



Park Community School

NEWSLETTER

Fortnightly Update 27th January 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2023. It is packed with information about the last few weeks and celebrates many of the things our students have achieved.

Thank you to so many of you for attending parents evening for Years 8 and 10 and the parent information session for Year 11. We had over 500 in school for the evening, the most since the pandemic. It felt good to be together again on this scale. Many parents commented on how much they valued the time to discuss your child's progress and went away with ideas to support them at home.

All parents and carers received reports on their child's attainment and attitude to learning last term. In assemblies over the past few weeks we have celebrated attainment in mock exams, students with excellent overall attitude to learning and those with strong attendance last term.

We know strong attendance makes the biggest difference to students' progress and happiness in school. In weekly house assemblies, all students with 100% attendance for the previous week are added to a raffle and three lucky winners receive prizes every week. If you need support with your child's attendance, please ask. Heads of House and WSG will be happy to offer support and advice. If you'd like to come into school for advice or request a home visit, we can also offer this.

Finally, please ensure you have the dates below in your diaries so your children are ready for half term.



Mr Bourton



Mrs Capaldi

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 1 February Partial School Closure. Year 11 in for mock exam. Years 7 to 10 working from home unless parents have requested their attendance at school via the form sent out this week.

Thursday 9 February Student Review Day- Students come into school for a 15 minute appointment with their tutor only. Parents are welcome to attend.

Friday 10 February INSET Day

Monday 13- 17 February Half Term

Monday 20 February Return to school



Year 10 celebrate progress towards GCSE grades

Congratulations to the 38 Year 10 students who were awarded silver stars for gaining at least a Grade 4 in their English and/ or Maths mock exams. This is an important step towards success in the GCSEs at the end of Year 11. We look forward to awarding many more stars next half term.

Mr Bourton

Houses Celebrate Success

In last week's assembly each house congratulated its students who managed to achieve strong grades for their overall attitude to learning last term and those who achieved 100% attendance. Unsurprisingly, the two are closely linked. Student voice teams have been discussing rewards in school and a weekly attendance draw for £5 vouchers has been introduced to assemblies for every student who has achieved 100% attendance in the previous week.

The pictures show Blue house proudly celebrating their successes and also student voice representatives from all years representing their house.

Mrs Capaldi





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ClassCharts

We are now using our new communications system for parents and students: Class Charts. 88% of parents are signed up and accessing their accounts, thank you. If you are yet to sign up, instructions are below on how to do this and we would urge you get the app as soon as you can.

Further information can be found on the Class Charts section of our school website.

The direct link to this section is below:

[https://www.pcs.hants.sch.uk/
classcharts.php](https://www.pcs.hants.sch.uk/classcharts.php)

Park Outdoors

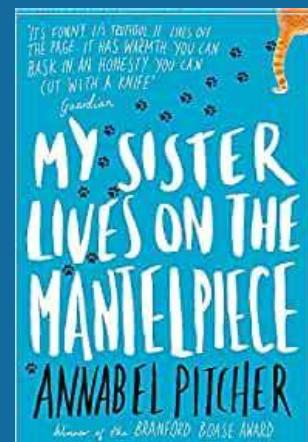
Thirty students spent four hours on one evening last week in the icy cold completing challenges at Havant Thicket with strictly no light.

Students explored nature, working brilliantly together as a team and braved the cold weather together. They were supported by Mrs Bearpark, Mr Macefield, Mr Chalk and Mr Smart.

Mrs Bearpark



My sister lives on the mantlepiece by Annabel Pitcher



Ten-year-old Jamie Matthews has just moved to the Lake District with his Dad and his teenage sister, Jasmine for a 'Fresh New Start'. Five years ago, his sister's twin, Rose, was blown up by a terrorist bomb. His parents are wrecked by their grief, Jasmine turns to piercing, pink hair and stops eating. The family falls apart. But Jamie hasn't cried in all that time. To him Rose is just a distant memory. Jamie is far more interested in his cat, Roger, his birthday Spiderman T-shirt, and in keeping his new friend Sunya a secret from his dad. And in his deep longing and unshakable belief that his Mum will come back to the family she walked out on months ago. When he sees a TV advert for a talent show, Jamie feels certain that this will change everything and bring them all back together once and for all.

What I like about *My Sister Lives on the Mantelpiece* is that it's based on real life. There are many that have seen through Jamie's eyes and been in his situations, such as parents leaving, alcoholism, carers and harsh bullies.

I would recommend this book to help people try to understand the kids like Jamie. A unique story that is shocking and enjoyable. I would give it 4 out of 5 stars.
Harriett 7HMA

This amazing book was a tutor read and I liked that it has so many really good characters in it. I learned from *My Sister Lives on the Mantelpiece*, that you can be strong even when lots of bad things happen. This book has things that can help you. This book is brilliant, I would give it 5 out of 5 stars.
Maddie 7HMA



AWARD Winner -

Shortlisted for the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize 2011
Shortlisted for the Red House Children's Book Award 2012
Shortlisted for the Galaxy National Book Tokens Children's Book of the Year 2011
Branford Boase winner 2012
Shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize 2012



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Author Becky Jerams' Park Visit

Last Friday, singer/songwriter and author Becky Jerams visited to speak and sing to 180 of our students.

The event was a huge success and students enjoyed clapping along to the songs and asking smart, relevant and interesting questions. Indeed there were so many questions we had to stop as we ran out of time!

After the main talk Becky stayed on to conduct a workshop with the musical theatre after school club where the students were able to explore the characters and create short improvised pieces inspired by the book.

Becky remarked this was the most welcoming and engaged school she has so far visited. She was totally inundated with requests for book signings and selfies. It was wonderful to see the students so engaged with the reading and desperate to buy and read the book at home over the weekend. We even ran out of books.

Luckily we have more arriving today so no-one will miss out and all the books will be signed and available for purchase at half RRP £4.50 (students can also pay with reward vouchers)

Thank you to all those who helped to make this wonderful event possible.

Ms Hucklebridge





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Performing Arts Oscars Evening

On Friday 13 January, students who were involved in our performance of 'The Wizard of Oz' were invited to attend a special Oscars evening. They were each awarded a special nomination for a specific award within the show.



It was a lovely way to appreciate students' commitment within the production and for them to be recognised for their hardwork.

Mrs Chuter



Performing Arts Extra-Curricular

Performing Arts clubs have got off to a brilliant start with lots of students coming every day to be part of something they love!

If you would like to join, come along or speak to your PA teacher!





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PARK DESIGN & PRINT

I recently had the opportunity to try Park's Carousel, and when I tell you this was an amazing experience, I am not lying. The place I got to visit was PDP (Park's Design and Print). I learnt how some of the machines work, designed and made my own badges, and designed and made my own Journal! As you can see Park has amazing opportunities for us and I'm sure I won't be the only one to tell you that.

Jess Year 7



MMTJAS Carousel

Every week our Year 7, 8 and 9 students take part in the Much More Than Just a School carousel across the Apex Centre, Park Design and Print, the farm and the school kitchen.

Apex Centre

'Today we learnt how to plaster a wall, it was really fun.' **Ava and Ella-May Year 7**

'I loved learning to plaster a wall today. Mr Bird said I was a natural!' **Lily Year 7**

'It was really fun at the Apex Centre, putting plaster on the walls was surprising fun and I would like to go again.' **Heidi Year 7**



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Holocaust Memorial Day

A group of History Ambassadors represented Park at the Holocaust Memorial Day service organised by Havant Borough Council. The theme for this year's service was 'ordinary people'. Well done to Sophie for reading a poem during the service, composed by Ms Dempsey entitled '77 Years Later' and well done to George, Esme, Ben, Jake and Jess for representing the school at this important local event.

Mr Pycroft



FREE
Just turn up!

2023

Havant Sessions

DAY	ACTIVITY	PLACE	DESCRIPTION
Monday 5-7pm	Youth Drop-in 10-17 year olds	Havant Rugby Club PO9 3EJ	Games, sports, meeting friends, arts and crafts, try something new.
Tuesday 4-6pm (Term-time only)	Your Goal Football session 10-17 year olds	Front Lawn Community Hub PO9 5AN	Football games/coaching plus 1:1 mentoring (Delivered in partnership with PiTC)
Tuesday 4.30-6.30pm	Lighthouse Project School years 6-8	Motiv8 - The Hub Park Parade PO9 5AA	Games, mindfulness, arts and crafts, cooking, peer support and well-being workshops (Delivered in partnership with Mind)
Wednesday 3.15-5.15pm (Apr-Oct)	Wellmeadow (Woodland youth drop in) 10-17 year olds	Staunton Country Park PO9 5HB	Den building, rope swing, hang out in hammocks, explore nature. Call or message for meeting point.
Wednesday 5.30-7.30pm	Lighthouse Project School years 9-11	Motiv8 - The Hub Park Parade PO9 5AA	Games, mindfulness, arts and crafts, cooking, peer support and well-being workshops (Delivered in partnership with Mind)
Thursday 3.30-5.30pm	Youth Drop-in 10-17 year olds	Front Lawn Community Hub PO9 5AN	Games, meeting friends, arts and crafts, events, try something new, challenge yourself.
Thursday 5.30-7.30pm	Lighthouse Project 16+ year olds	Motiv8 - The Hub Park Parade PO9 5AA	Games, mindfulness, arts and crafts, cooking, peer support and well-being workshops (Delivered in partnership with Mind)

We can also provide relationship and sexual health advice including FREE condoms - call or message us to arrange a confidential appointment

Wellmeadow Woodland Youth Drop in
Staunton Country Park

Free to attend

You can...

- Build a den
- Set up a rope swing
- Hang out in hammocks
- Explore nature
- And lots more!

Come along and...

- Build your confidence
- Meet other friendly faces
- Have others to talk to
- Relax in our safe space

**For 10-17 year olds
No need to book!**

Call or message for meeting point

Staunton Country Park
Petersfield Road
PO9 5HB

Motiv8 Youth Drop-in
Ages 10-17
Thursdays 3.30-5.30pm

What's on:
Games, arts and crafts, cooking and activities. Come along and meet new people, try something new and challenge yourself.

Where?
Front Lawn Community Hub
PO9 5AN

FREE to attend!!





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Basketball Club

We once again had great numbers at basketball this afternoon. The older half of the group were coached by Sports Ambassador Curtis, who led a shooting practice and game.

It was great to see such high numbers and few new faces in attendance.

Mr Pollard



[Community Discount Card – Horizon Leisure Centres \(horizonlc.com\).](http://horizonlc.com)

Year 10 Football Victory!

Congratulations to the Year 10 football team who won 3-1 against Hayling this week. As every game so far this season we had a great turnout with 17 players playing.

We took an early lead through Brandon's long range shot, before Mark scored to make it 2-0. We conceded just before half time to make it 2-1. However, the students showed great fight and spirit in the second half to continue to dominate before Toby scored from a corner with a few minutes to go. A great 3-1 victory which is thoroughly deserved and is a reward for the students' dedication and commitment over the last few weeks!

Mr Redman



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OFF THE RECORD

FREE ONLINE AND IN PERSON FAMILY COUNSELLING

FOR HAVANT FAMILIES AGED 8 +

IF YOUR CAR WASN'T WORKING PROPERLY YOU WOULD TAKE IT TO THE GARAGE....

IF YOUR FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS AREN'T WORKING HOW YOU WOULD LIKE THEM TO... COME TO OTR, OR CALL TO FIND OUT MORE 02392 474724



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Learn ways to save on energy, water costs and reduce food waste

Hear advice from 'Switched on Portsmouth' and our partners on how to cut energy and water bills, reduce debts and more to help support you in these challenging times.



Where: Munch Community Pantry, Park Community School, Middle Park Way, Havant PO9 4BU



When: Monday 23 January 23
11am -1pm

The pantry is open Mon – Friday 11am – 2.30pm and costs £5 for a weekly subscription, where you are able to purchase a weekly shop that includes fresh fruit and vegetables and family stables as well as cooked meals from the Munch kitchens.

For more information on the event please contact us at
customer@vividhomes.co.uk

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