



# Park Community School

## Newsletter

28 January 2026

### Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

We are delighted to be writing these words the day after Park students won their heat at Dance Live. Last night, Park students performed brilliantly, entrancing the audience with their storytelling, dance and tech. We are so proud of everyone involved and hope as many of you as possible will join us at the finals in April.

Another highlight over the past few weeks has been the official opening of Lift Off, Emsworth. This is our Key Stage 3 provision shared with Bishop Luffa School and made possible because of The John and Hilary Pritchard Trust. Students have settled in very well and we look forward to bringing you updates on their progress in future months.

In addition, our cohort of 20 Year 9 and 10 students return to Park this evening after a 10 day trip to India. This newsletter shares details of their life changing journey.

Next week sees the start of Year 11s final mock exams before the summer. We wish them lots of luck and look forward to seeing them apply all they have been learning.

A reminder that this half term ends on Thursday 12 February with Student Review Day. Students in Years 7,8,9 and 10 will attend a one to one appointment with tutors. Year 7 and 8 will also collect and read free books from our canon, Year 9 will collect their options booklets and Year 10 will receive a free revision guide of their choice. Year 11 are in school for a mock exam on this day.



**Mr Anders**



**Mrs Capaldi**

**Chinese New Year Attendance Streak Competition 26th Jan - 6th Feb**

**GOOD LUCK TO YEAR 11S**

starting their mock exams  
next Thursday 5th February

Read about our India trip from page 4...



**Dance Live Victory for Park!**  
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End of this half term - 12th Feb  
Student Review Day - 12th Feb



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## Year 10 Boys Football

The Year 10 boys had their first fixture of the year against Warblington. Frankie and Ousama scored the goals for Park, but we were unfortunate not to get the win. The boys showed great spirit and we are looking forward to the rest of the games this half term.

**Mr Pollard**



## Year 7 Exhibition at Staunton Country Park

We are delighted to share that a selection of Year 7 exhibits from their Oral Histories exhibition are currently on display in the Visitor's Centre at Staunton Country Park. If you are in the area, do pop in and see their hard work!

**C Harrison**



## Visit from our local MP Alan Mak

Our students enjoyed spending time discussing education, career paths and politics with our local MP Alan Mak last week.

**Mrs Capaldi**



## Year 8 Basketball

This week the Year 8s played their first basketball fixture!

The results were as followed:

**Park vs Purbrook- 2-6 to Purbrook**

**Park vs Oaklands - 2-2**

**Park vs Warblington 12-0** (a fantastic win for the boys)

The boys played amazingly in every game and gave high levels of energy and effort to every game!

Man of the match was a close call between Vinnie Emmess and Yousef! Both played incredibly throughout the games, scoring some amazing shots and showed great leadership on the court!

The fixtures continue next Thursday with Year 7!

**Miss Brown**





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## Hercules Theatre Visit

Miss Privett and I took 35 students to watch Hercules at the Theatre Royal Dury Lane.

Some comments from students:

**"I loved the set changes and the voices were amazing!"**

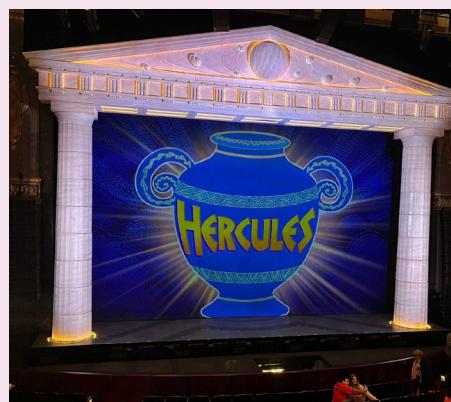
**"The costumes because they really played into the scene"**

**"The choreography was really cool, especially Phil's song. I liked Charles and Bob as characters and the tap dancing in Hades scene"**

**"I loved how close the story was to the mythology of the Greek gods"**

**"I just loved it. Everything was amazing the performers were so committed."**

Miss Brown



## Congratulations to Tyler!

Tyler, Year 8 has competed in two championships, one being the NKC (National Kart Championship) to which Tyler finished the season third overall, he was presented his trophy at KartMania. The second championship was FEKC (Forest Edge Kart Championship) to which Tyler finished the season first in the Rotax Intermax.

Tyler's mum said ' If it wasn't for the school being so understanding and encouraging children to follow their ambition then maybe this would not have happened. I just wanted to express my thanks to you, his tutor Mr Harden, Park Community School, for supporting Tyler in what he loves most.'

Mrs Capaldi





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# INDIA 2026

## Namaste from India

Currently 20 students and 4 staff are immersed within a fantastic 10 day excursion to New Delhi, India.

Students met on Sunday afternoon at Park and travelled to Heathrow for an evening flight to Delhi. After a very good flight and further hours traveling on the bus, we arrived at Manav Rachna University where we are based.

The students have shown brilliant confidence, maturity, empathy and understanding throughout the trip. They have been stretched to think hard and experience very different environments.

We have already had the pleasure to visit an IB school students and lessons, the university sports studies equipment, the shooting range and sports arena. The indescribable joy of visiting The Taj Mahal. And the honour of working with a rural village school and their students.

We have many days ahead of us to enjoy further and will share full reflections on our return.

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*Threads of Togetherness*





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## Threads of Togetherness



## Days 5 to 7

Despite waking to heavy rain on Day 5, the group enjoyed a fantastic day at the IB school, taking part in creative and cultural activities including clay work, Hindi language learning, and puppetry. These sessions offered valuable insight into Indian culture while supporting student wellbeing, creativity, and self-reflection. Back at the university, students prepared for upcoming sports events and continued to strengthen bonds as a group.

Day 6 began with an early 5am start for a sunrise trek, exploring wildlife, ancient temples, and beautiful plant life. Although cloud cover limited the sunrise views, it was a memorable experience. Students later attended dance and music lessons in preparation for their final assembly performances. A highlight of the day was visiting students' homes, where we experienced warm hospitality, enjoyed traditional home-cooked food, and received henna designs. The evening concluded with a visit to a local market.

Day 7 offered a slower start, allowing time for journaling and reflection before visiting the stunning Akshardham Temple. With its intricate carvings and serene atmosphere, it was an unforgettable experience. After lunch and shopping, the group returned to campus for sports, dinner, and rest. Students continue to show resilience, confidence, and a willingness to try new things.





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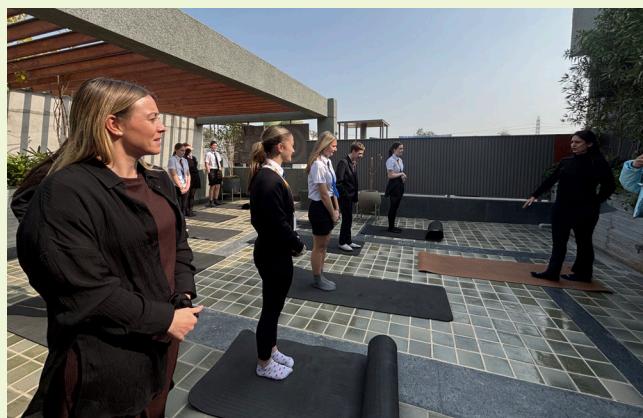
## India Trip Finale: Sports, Success, and Shared Memories

The final days of our incredible journey to India were a whirlwind of competition and creativity. Our students represented Park with unwavering spirit, starting with the high-energy "Clash of the Titans" sports day. Divided into four teams—The Playmakers, Fusion Force, The United Spartans, and Cross-border Champs—students and staff competed in everything from Football and Badminton to Lemon and Spoon races. After a day of immense resilience, The United Spartans were crowned overall winners, with celebrations continuing back at the university over Domino's pizza and cake.

The momentum carried into our final showcase, "Threads of Togetherness." Students spent a focused morning refining performances in dance, music, and puppetry for our MRIS-IB friends. We were honoured to welcome Mr Shannon West, Deputy Director of the British Council, India, as our guest of honour. He spoke movingly about how a trip to France at age 15 sparked his international career, perfectly echoing the journey of discovery our own students have undertaken.

The final assembly was truly spectacular; there wasn't a dry eye in the house. Our students didn't just visit India—they lived it with curiosity, creativity, and humility. As we set our 5 am alarms for the journey home, we do so with hearts full of emotion and heads full of memories. We are incredibly proud of how every student stretched themselves and supported one another.

### Mrs Cavanagh and the India Team





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## A Very Merry BookBuzz!

Christmas came early for our Year 7 and 8 students who have been eagerly awaiting the arrival of their chosen book. You will remember from a previous Newsletter that, in partnership with the Book Trust BookBuzz programme, Park is gifting a FREE book to each of our year 7 and 8 students from this year's selection of 16 amazing books.

The books were delivered by Santa's little helpers during the last week of term and we hope that BookBuzz encourages our students to read more frequently, which will help improve their wellbeing, spark interesting conversations, and inspire creativity.

### **How can I help my child to get buzzing about books?**

The easiest way to get involved is to talk to your child about books and reading. Their BookBuzz book is a great place to start. What do they enjoy about their book? Who is their favourite character? Talking about books together can help show the value of reading and encourage your child to form and share their opinions on what they like to read.

Copies of all 16 books are available to borrow from our library so students can read them all. If you or your child have any questions about BookBuzz or indeed anything to do with books and reading at Park please pop in or contact me a.hucklebridge@pcs.hants.sch.uk.

**Ms Hucklebridge**





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## Dance Live Victory for Park!

This week our students took to the stage with our performance of "Power Up". Based on the Super Mario games of the 1980s, students entertained and impressed the judges and audience. Our students' storytelling through dance, tech and acting was superb. Everyone demonstrated amazing team work skills, characterisation, expressive skills and sheer determination.

Our students won best costume, best technical skills and we were also awarded overall winners! We couldn't be more proud of them. We now go through to the grand finals in April!

**Mrs Chuter**



## Lift Off, Emsworth

We were delighted that Lift Off, Emsworth officially opened to students last week. Lift Off, is our new Key Stage 3 provision, shared with Bishop Luffa school and made possible by the John and Hilary Pritchard Trust. Students have settled in well and are enjoying the combination of learning inside and outside the classroom.

Over time, the curriculum will include plenty of real world learning and exploration of the local area.

**Mrs Capaldi**



**LIFT OFF**  
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## Winter Hours

Mon - Thur - 9.30am - 3.00pm

Friday - 9.30am - 4.00pm

Sat - Sun - 9.00am - 4.00pm

## Breakfast | Lunch

## Cakes

## Drinks | High Tea



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