



# Park Community School

## Newsletter

### Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Welcome to the first newsletter of the school year. We have had a fantastic start to the school year with strong attendance, hard work in lessons and plenty of smiles as we embrace all that life at Park has to offer.

In September we had two film crews in school. The first was The Royal Horticulture Society. They came to Park to make a film about horticulture in secondary schools; this was the first time they had filmed in a secondary school. Last week Meridian came into school to make a short piece on attendance in schools and capture the many ways in which we aim to make life at Park irresistible and support those who struggle to attend every day. We will let you know when these are released.

Thank you for completing our survey which reviewed how children are managing the phone pouches and switching off while in school. You have been overwhelmingly supportive of this and a number of you have noticed that your children need their phones less out of school too. In school, the most notable difference has been at break and lunch time where school is noisier- in a good way! Lots of chatter and laughter. Students have reported they feel they are connecting more with each other and that everyone is more sociable.

We hope you enjoy reading about some of the many wonderful things Park students have been doing since the start of term.



**Mr Anders**



**Mrs Capaldi**

**REMINDER**  
Year 7 and 11 Parents Evening  
16 October



3 October 2025

Welcome back to school 2025 - 2026

Ласкаво просимо до парку 2025 2026  
 Sveiki sugrįžę į mokyklą 2025-2026

Hün bi xér hatin dibistanė 2025-2026  
 witamy ponownie w szkole 2025-2026

ДОБРЕ ДОШЛИ ОТНОВО В УЧИЛИЩЕ 2025-2026  
 Добро пожаловать в школу 2025-2026

欢迎回到学校 2025-2026  
 स्कूल मे आपका स्वागत है 2025-2026

Finding What We Love

We Are Proud to be Part of Park  
Pushing Ourselves into **Stretch**

Great Learners at Park  
Prepare, Practise & Perform

Mobile Phones - Switching Off Together  
Connect, Focus and Think for Yourself





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## Sweet Success in Science! Year 7 Builds DNA Models

Year 7 have started with some amazing learning in science, all about DNA, the genome and where we come from. Some hard work during period 5 making DNA models out of sweets! Well done Year 7 for such a strong start in science.

**Ms Gregory**



## Year 11 Careers Fair Visit

I was lucky enough to take a group of our Year 11 students to attend Alan Mak MP's Jobs, Apprenticeships and Careers Fair.

The event gave them the chance to explore future pathways and speak directly with representatives from the Army, Navy, Border Force, local businesses, and apprenticeship providers.

It was a valuable opportunity for our students to gain insights, ask questions, and start thinking about the wide range of careers available to them after school. Each of the students were amazing representatives of what it means to be part of Park!

**Mr Penlington**



## Year 11s Preparing for Mocks

Year 11 have made a great start to the year. With only two weeks until mock exams, they have been making the most of after school Study Hall and their booster sessions every morning in our lecture theatre. Keep going Year 11!

**Mr Cavanagh**





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## Year 7 & 8 Students Are Buzzing About Books!

Park Community School is excited to have again teamed up with the BookTrust's Bookbuzz initiative, which enables us to gift a FREE book to ALL our Year 7 and Year 8 students to take home and enjoy. BookTrust is the UK's largest reading charity and reaches millions of children every year with books, resources and support to get every child reading regularly and by choice.

Here at Park reading for pleasure is at the heart of our school reading programme and we are delighted to be offering our year 7 and 8 students an opportunity to choose from 16 carefully selected titles. We hope that Bookbuzz will encourage 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 or their latest canon read 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. Start the conversation today!

To find out more about BookTrust please visit [booktrust.org.uk](http://booktrust.org.uk).

**Miss Hucklebridge**




**BookTrust  
Bookbuzz**

**We are gifting a FREE book to all our Year 7 & 8 students!**



**BookBuzz!**  
**Which will you choose?**

Find out more in the library. Just ask Ms. Hucklebridge  

## Asda Community Support Boosts Hair & Beauty Student Skills

A big thank you to Lisa White Community support from Asda who kindly donated tea, coffee, cups, and biscuits! These thoughtful contributions are helping our Hair & Beauty students practise and develop their customer service skills in a real-world setting. By creating a welcoming salon environment, complete with refreshments, our students can build confidence and professionalism while offering clients a warm and friendly experience.

Their support makes a real difference — not only in the classroom, but in preparing students for their future careers.

**Mrs Challinor**



## Park Football Academy

Over 50 students attended our Park Academy session last week.



Year 7 Boys - 18 Students were put through their paces by Year 10s Caleb, Caiden, Ollie and Ernie. All have volunteered to coach the Year 7s after expressing an interest in football coaching as a career.



Year 8 and 9 Boys - Over 30 students combined to play matches.

Girls Academy - We welcomed eight girls, for five of them this was their first session. Please encourage any more girls that may be interested.



**Mr Pollard**





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## Hair And Beauty Students Practising Reception And Customer Service Skills

Good practise for the girls this morning focussing on customer service, Flo and Emma acting out their scenarios-absolutely brilliant-dealing with complaints, upselling retail and bookings over the phone.

**Mrs Challinor**



## Year 9 Construction Skills

Our Year 9s have made a fantastic start to their City in Guilds in Construction Skills . We look forward to sharing their progress.

**Mrs Capaldi**





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## Fairytales Magic in the Playground!

We were thrilled to visit Rider's Federation and contribute to the enchanting fairytale mural they are working on.

Taking inspiration from the children's wonderful drawing, the mural is becoming a magical celebration of imagination and creativity. Castles, dragons, woodland creatures, and fairy-tale scenes are coming to life thanks to the amazing teamwork between both schools.

We at Park cannot wait to see the finished masterpiece!

### Mr Bourton





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## Finding What You Love Fair 2025



Last week 212 Year 7 students had the opportunity to visit our Finding What You Love Fair. 45 after school clubs showcased these great opportunities which are free every week for all students.

The student stall hosts were faultless, they showed enthusiasm, confidence, passion, and knowledge of their areas.

The excitement from the Year 7 visiting tutor groups was electric, the big smiles and joy as they explained which clubs they had discovered and signed up for was wonderful.

We will run future fairs to ensure more students are able to be exposed to the opportunities on offer and give more students the opportunity to lead again - sharing the thing they have found to love.

Much More Than Just A School ..... Much More Than Just Clubs!

**Mrs Cavanagh**





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## Year 7 Exploring Our Local Area

On 17 and 18 September all of Year 7 took part in their first school trip with us at Park. Students took part in exploring the geography around them with sites at Leigh Park gardens, Queen Elizabeth Country Park and Butser Hill. Students were able to plot coordinates on the map, walking between two destinations and drawing sketches of sites in line with what they have been doing in their Star lessons. All students were exemplary and good role models for the school and we are very proud and excited for the year to come!

**Miss Privett**





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## Year 7s Dive into Farm Life

As part of Year 7s days of exploring, every student spent a two hour session at our farm. They met the pigs, learnt about the crops we grow and saw the bee hives in action.

Year 7s have a Horticulture lesson every week, where they will build on their outdoor learning and learn how to grow and care for their own plants.

**Miss Manning**



## Park Community School at The Base, Guildhall

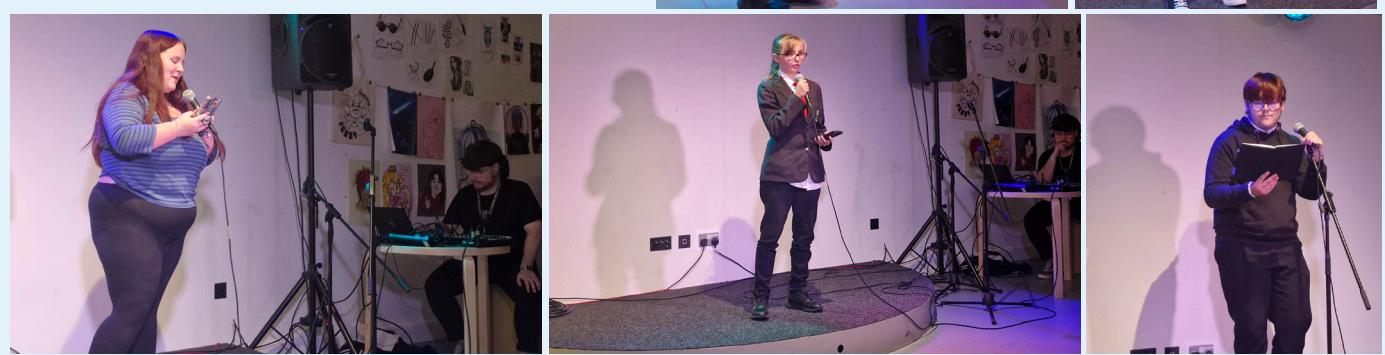
Last night Year 10 students performed their poetry, raps and music at The Base to celebrate National Poetry Day and the launch of the book publishing poetry by our students.

The event was the official end to The Power of the Beat project in collaboration with Portsmouth Poetry and 432 Nomads funded by Arts Council England. Our students worked with artists last term to create their own pieces and are delighted that they will be published later this month.

The performances on stage last night were phenomenal. Students performed personal pieces that inspired and entertained. We are very proud of all of them and the confidence they showed as they donated the stage and entertained their audience.

Well done Jayden, John, Brooke, Dakota, Maddie, Jaiden, Heidi and Barbara.

**Mrs Tonks**





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## The Spring Takeover!

We are delighted to be working with The Spring Theatre in Havant again this year. Park students will be taking over The Spring and learning all about every element of running a theatre from booking acts, promotion, sales, performance and tech.

Last week's launch was a resounding success, with students enjoying playing with props and costumes whilst signing up for the project.

Alongside learning about the various careers in the arts, students will see plenty of live performances and get to visit various venues to develop their expertise.

The project will culminate in students organising their own show.

**Mrs Capaldi**





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## Attendance at Park Community School

We have held our first attendance Streak competition of the year, Mobile Phone Free Minds. This has given all those children in school the chance to break free from the online world and connect socially with their peers in school. 10 daily prizes were given out everyday to our randomly selected winners. It was amazing to see the winners using the games that they won to interact with their friends at breaks and lunchtimes.

On the final day we were joined by Meridian News, who were filming a piece about school attendance. The cameras certainly added to the excitement for our "Spin the Wheel" competition at lunchtime. All those children who had attended everyday of the streak period were in with a chance of winning our "Golden Ticket" invite to the Mobile Phone Free Minds Pizza Party.

Attendance to school is vital – Miss it and you Miss out.

**Mr Bryce**





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## Food Ambassadors Raise Money for MacMillan

Congratulations to our Food Ambassadors for organising a delicious cake sale and raising money for a great cause.

The cakes were delicious, the service was perfect and your efforts are appreciated by us all. Well done!

**Mrs Capaldi**



## Preparations for our Next India Trip

It was a privilege to attend the India Business Awards hosted by India Business Group at The House of Lords last week. I was invited to attend as a VIP guest on behalf of Park Community School. It was a pleasure to be part of celebrating business and education achievements across the UK and India. I had the opportunity to discuss opportunities to work with The University of Southampton at the New Delhi campus.

**Mrs Capaldi**



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