make.

Our students came up with an innovative design for an electronic blind and did us proud. We didn't come home with the top spot but had great day nonetheless.

Mrs Firbank

On Monday 31st January a team of 5 students from Year 8 went to Portsmouth University to take part in the Faraday challenge. We had lots of fun. We were tasked with creating an item which would make a hospital stay more comfortable. Our idea was a blind that would have an automatic control by the patient and would have other great features such as pictures printed on it and some famous quotes.

Alfie, Year 8



Year 10 Explores Christianity

Year 10 had a fantastic opportunity to consider the question of what it means to live as a Christian - a valuable experience that supports their recent learning on Christian practices. We had two visitors, including Pastor Barry, who spoke on a range of topics from the historic influence of Christianity to the evidence for the resurrection. Then our very own Ms Bannard spoke about her work as a street pastor and handing out hundreds of flip flops.

Mr Penlington





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Year 10 Boys Football

This week Year 10 boys played against Cowplain. In the first game we struggled to get out of the blocks, with defensive errors costing us. Unfortunately we lost 3-0.

Before the second game we had an honest talk on how we could improve, with the boys taking a lead on this. We talked about being proud to be from Park and showing that on the pitch.

In the second game the boys showed character, passion and pride to win the game 3-1 with two goals coming from Gary and a thunderbolt free kick from captain George.

Man of the match was Connor who stepped up to go in goal in the second game and made some great saves to win us the game.

I am proud of the boys' performance. They showed how proud they were to be from Park in front of a hostile crowd at Cowplain.

We are playing TPS and Hayling next Wednesday at TPS - it would be great if anyone is able to come along to support the boys!

Mr Redman



Year 8 Trip to University of Portsmouth

Year 8 had a fantastic day at the University of Portsmouth exploring what an English degree entails. They took part in a journalism session, joke crafting workshop and a lecture on Sherlock Holmes. The students were thoroughly engaged throughout. Sophie was awarded the journalism prize for the best headline and George was keen to ask questions in all of the sessions and contributed to the wider discussions. I was incredibly proud of them all.

Miss Tennant



Year 9 Challenge Day

Students engaged with some really hard-hitting topics in the Prison Me No Way experience designed to show them how the prison system picks up young people when they make poor decisions.

Session topics included: Gang Culture, Knife Crime, Choices, Prison Van, Domestic Abuse and Rail Safety.

The team delivering the sessions came with a series of real-life experiences as prisoners, guards, or victims of crime. They were very impressed with our students who posed thoughtful and intelligent questions in response to each presentation. They were particularly impressed with their ability to discuss challenging topics with a positive and mature attitude.

Well done Year 9, you were amazing and a great credit to Park.

Mr Green



City of Portsmouth Student Voice

We attended the City of Portsmouth Student Voice event at the Guildhall. The day started with an ice breaker for all 11 schools then we had an amazing informative masterclass on public speaking and confidence building which gave us lots of interesting tips. We had a guest speaker on mental health who gave us advice on where to go if we had mental health problems. We then took part in a very enjoyable and lively debate on many topics including climate change which helped us gain debating skills and then we created social action groups and fed back to the group. **Alfie and Brooke**

