



# Park Community School

## NEWSLETTER

## Fortnightly Update 25 November 2024

### Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Welcome to a bumper edition of our newsletter. As always, it celebrates many wonderful achievements and opportunities. It will also give you a sense of the impact of some of the curriculum changes this year.

The introduction of Hair and Beauty and Health and Social Care, along side our already broad range of choices, has been received very positively and allowed practical application of learning in our hair and beauty classroom and in our nursery. Alongside our construction skills, horticulture and catering classes, students are spoilt for choice when it comes to opportunities to apply their learning in practical ways as well as in the classroom.

In addition, in Star curriculum, our Year 7s have been pushed hard to apply their learning to new problems for real audiences. This was evidenced brilliantly in their recent Rich Challenge where they captured oral histories of local people and used them to inspire an exhibition.

We are particularly proud of our student ambassadors this half term. Across performing arts, sport, Spanish and reading, they have delivered classes to over 300 young people in local primary schools and our nursery. A special highlight last week was the performing arts ambassadors leading our nursery's rehearsal for their Christmas show.

Thank you to everyone who supported the fantastic performances at Park's Got Talent. It was a lovely evening, celebrating student confidence and talent. In total, £867.12p was raised through Park's Got Talent and Children in Need activities. Thank you to Miss Wingham and Mrs Chuter for leading on this.

Finally, as the weather has now turned colder, we would like to remind you that students are able to wear Park jumpers under their blazers. These are available from Skoolkit in Havant, but we are also selling these at a subsidised rate of between £12 and £16 dependent on size, from reception.



Mr Anders



Mrs Capaldi

**elf JR**  
The Musical

Don't forget to buy tickets!

Performances on 10 and 11 December IN THE THEATRE



### Flags to Antarctica

In Geography, students have been learning about Antarctica and designing flags to send with scientists travelling there to represent Park Community School.

We had some good entries from across the whole of Key Stage 3. The winners, whose flag will be going to Antarctica, are Elouise, Brooke, Josh, Laila, Deanna and Madelyn.

### Mr Redman



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## Snow day at the Farm



### Year 7 Football - Cowplain vs Purbrook

The students were back on the road tonight playing their fixture against Purbrook, many people's favourites for the league. The boys were excellent but were unable to overcome a fantastic side. After a brilliant late draw last week the boys were determined to get another result.

They were resilient until the end but unfortunately lost the game 3-0. It was a learning experience for them all and they were all very gracious in defeat, complimenting the opposition at the end of the game.

#### **Heroes of Park:**

Yousef	Vinnie
Tommy	Mckenzie
Alfie	Teddy
Harry	Harrison
Ronnie	
Frazor	
Jaydan	
Jack	

#### **Players of the match:**

Harrison - Some brilliant saves made today.
Tommy - Tenacious in defence and never gave up.

#### **Mr Herriot**





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## Year 12 Celebrations

It was lovely to see our Year 12s return to Park to collect their Records of Achievement and GCSE certificates last week. We look forward to hearing more about your post Park adventures soon .

**Mr Cavanagh**





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## Fantastic Science Work

Year 7 getting stuck into some serious investigations! This class is absolutely fantastic at practical work, following instructions and thinking hard.

**Mrs Gregory**



## Blood Brothers - Drama trip

A group of Year 9 and 10 Drama students had an excellent time watching Blood Brothers at the Kings Theatre. Students were excellent ambassadors for Park and really enjoyed the production. For some of our students this was their first time at the theatre, and they really enjoyed the experience. We are now eager to see them bring the scenes to life after Christmas in their Component 2 exam.

**Mrs Marr**





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## Year 7 Star Curriculum: Rich Challenge

Monday 4 November saw the launch of Year 7's first Rich Challenge where students were asked to independently demonstrate what they had learnt in their first half term at Park. Over the past few weeks, Year 7 have been studying Identity - The Story of Me and My Place. They have considered how the people and places around them have shaped who they are. For the Rich Challenge, they were asked to capture the oral histories of significant people in their local community.

The challenge began by considering why oral histories are important to capture the voices of their community and how, as historians, they should undertake their research. Students designed interview questions in preparation for a visitor to their classrooms, as well as undertaking their own interviews for homework. On Tuesday 5 November, each class was visited by a guest with a link to the local community including local residents, Park alumni and those who lead community or religious groups. Our guests were incredible, sharing open and honest reflections of their lives and inspiring our students to aim high in their futures. Students posed questions with care and maturity and we were so impressed with the information they collected.

Then the hard work began!

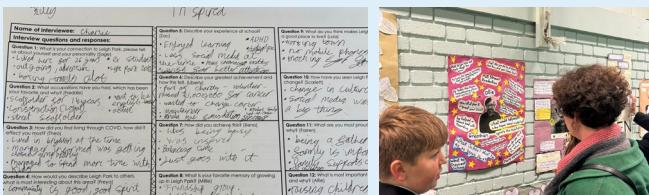


Teachers were asked to take a step back in order to allow students to take the lead in creating an exhibition of the stories they had captured. Students had to think creatively, work collaboratively and show resilience when meeting deadlines - all vital skills for their future.

The event culminated in an exhibition which was attended by parents, fellow students and staff as well as many of the interviewed visitors, who returned to see how their stories had been retold. We were also joined by Fiona Baxter Co-CEO of The Spring Arts and Heritage Centre in Havant who was toured by Warren and Faith. The students shared written, visual and practical exhibits including songs, a dance piece and art work to celebrate their community. It was an amazing afternoon, with students demonstrating real pride in the learning they had created and some emotional responses from our interviewees when they saw what had been produced.

We are so proud of the start that Year 7 have had to their start at Park and are grateful to all the staff, parents and visitors who enabled this event to be such a success. We can't wait to see what Year 7 will achieve next!

**Mrs Harrison**





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## Finding What You Love - Visit to Wembley

On the last Friday of half term Miss Lancaster and I took 12 students to Wembley to watch England Women vs Germany Women.

It was a fantastic experience for our students who were clearly in awe of the players and the stadium itself. The students loved the experience and it was clear many were out of their comfort zones attending such a big venue.

However, they all loved it. Their behaviour was exemplary and it was clear they were all very proud to represent Park.

Unfortunately, England lost out 4-3! However, they were well entertained with the amount of goals that were scored.

**Mr Herriot**



## Performing Arts Ambassadors

Last Friday the performing arts ambassadors led two great sessions. The Year 8 ambassadors worked with the pre-school group on their Christmas show. In the afternoon, we went to Riders where students lead the Year 5s through a session focused on their topic this term which is Egypt. Students added onto their motif from last week and all performed in front of each other to get feedback.

**Mrs Marr**



## Dale Carnegie Youth Leadership

We are delighted to congratulate a range of Park students within Years 9 and 10 who over several Saturday sessions, have successfully completed their Dale Carnegie Youth Leadership Programme entitled Generation.Next at school. The programme has been a brilliant opportunity for students to focus on the development of five essential skills: confidence, people skills, communication skills, resilience, and leadership. These are the skills that will set young people apart and help them to excel in whatever path they choose.

Students showed fantastic commitment throughout the project, developing these core skills week upon week. Charlie told us that "Dale Carnegie has developed my confidence and social skills, I feel much happier communicating with a range of people to express my views and opinion".

Mason explained how the course has enabled him to "build bonds with other students and enhance my ability to cooperate with other people". All students recognised the positive impact this experience will have on them throughout their time at school but also in life beyond Park.

Well done to all those involved.

**Mrs Cavanagh**





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## Hair & Beauty at Park

Students have started perfecting their plaiting, twisting and hair washing in Hair and Beauty. Maisie and Ruby focused on their techniques, with Ruby using the cupping method on her 'client', focusing shampoo in the correct areas rinsing underneath and offered a massage when conditioning.

**Mrs Challinor**



## Construction Skills Challenge at Apex



## STEM Ambassadors Enterprise Day

Our first STEM meeting this term - we're working on a challenge with Woking and Sam Beare Hospice and Wellbeing Care to raise money and awareness. The girls spent the day designing, costing and making Christmas gifts for sale at our Christmas market. The girls were brilliant, with lots of great ideas and loads of enthusiasm. Lots of talent and ambition in our STEM Ambassador group.

**Mrs Gregory and Mr Green**





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## Park's Got Talent 2024

Our first Park's Got Talent event was a huge success. We had 15 acts take to the stage to share their talent with the hugely supportive audience. Acts included rock bands, dance acts, singing solos, a key board solo and a group makaton performance. We were delighted to welcome Hannah Cross, one of Park's alumni, and a professional singer to help judge alongside Mrs Capaldi.

The evening was a fantastic celebration of talent and left us all feeling very proud to be part of Park. All participants received certificates and merits for their house, with the winners receiving vouchers and a trophy.

### Miss Wingham



## Children in Need





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## Becoming a Barista

What a great start to the Becoming a Barista course! Mr Isram & I spent time explaining coffee fundamentals, hopefully giving students a better understanding of coffee in general.

We based the first lesson on filter coffee, using Hario filter systems. This will have helped the students to understand process and the importance of recipes while making coffee, ensuring they understand that coffee is produced to a set recipe. Next time we will move onto working with the grinders, scales and pressured coffee systems.

**Mr Cross**



## MMTJAS - Working in the school kitchen



## Year 7 Parents and Students

Thank you to all parents, carers and students that attended Year 7 Parents' Evening . I hope that you all enjoyed viewing your child's work and seeing how hard they have worked this year so far. Students should take great pride in their Star curriculum work and their engagement in their tutor "When the sky falls". The evening provided an invaluable opportunity for parents to gain insights into their child's strengths, areas for improvement, and future goals. setting the stage for a successful academic year ahead.

**Mr Pollard**





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## Performing Arts students at Titchfield Festival Theatre

Students continue to develop their skills in physical theatre and acting as they learnt two new scenes for the show they will be putting on at Titchfield Festival Theatre. The students were as always excellent representatives of the school and can't wait to show the skills they have learnt in all three disciplines of performing arts in the Oak Theatre very soon!

**Miss Brown**



## Performing Arts Ambassador Update

The Performing Arts Ambassadors have now worked with over 20 students in local primary schools. They have also been leading Christmas show rehearsals for our very own nursery. Last week, the ambassadors went to Riders to work with the 2 year 5 classes looking at Accident Egypt and creating Dances based around the Egyptians.

Both groups enjoyed the session. One student from the class said, **"I really enjoyed that; I can't wait for next week"**

All students were excellent ambassadors representing the best of Park.

**Miss Marr**



## Year 8 School Sport

The Year 8 boys had continued their strong start to the year with both Football and Rugby Fixtures.

On Tuesday the students were competing in a football tournament against Purbrook and Cowplain. After a difficult first game against a strong Purbrook side, the boys came back with a great performance in a win over Cowplain.

On Wednesday, the boys played a rugby match, competing in the Hampshire cup. They came out against a very experienced Sailsions School side. However the boys showed great sportsmanship and effort in a closely contested game.

**Result: 30- 15 to Sailsions**

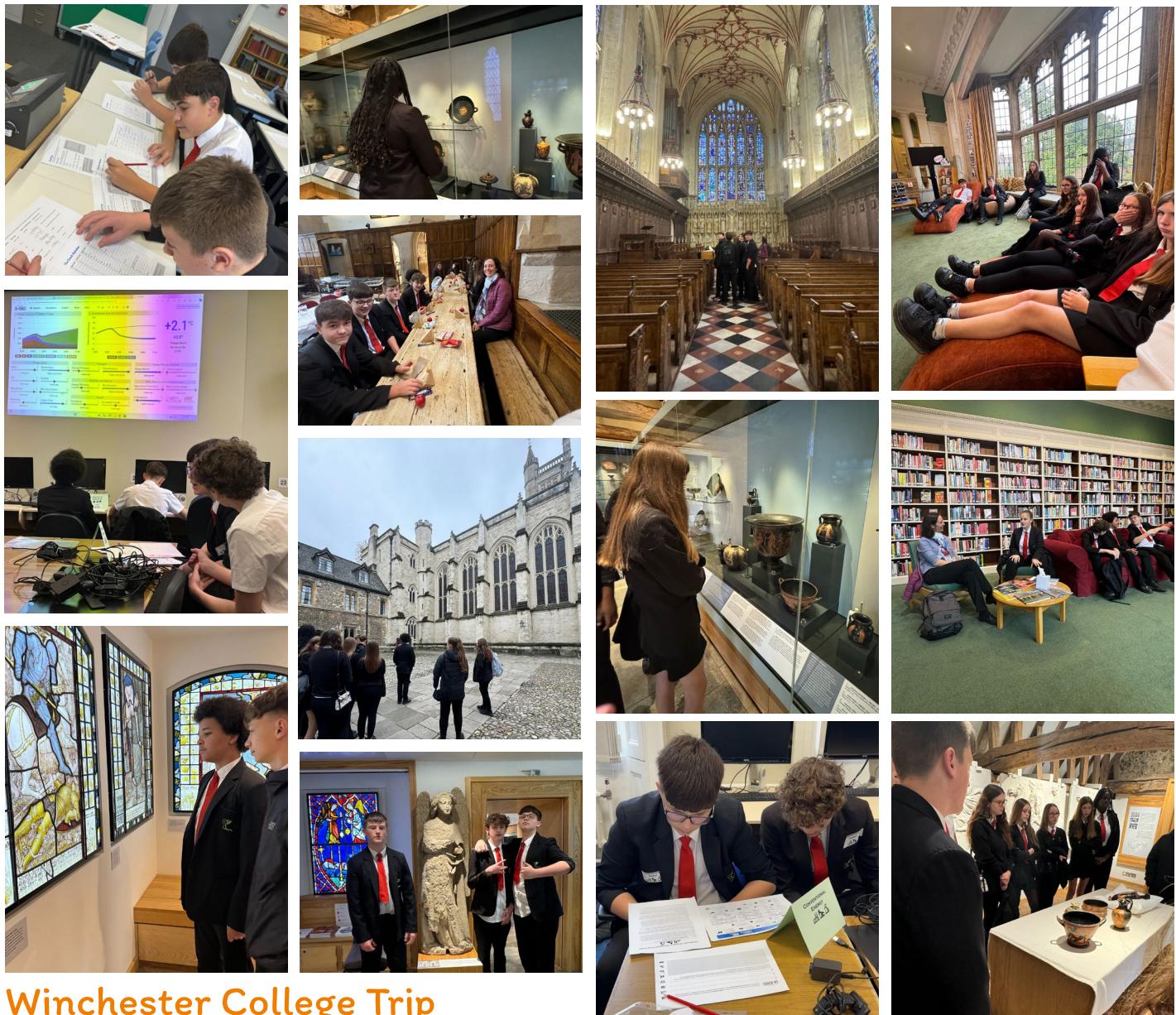
**Try scores: Bobbie, Raighne x 2**

**Mr Wood**





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## Winchester College Trip

We had such a brilliant day today at Winchester College. The students were amazed by the beautiful buildings and the experience was compared to being at "Hogwarts" most of the day! We were given a tour of the college and got to see their chapel, great hall, library and many other impressive rooms and buildings.

We completed a session on climate change in which pairs were role playing as different sectors of industry e.g. world governments, climate justice protestors, land and agriculture etc. and had to come up with mitigation strategies to slow down and reverse the effects of climate change.

The students had such great knowledge already about the damaging effects of carbon, fuels and deforestation and all presented their solutions in front of each other. They got to put their strategies to the test by using this system called EN-ROADS to determine whether their strategies would bring down the earth's temperature or not. We then took part in a classics lesson where we were taught the Greek alphabet and got to translate some words from Greek to English and vice versa.

Lastly, we were fortunate enough to be shown around the treasury, getting to look at lots of artefacts that were in some cases thousands of years old. They were extremely respectful and attentive and some even got to hold some. They were amazed that a school could have its own museum and own such special items!

All 13 students were engaged and challenged and got to experience and see stuff they might not otherwise experience without this opportunity. They were amazing representatives of Park and were extremely polite to everyone they met; thanking them for the experiences.

Some quotes from the students:

- "I really enjoyed the Greek lesson - I've never done anything like that before"** - Mariama
- "The treasury was so cool, I can't believe how old those vases were"** - Frankie
- "It was a really good experience - the history of the school was interesting"** - Spencer

**Miss Tomkinson**



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## Special Educational Needs and Disabilities at Park

Welcome to Park's SEN newsletter!

**Hampshire SENDIASS**

**Opening Hours**

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- SEND support in schools, early years and post 16 settings.
- Exclusions.
- Preparing for and attending meetings.
- The statutory assessment process towards an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP).
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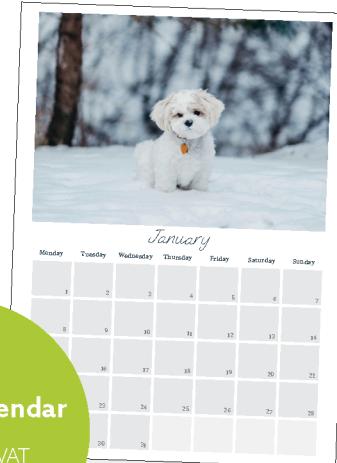
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