



THE PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Weekly Parent Bulletin

Week Commencing 1st April, 2019 - Week 1

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Date	Event
Mon 1st Apr	Art & Photography GCSE Practical week
	Head Prefect Nominations week
Weds 3rd April	Lost Property Day 10am-3.30pm (see info below)
Thurs 4th Apr	Inter house X-country P5-6
Friday 5th Mar	End of Term Assemblies
	Non-uniform Day

Check below to see if you have been sent a letter/email this week

Year	Topic
8/9	Tutor Reports (emailed)
7/8/9	Monitoring Reports (emailed)
11	Leavers Letter (emailed)

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

GCSE Exams

Formal GCSEs started this week with our Drama students performing for the external assessor. The Art practical exam starts shortly with exams taken in the School Hall starting on Monday 13th May. I am sure the weeks will fly by and so it is important that Year 11 students make the most of support in school and online over the Easter break. We have advised Year 11 students about the 'leavers day' which will be Friday 14th June. Can I ask parents to please read the [leavers day letter](#) emailed earlier today for full information.

Non uniform day

I am sure you'll be aware that the term ends next **Friday 5th April**. This is also a non uniform day with students asked to donate £1 to our whole school charity, Guide Dogs for the Blind. We aim to sponsor a puppy, with the House raising the most money having the guide dog named after the House.



Sporting Success

This week it was the turn of our Year 9 Rugby team to uphold our recent sporting success. Congratulations to the team who were crowned North Devon Champions.



Year 9 Rugby Team - North Devon Champions

STEM projects

Thank you to Mr Williams and the staff team who organised the Year 7 Bloodhound Challenge. Year 7s designed, built and raced their own rocket powered cars with the winning three teams heading into a grand final next week.



FOOD AT PARK

To view the menus click on our [website food page](#)
Main meals are £1.80, and 2 courses are £2.30. Breakfast club opens 8.15am-8.45am.

Plastic Free Park



A new student group has formed with the support of Miss Wray and Mrs Veale. They are supporting the school in the move to plastic free status. Students and parents can help us reduce waste and plastic use by giving thought to packed lunches. As a matter of routine, any waste that goes into bins at Park is pre-sorted into waste type, ready for recycling.

Gareth Roscoe - Headteacher

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR THRIFT UNIFORM AND PE KIT

We had another successful Thrift Friday event today and sold many items of good quality second hand uniform and PE kit at a really low price. Due to the success, we are getting low in stock of thrift items e.g. blazers, jumpers, skirts, trousers, shirts and new style PE kit, so would greatly appreciate any donations.

LOST PROPERTY DAY

Has your child lost something this term?

We have a large amount of **unnamed** lost property e.g. shoes, coats, clothing and boot bags and would really like to reunite the items with the owner. We are holding a Lost Property Day on Wednesday 3rd April from 10am to 3.30pm and will be displaying the lost property items in our School Reception for parents/carers/students to check and hopefully recognise a lost item.

ART & PHOTOGRAPHY ON INSTAGRAM

The Art & Photography department have set up an Instagram account

@parkschoolart as a platform to celebrate and share student achievement. Follow the account to keep up to date with fantastic student art work and news from the department such as competitions, exhibitions and awards.

ACTIVITY DAYS - JULY 18/19TH

Paid Off-Site Activities: Emails have been sent to parents/carers to confirm student places on the paid off-site activities.

In-School Activities: If you chose an in-school activity for your child, all have been allocated their first choice activities and will be confirmed by their tutor.

SCHOOL TRIPS

Please note all cheques should now be made payable to 'The Park Community School' and not 'Devon County Council'.

Please ensure that you keep up to date with paying the instalments for any trips that your child has signed up for.

MADRID TRIP - YEAR 9 AND 10

There are spaces available for the GCSE Spanish trip to Madrid, 14th - 17th February 2020. The trip is a fantastic opportunity to practise listening and speaking in Spanish as well as experiencing the culture of this historic and interesting capital city.

The trip is open to any Year 10 students who currently study Spanish, or Year 9 students who are hoping to study GCSE Spanish. Please see Miss Harvey in MFL1, or email aharvey@theparkschool.org.uk if interested. Spaces will be open for a limited time. Instalment three of £90 is due on 4th April.

BARCELONA TRIP

Please ensure you return the completed trip forms as soon as possible, to pupil reception. Please kindly pay the final balance by 29th April.

FRANCE TRIP

The last instalment of £65 is due on 23th May.

POLAND TRIP

The next instalment of £60 is due on 25th March.

BUDE/TORQUAY RESIDENTIAL

TORQUAY - An email has been sent today with the kit list, behaviour consent form and medical form, please check the email and return the forms by 26th April. The final payment is due 1st April.

BUDE - Final payment is due 8th May. Could parents/carers kindly ensure you keep up to date with the regular monthly instalments. We have also sent out medical forms for the Bude Residential; please ensure these are completed and returned as soon as possible.

NEW YORK JULY 2020



There is still time to apply for a place on this trip. A non-refundable deposit is required as soon as possible for £400.

For those that missed the New York Information evening, please see link to the [New York 2020 Presentation](#) Students who are interested in the trip can pick up a letter from Miss Vidler or a link is provided here -

[New York Letter](#)

FRIENDS OF PARK

JOIN US FOR A FUN QUIZ NIGHT!

Please click the image below to read a full size copy of the flyer.

FRIDAY 26TH APRIL - 7pm
Are you Smarter than a Park Student?

Team Size:	Max 6 People
Location:	School Hall
Cost:	£10 per team. Can be pre-paid or paid on the night
Reservations:	Each team must be pre-booked. The reservation deadline is 21st April 2019. We will need a contact name and phone number/email address and number of people in the team. A team name would also be fun to provide! Please email Mrs O'Callaghan at jocallaghan@theparkschool.org.uk or call Lyndsey Bennett Tel: 01271 373131 to reserve your team table.
Format:	There will be 10 rounds each, from subjects taught at Park School eg English, Maths, History, Geography etc. Each round consists of 5 questions in total; one question from Year 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 of the subjects curriculum.
Food and Drink:	We have a bar licence for the night so Friends of Park will be selling a selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages as well as bar type snacks.
Prize:	£60 cash prize is available for the winning team

Proceeds from the event will go to Friends of Park and help to provide invaluable equipment and resources for Park School students.

For more information, please contact Mrs O'Callaghan at jocallaghan@theparkschool.org.uk or Tel 01271 373131.

CHILD PICK UP ZONE

In the interest of child safety can we remind parents, to kindly collect your child from the Park and Ride **car park** only.

RAFFLE PRIZE DONATIONS

We have a number of events coming up soon, and would really appreciate any donations of chocolates, toiletries, bottles of wine or services e.g. if you run an ironing business - a free basket of ironing, a gardening business - a free lawn cut, a car valet business - a free car clean, a garage business - a free MOT etc. Prizes can be handed into our reception; alternatively if you have a service to offer please kindly email: jocallaghan@theparkschool.org.uk.

CHARITY NEWS

GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND COLLECTION

If you have too much small change, please remember we are still collecting loose change e.g. 1p, 2p, 5p in the tutor Dog Kennels for Guide Dogs and the competition to name and meet the puppy is still running until the end of the year. Thank you.

Mrs O'Callaghan

KS4 INFORMATION

KS4 EXAM TIMETABLE LINKS

[Year 10 Mock Exam Timetable - Summer 2019](#)

[Year 11 GCSE Exam Timetable - Summer 2019](#)

PROM PAYMENT

The final payment of £14.00 is now due, please ensure this is paid as soon as possible to reserve your child's place.

YEAR 11 EXAM REVISION EVENT RESOURCES

Many of the resources used at the Year 11 exam revision event are available on a [Google Drive link](#), students also have access to a wealth of resources via Google Classrooms.

YEAR 11 REVISION TIMETABLE

Please see link to the current [Year 11 Revision Session Timetable](#). This timetable has started, any future amendments will be uploaded on our website under the "Events" menu. It would be great if parents/carers could encourage their sons/daughters in Year 11 to attend these revision sessions.

YEAR 10 DEADLINE FOR WORK EXPERIENCE PLACEMENTS

Last date for arranging Work Experience placements is **Friday 26th April 2019**. There has to be time for the Duty of Care checks to be completed. After that date no new employers can be used.

Students can access the database to look for placements used in the past: <http://devon.learnaboutwork.org> Log In Details: School Name: The Park Community School User Name: Park Student Password: 2121

CAREERS ADVICE

CAREER PILOT

www.careerpilot.org.uk

Career Pilot is an impartial website that will help parents/carers and students to explore further study and work options. There is helpful information when choosing options at 14 such as GCSE choices, exploring job sectors, identifying skills and creating a profile. All Year 9 students have used this website as part of the careers module leading up to their option choices.

Year 11 students have used this website to look at their options at 16, subjects and the jobs they may lead to. Information about Higher Education is helping students make choices between BTECs, A levels or Apprenticeship routes.

A Parent Zone section exists on the website to answer parents' questions about the choices available at 14, 16 and 18. Careerpilot has been developed by the University of Bath and is free to use.

www.parentzone.careerpilot.org.uk/parent

SPORT UPDATES

PE KIT SPONSORSHIP REQUESTS

As our various teams have reached so many finals, some kits are starting to show wear and tear. As such, our sports teams would appreciate updated kits. We are looking for local businesses to sponsor a team kit so that our students can look smart and so feel good at every sporting event. We are looking for sponsorship for the Netball, Football and Rugby, for each year group.

If you would like to receive further information about sponsoring a kit, please email jgreenaway@theparkschool.org.uk, or Tel: 01271 373131 and leave a message for P.E. Teacher Mr Greenaway, to return your call.

COMMUNITY EVENTS/ INFORMATION

DARTMOOR BIKE

SAT 30TH MARCH

The perfect event for children to come and try different types of cycling under the watchful eye of British Cycling



- Demo bikes
- Mini races and competitions
- Win a £200 bike voucher in a charity raffle
- BMX Display team
- Pro cyclists meet and greet
- Hot Pursuit cycling team meet and greet
- Yoga workshops
- Sports Massage available for additional cost
- Cycling retailers - Hot Pursuit, Green Machine, Primal, Exeter Bike Workshop, Orbea
- Bike servicing available on the day from Bike Bank and EBWS

Tickets:

www.riverdart.co.uk | 01364 652 511



SCIENCE & NATURE EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB 8th - 12th April 2019

Forest
School

Sciencedipity

Hannah's Art Pod

Ranger Russ

Science & Nature Easter Holiday Club in Barnstaple with Sciencedipity, Ranger Russ, Hannah's Art Pod & Wild Things Forest School.

For children aged 6-13 who love making potions, science, exploring nature, animals, art & crafts, getting a bit messy and learning loads.

Dates:
Monday 8th - Animal Antics
Tuesday 9th - Crazy Chemistry
Wednesday 10th - Yucky You
Thursday 11th - Wild Nature
Friday 12th - Animal Magic

Price:
£26 (short day - 9.30-3.30)
£35 (long day - 8.45-5.15)
or book the whole week starting at just £117

Venue: The amazing Tawstock Court, just outside Barnstaple.

To Book: Call/text Ruth on 07847006048 or go directly to:
www.sciencedipity.co.uk/school-holiday-science-club/