



Park Community School

Newsletter

1 December 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

We hope you enjoy the latest edition of our newsletter.

Life at Park has been full of variety this month. Alongside mock exams and testing weeks, we have also welcomed 30 students from China to buddy with Year 8, finalised plans for trips to India and China, been entertained by students at Park's Got Talent and welcomed visitors from the community into school to work with Year 7 in capturing local history.

Every week at Park, over 150 students take advantage of the 48 after school enrichment activities on offer. These are all part of finding what you love at Park. If your child has not yet attended an after school club, do check out the list with them and encourage them to have a go.

Year 11 students have now received their mock exam results in one-to-one meetings where they have reflected on successes, focussed on marks missed and set actions for revision and practise. They will bring home this term's report later this week. Do take time to review this with them and attend our additional Year 11 parent session next week. Look out for details from Mr Penlington.

Finally, as the colder weather has finally arrived in earnest, a reminder that students can wear Park jumpers under their blazers and should bring their coats too. Hoodies are not permitted.



Mr Anders



Mrs Capaldi



PARK'S GOT TALENT

Park's Got Talent was absolutely fantastic. Well done to Miss Wingham for organising and thank you to everyone who supported. Such talented, happy and proud students and families!

Park students were simply wonderful. The quality of performances, stage presence and talent was sensational and the audience were blown away. From solo singers tap dancing, students thoroughly entertained the audience.

The final decision was tough, but eventually our judges awarded the following:

1ST PLACE

Mason and Lyla- a truly brilliant duet!

2ND PLACE

Millie - a fantastic acoustic solo with guitar
Indie- the most beautiful voice singing a solo from Six!

3RD PLACE

Harper- a sensational tap dancing performance!

Mrs Capaldi





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Become a Barista

We had a great start to this year's Become a Barista course held in the Tree Tops cafe with ex student Pravin Isram from Sunday Roast Coffee Company.

A group of Year 10 students will concentrate on becoming experts in coffee while building their own coffee business throughout the 16 week course.

Students started with the basics of roasting beans, grind size and an introduction to v60 coffee brewing.

Mr Cross



Performing Arts Ambassadors Support Riders for Dance Live

This term, our Performing Arts Ambassadors have continued visiting Riders to support their preparation for the upcoming Dance Live performance. Students from Park have taken the lead in choreographing and planning a series of creative sessions, which they have then delivered to the pupils at Riders.

The ambassadors have shown excellent leadership, teamwork, and professionalism, and the collaboration has been a valuable experience for all students involved.

Mrs Marr



Boys Manmade Dance Project

This term, 45 boys from Park, Barncroft, Troonant, and Riders have been taking part in a boys-only dance project for Manmade, a dance platform run by ZoieLogic Dance Theatre. Manmade hosts an annual event celebrating boys' dance across the South Coast.

For the first time, primary schools and Park are collaborating to create a joint performance piece. Guided by Ollie and Lizanne, choreographers from ZoieLogic Dance Theatre, the boys have been meeting every Thursday afternoon to develop a dance piece inspired by the theme of time travel. Students have thoroughly enjoyed their first two workshops and will take part in two additional sessions

to complete their choreography.

The final piece will be performed at the MAST Studios on 18th March, where the students will have the opportunity to showcase their creativity, teamwork, and hard work on stage.

Mrs Marr





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GCSE Geology Fieldtrip

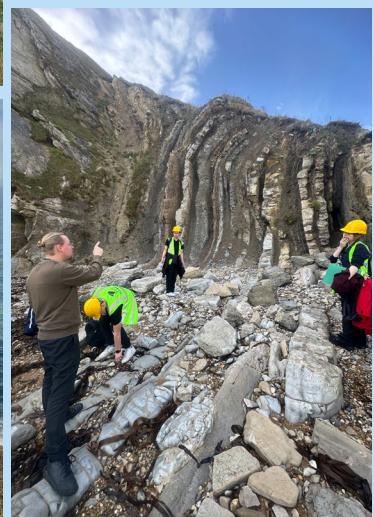
Mr Grant and I took my GCSE Geology group on the second fieldtrip of their course. We visited the picturesque Lulworth Cove & Durdle Door on the Jurassic Coast, which none of the students had previously experienced, and what a beautiful day it was! The sun shone upon us as we hiked the coastal path in our T-shirts, and we marvelled at the wonderful views beneath blue, cloudless skies (in November... the Climate Crisis is upon us). Students expressed their enjoyment and fascination over what they saw.

A few of my favourite quotes from students include "that is actually really incredible" and "I am sure I've seen that on a fridge magnet", which were comments made whilst at the enchanting Durdle Door. Some other good ones were "I think my heart is going to explode" (which I interpreted as overwhelming joy as opposed to painstaking strain from walking), and "Sir, I am reporting you to Mrs Capaldi for making us climb this vertical, snake-infested hill of death", which was a comment made by Junior after we discovered an adder on a very steep coastal path, that miraculously reanimated after I had assured the students it was dead.

The aim of our trip was to study the geological history and formation of Lulworth Cove & Durdle Door. Other than having to resort to a Plan B at one particular stage of the fieldwork, when we realised that our path had been cut off by a rather large landslide, all else was successful (besides time parameters... only two hours out) and I have no doubt that students gained a wealth of geological knowledge and information.

Thank you Mr Grant for your superb assistance and moral support.

Mr Macefield





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Hair and Beauty Students visit Fareham College

On Wednesday 19th, a group of our Hair & Beauty students had the exciting opportunity to visit Fareham College for a specialist Barbering Workshop, supported by Mrs Clarke and Mrs Challinor.

The following students represented Park brilliantly:

- Faith • Rebecca
- Gracie • Maisie
- Lilly • Jess
- Tillie

Throughout the workshop, students gained valuable industry insight, learning about where skills in hairdressing and barbering can lead them in the future. They also discovered more about the courses available at Fareham College, explored professional opportunities, and took part in practical activities.

A particular highlight was the chance to practise creating a clean shave and to work confidently using a professional barbering chair. The group showed enthusiasm, professionalism, and a real passion for developing their skills.

It was a truly lovely experience for all involved, and we are proud of how well our students represented the school.

Mrs Challinor

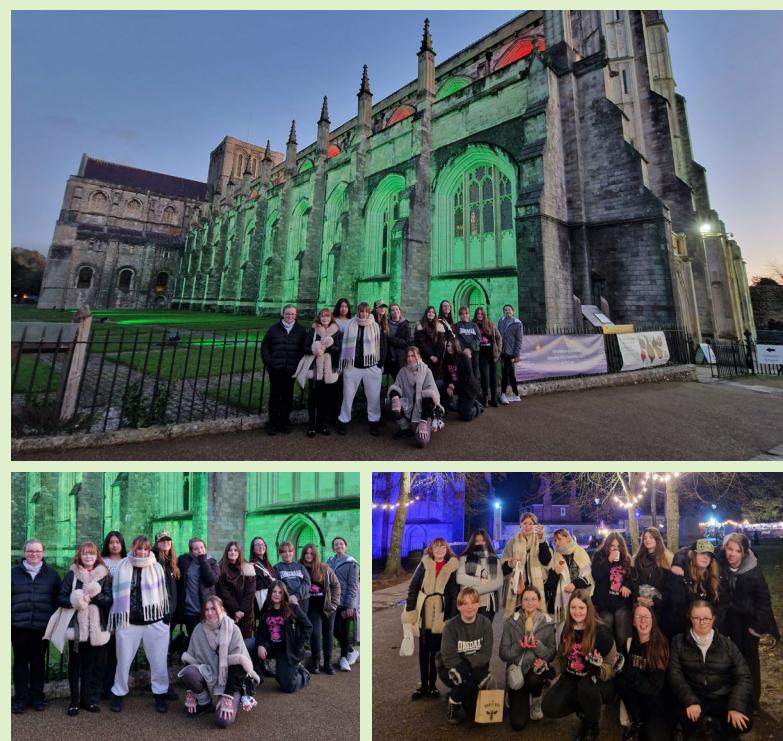


STEM Ambassadors Find Festive Inspiration at Winchester Christmas

Tuesday evening we took a group of STEM Ambassadors to Winchester Christmas Market for inspiration for their upcoming annual Christmas Fair at Park.

Despite the bitter cold, the girls enjoyed a sparkling evening sampling local produce and learning how to sell to the public. A great evening learning about how to design, produce and sell products. We all came away with lots of ideas and inspiration!

Ms Gregory





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Black L'Amour Barbers Owner Dan Burnett Inspires Hair & Beauty Students with Career Journey and Barbering Techniques

Monday 24th November our Hair & Beauty students had the fantastic opportunity to work with professional barber Dan Burnett, owner of Black L'Amour Barbers in Brighton. Very much creating a setting for the 'modern barber'. Dan shared his unique career journey—from years in the corporate world to taking a leap of faith at 37 and retraining as a barber.

This was a fantastic suggestion from Mr Roberson, close friend and taught Dan American Football about 20years ago—was lovely to hear stories shared from both.

Through his story, students learned the importance of resilience, discipline, and following your passion, no matter your age. Dan demonstrated practical barbering techniques, discussed the realities of industry training, and spoke about the strong sense of community within the barbering world.

Students left the session motivated and full of new knowledge about career pathways, customer service, volunteering within the industry, and the value of soft skills. His visit has truly inspired our learners to see how far skill, dedication, and creativity can take them.

Mrs Challinor





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A great day at Park today raising
£236.58
for Children in Need





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Celebrating Our Inspired Students' Success in Boxing

We are delighted to recognize the hard work and dedication of our Inspired students, who have spent countless hours training to achieve their preliminary GB Boxing Award. This exciting opportunity was made possible thanks to the generosity and support of Billy Bessey, owner of Leigh Park ABC.

Billy kindly opened the doors of his training facility to Mr. Coates and our students, giving them the chance to train in a professional environment. He has also generously provided scholarships for several students, offering six months of coaching to help them explore the possibility of pursuing boxing at an amateur level.

We are extremely grateful for Billy's continued support and look forward to seeing how this experience helps our students grow and succeed.

A big thank-you as well to Mrs. Cavanagh, who took the time to present the students with their medals and certificates.

Mrs Rundle



Travel and Tourism Bath Trip

Year 10 and 11 Travel and Tourism students visited Bath this week. We took in the sights of Bath cathedral, Bath Rugby ground, the Royal Crescent, and Pulteney Bridge on our walking tour of the City.

After our tour we visited the Roman Baths where students looked at how the attraction supports multi language tourists and caters for all types of tourists.

The students then spent the afternoon exploring Bath and the Christmas Market.

Mr Redman





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Year 12 Celebration Evening

On 27 November we welcomed last year's Year 11s back to Park to collect their Records of Achievement. Every student received their Park Portfolio containing their certificates and plenty of blank sections ready to receive evidence of all the great things they will now go on to accomplish.

We had a great evening and, as always, it was good to hear about everything Park alumni are going on to achieve. Look out for further updates in future newsletters.

Mr Cavanagh





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UK China Immersion Programme - Autumn 1

Park Community Schools international connections have continued to develop this term. We have had the pleasure to host 20 students from China again during November.

Park students were invited to volunteer to be buddies to our guests, with over 40 of our students in years 8 requesting to be a part of the experience. In addition we were excited to incorporate past International Ambassadors to assist with the week and mentor our new buddies. Within the welcome assembly, the ambassadors welcomed our guests and explained elements of our school, using the mandarin they have been developing within their afterschool lessons on a Monday.

Through the week students guided their guests from China through tutor time, lessons, Finding What You Love activities/clubs, Much More Than Just A School Carousal opportunities, Performing Art Showcases, sports events, assemblies, cultural activities and much more.

The week ended with a celebration assembly. During these assembly not only did Park students present reflections of their experiences but also several of the visiting students presented, sharing how struck they were with the warm welcome they had received from staff and students at Park, the wide range of alternative activities they had experienced, and how lessons here had allowed all students to be active in their learning to feel stretched.

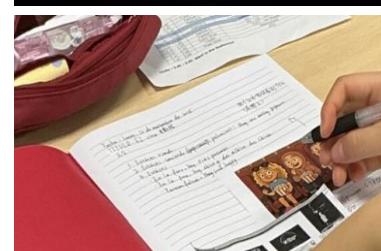
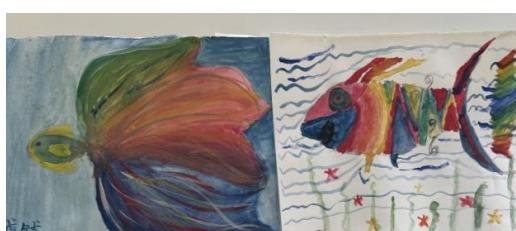
Lifelong memories have without doubt been made and we look forward to hosting more overseas guests and planning our next internally adventures.

Mrs Cavanagh





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Horticulture Heroes: Year 10 Transforms Hard Court Area into Woodland Wonderland

This year's new Year 10 horticulture group has made a superb start to their course, probably the best since we started teaching horticulture at Park. They are transforming the area by the side of the hard court from a tangle of brambles and rubbish into a woodland wonderland.

They have been joined by the nursery children who are investigating the natural world as part of our participation in the National Education Nature Park. If your garden adjoins to this area please know that students are working hard to improve the area's biodiversity and beauty.

Mr Shearn

Rich Challenge 1: Identity- Capturing Oral Histories of Our Community.

Year 7 students demonstrated superb application of their learning this month in the culmination of their Rich Challenge. Students have captured Oral Histories of members of the community and transformed them into an exhibition. We had 115 visitors representing 88 families, plus many of the people we interviewed who came back to see how their story had been represented.

Year 7 were brilliant: keen to share their learning and demonstrate their presentation skills to their guests. The winning exhibits will now be collated into a travelling exhibition to be displayed in local libraries, the Plaza and The Spring.

Thank you those of you who were able to come along to support.

Mrs Harrison





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Yes Trip - Chichester Gate Bowling & Food

The day began at Havant Station, where a crowd of eager Year 7 students gathered, full of excitement for their upcoming adventure. Once everyone was checked in, the group boarded the train to Chichester, with lively chatter and anticipation filling the carriage.

When stepping off the train, we were greeted by a generous dose of Chichester rain—but it certainly didn't dampen anyone's spirits. Once the lanes lit up, so did the competitive streaks. A wonderful range of bowling techniques emerged—some impressive, some... experimental!

A special mention goes to Ernie, who fully embraced the music on the lanes. He enjoyed it so much that he was often a little late for his turn because he was too busy having a boogie.

Lunch was served right at the lanes, with students determined not to miss a single opportunity to bowl. After the final scores were tallied and the winners were crowned, it was off to the arcade, where the air-hockey tables and 10p machines quickly became the centre of attention.

The trip concluded with a relaxed train ride back to Havant, filled with happy—and slightly tired—Year 7s sharing their favourite moments of the day. It was a brilliant outing from start to finish, showcasing excellent behaviour, great sportsmanship, and plenty of smiles. Year 7 did us proud!

Quotes from the day:

"I can't believe school does trips on a Saturday - that's so cool."

"I've never been to Chichester before, does it always rain here?"

"Those chicken nuggets were banging"

"Miss Manning is the best head of year ever"

Miss Manning





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Ready for a Challenge!

Year 7 Students have started to complete their first Rich Challenge—an opportunity for them to apply their learning to a real audience and purpose. This challenge is an Oral Histories project where they will interview a range of people with connections to the local area and transform their stories into an exhibition for parents. This week, the interviews took place, and students spoke to a range of inspiring individuals, each with a captivating story to be told!

Year 7 were excellent interviewers and their manners with our guests were exceptional. We can't wait to see how they work together to create an exhibition. We hope Year 7 parents can join us on 10th November to celebrate and share their learning.

Mrs Harrison



Politely Rebellious and Our Digital Footprint

Students at Park have been working with the team from Politely Rebellious this term to explore a range of issues affecting young people. Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 have taken part in presentations linked to digital footprint and staying safe.

Alongside this, over 80 students have taken part in smaller workshops exploring issues affecting them and building the skills of confidence, resilience and using our voice. Thank you to Keshia and the team— we look forward to the next set of workshops.

Mrs Pearce and The Student Voice Team



Year 8 Football at Park Goes From Strength to Strength

The Year 8 Boys had their third game of the year against Cowplain last week. Park started the much brighter team and took the lead with an early goal from Alfie. After having a couple of goals disallowed due to narrow off-sides, Cowplain equalised against the run of play. Teddy scored just before half time to give Park the lead at the break.

In the second half, two goals from Jayden and another for Alfie gave Park a comfortable lead. Two late goals for Cowplain made it a nervy last 5 minutes, but the boys hung on to secure a 4-3 win and another 3 points. That is now two wins from three games for the Year 8 Boys.

Heroes of Park

- Ronnie
- Frazer
- Yousef
- Tommy
- Mackenzie
- Jayden
- Jayden
- Alfie
- Teddy
- Coby
- Vincent
- Jack
- Jenson

Mr Pollard





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Sports Ambassadors at Aqua Splash event

In November, a group of Sports Ambassadors had the opportunity to support 'Aqua Splash' at Barncroft School.

This was an event held for local Primary Schools to have fun races against each other. The ambassadors were there to help organise and support the students throughout. As always, they went above and beyond to engage with and support the event.

Sports Ambassadors

McKenzie
Darcie
James
Riley
Coby
Leon

Mr Pollard



Year 7's Excellent Effort: Reservoir Visit & Strong Testing Week!

This month, our Year 7 students have been working incredibly hard. As part of their curriculum, they enjoyed an exciting visit to the Havant Reservoir, where they explored how reservoirs are constructed and took the opportunity to observe the surrounding environment first-hand.

Students also learned about the social, economic and environmental benefits a reservoir can bring, and discussed the positive impact it can have on the local community. All students are excited to see the progress of this over the years!

This week Year 7 all took part in a very strong testing week, being exemplary students working extremely hard. They sat English and Maths tests in the sports hall with the whole year group in test conditions and the remaining subjects in lessons. Keep up the good work Year 7!

Miss Privett





Christmas 2025

at Park Community School, Havant

Connect4Youth Activities

- 20TH DECEMBER**
Festive Cooking Fun- Homemade Tasty Turkey Feast and Dessert
- 21ST DECEMBER**
Creative Festive Fun Day
- 22ND DECEMBER**
Trip to Portsmouth on Ice - Ice Skating

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CONNECT 4 FAMILIES

Christmas 2025

at Park Community School, Havant

Family Fun Days

20TH DECEMBER
Trip to the Kings Theatre - Aladdin the Panto

21ST DECEMBER
Family Funday at Park Community School with Christmas themed activities including crafts cooking and entertainment.

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Book by Jennifer Lee
Based on the Disney film written by Jennifer Lee and directed by Chris Buck & Jennifer Lee

PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL THEATRE

THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2025
FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2025
DOORS OPEN AT 6 SHOW STARTS 6:30PM

SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER
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DOORS OPEN AT 6 SHOW STARTS AT 6:30PM

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in KO3
Miss Cross



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