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NEWSLETTER

Fortnightly Update 23rd September 2022

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

Welcome to the first newsletter of this academic year.

Students have settled back into the routines of school well. They have made a strong start to the new term and have embraced our focus on being Ready to Learn; proudly showing off their Park pencil cases and demonstrating a positive attitude to their learning in class.

Well done Year 11, who have already attended at least four period 6 sessions and completed two mini mocks in preparation for their mock exams in November.

Last week we used our whole school assembly to reflect on the life of Queen Elizabeth II and took time to consider qualities of service, duty and dedication. Our assembly ended with everyone standing for the National Anthem; a touching reminder of the strength of our school community.

School life is in full swing, with after school clubs and activities running every day. Much of this is celebrated in this newsletter, including: our first Greenpower race of the year, which took place at Dunsfold last weekend; Year 7 trips; and preparation for our Christmas show. A full list of all extracurricular clubs can be found in this newsletter.

We look forward to sharing more about school life and students' achievements at Park throughout the year.



CCB



Beth John

There's no place like home...



We're off to see the Wizard!

Rehearsals are well under way for this Christmas' production of The Wizard of Oz. More information about tickets sales will follow closer to the time.



Gary Dickens

It was with great sadness that we learned Mr Dickens, our Enterprise manager at PDP, passed away at the beginning of term. Mr Dickens was passionate about our work with local young people, making a difference and passing on skills. It was Mr Dickens who first used the phrase 'Much More Than Just a School' and that helped us change as a school. His passing is a reminder that our work matters and it matters that we do our best every day.





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Greenpower



Our first Greenpower outing was an eventful but a brilliant day. All three of our cars raced: Chase, Keep Up and TS2.

Race one - all three cars went off well including Chase in first place. Keep Up had some steering issues causing a delay and TS2 trundled on as always. Sadly Chase started to fade a little too early and lost a couple of places but finished a very good third. TS2 finished in 12th and Keep Up position 10th!

Race two started well and at one point we were in second, third and fourth places. The pit changes were incredible. We smashed our previous record of changing a driver from 14 seconds down to 9! Unfortunately, a red flag stopped the race temporarily whilst we had two of our cars in the pits and this put us at a disadvantage. Sadly Keep Up had a problem with its chain. We managed to fix it but lost a lot of time. TS2 with three new Year 7 drivers came fifth in this race with Chase in sixth and Keep Up down in 20th.

To top off a brilliant day the girls' team of Chase were awarded the best presented team by Greenpower staff for their impeccable good manners throughout the day!



Sports Ambassadors



Our Sports Ambassadors have been supporting the Year 6 taster days this week. It has been fantastic to see their involvement and application throughout. They have shown leadership and teamwork which are important qualities we expect from ambassadors. They have prepared and led warm ups and officiated in PE sessions. A big well done to:

**Tori
Chloe
Harrison
Taylor
Josh
Shelby**

**Toby
Latisha
Harry
Logan
Joey
Brandon**





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Year 7 Explorers!

This week Year 7 have spent two days exploring our local area. Along with their tutors and teachers, they have visited Hayling or West Wittering beach to consider geographical issues, explored Chichester town; visiting the cathedral and museum, and spent time at Staunton Country Park investigating its history and team building.

The two days were very much enjoyed by all and will now be built upon in lessons.

My favourite part of
the day was lighting a
candle in the
cathedral.

Oakley



Chichester Cathedral & Novium Museum



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Hayling and West Wittering Applying our geography skills



Staunton Country Park Local history & team building



Let's Explore...



I loved the two days. I was nervous at first but am proud of myself for taking part, I had lots of fun.
Phoebe



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Finding What You Love

We had a good selection of students in the fitness suite with Mrs Bearpark beginning their personalised fitness programs. The students really pushed themselves as they seek to make small improvements every session. Football Academy will launch next week.



Rugby Club

In preparation for next week's opening fixtures at Havant RFC we introduced some new faces to the Year 8 team. We practised some passing moves, rucking and tackling. We have our squad ready for our first visit to Havant next Thursday.

The Year 7s are excitedly looking forward to their introduction to Rugby at Havant RFC next week.





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Finding What You Love

| | Club Title | Dept | Time | Location | Year group | Lead staff |
|-----------|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Monday | Boys Football Academy | PE | 15.00-16.00 | STP | 7-10 | RHE/KPO |
| | Sports ambassadors meeting | PE | 08.25-08.45 | KRS | 7 | RHE |
| | Show Rehearsal | PA | 15.00-16.00 | KDS/KTH | 7-10 | EWI |
| | Girls Football Academy | PE | 15.00-16.00 | STP | 7-10 | TMO |
| | Handwriting club | SEND | 14.45-15.15 | MO3 | 7-9 | LBL |
| | Fitness | PE | 15.00-16.00 | Fitness Suite | 7-11 | CBP |
| | MFL Ambassadors | MFL | 15.00-15.45 | C10 | ALL | ANU |
| | Computing HW club | Comp Sci | 15.00-15.45 | JO4 | 10-11 | ACR |
| | Dungeons and Dragons Club | Art | 15.00-16.00 | SO1 | 7-11 | JWA |
| | Bookbusters | Library | 15.00-16.00 | Library | 7-11 | AHU |
| Tuesday | Sports ambassadors | PE | 08.30-08.45 | KRS | 8 | RHE |
| | Swimming | PE | 11.00-12.00 | Havant-meet KRS | 7/8 selected students | KSE |
| | Sports ambassadors training | PE | 13.45-14.45 | KSH | 7-10 | RHE |
| Wednesday | Basketball club | PE | 15.00-16.00 | KSH | 7-10 | KPO |
| | Sports Ambassadors meeting | PE | 08.25-08.45 | KRS | 9 | RHE |
| | Singing group | PA | 15.00-16.00 | Music | 7-10 | CMC |
| | Bowls club | PE | 16.00-17.00 | Off site | 7-11 | RHE |
| | Robotics Club | Comp Sci | 15.00-15.45 | JO4 | 7-11 | CWR |
| | LGBTQ+ alliance | SMSC | 15.00-16.00 | SO3 | 7-11 | HTU |
| | Show Rehearsal | PA | 15.00-16.00 | KDS/KTH | 7-9 | EWI |
| | GGS club | Geo | 15.00-16.00 | JO1 | | JMA |
| | Fitness | PE | 15.00-16.00 | Fitness Suite | 7-11 | CBP |
| | Science club | Science | 14.50-15.45 | GO2 | 7-9 | JML/BRE |
| Thursday | Book club | English | 15.00-16.00 | YO7 | 7-9 | KTH / HMA |
| | History Ambassadors | History | 14.45-15.30 | JO6 | 7-11 | MLA |
| | SEND HW club | SEND | 14.45-15.15 | Library | 7-9 | LBL |
| | Sports Ambassador meeting | PE | 08.25-08.45 | KRS | 10 | RHE |
| | Rugby training | PE | 15.00-16.00 | Outside | 7-11 | RHE/ KPO |
| | Computing Homework | Comp Sci | 15.00-15.30 | JO4 | 7-11 | CWR |
| | Show Rehearsal | PA | 15.00-16.00 | KTH/ KDS | 7-10 | EWI |
| | Fitness | PE | 15.00-16.00 | Fitness Suite | 7-11 | CBP |
| | Green power | Tec | 15.00-16.30 | Tech | 7-10 | DPA |
| Friday | Badminton club | PE | 15.00-16.00 | KSH | 7-11 | KPO |
| | Warhammer club | Art | 15.00-16.00 | SO1 | 7-11 | JWA |
| | Delicious Food Club | Food | 15.00-16.00 | FO2 | 7-9 | TCU |
| | Stage crew | PA | 15.00-16.00 | KTH | 7-11 | SFL |
| | Swimming | PE | 09.30-10.30 | Meet KRS-Ports uni | 7/8 selected students | KSE |
| | Show Rehearsal | PA | 15.00-16.00 | KTH/KDS | 7-10 | EWI |
| | Multi sports club | PE | 07.45-08.15 | KSH | 7-11 | RHE |