



# THE PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

## Weekly Parent Bulletin

Week Commencing 10th June 2019 - Week 2

SCHOOL CALENDAR	
Date	Event
Mon 10th June	GCSE Exams continue
Tues 11th June	Year 8 Sports Day Field Events 9.10am-10.50am
	Spanish Guild 11.10am-3.20pm
	Year 7 Sports Day Field Events 1.40pm-3.20pm
	Rounders Match (Years 7-10) 3.30pm-6.30pm at Pilton
Weds 12th June	Y8 History SS Great Britain 8.45am-4.30pm
	North Devon Athletics Finals 3.30pm-6.45pm
Thurs 13th June	Year 9 Sports Day Field Events 9.10am-10.50am
	Year 10 Sports Day Field Events 1.40pm-3.20pm
Fri 14th June	Y8 Geog/Science field trip (Teaching Group I and P) 9.10am-3.20pm Croyde
	Year 11 Leavers' Day
	ND Schools Surf Competition 9.00am-3.30pm

Check below to see if you have been sent a letter/email this week	
Year	Topic
10	Petroc Taster Day google consent form emailed 6/6
11	Year 11 Leavers Day Letter emailed 7/6
11	Email with Maths revision resources

### Headteacher update

#### Year 11 Exams

This week has been another significant week for Year 11 GCSE students. Students around the school have been fantastically supportive of the GCSE exams and conducted themselves in a calm and sensible manner around the exam venues; a real show of Park Community Spirit. My thanks to all students for how they have managed the exam season to date. Next week is the final major week of exams and Friday 14th June will be the official Year 11 leavers date. We have emailed all Year 11 parents/carers today with the arrangements, a copy of the [Leavers Day Letter](#) is linked here.

#### 2019/20 School Year

Staff at school are now in full preparations for the forthcoming academic year. You will be aware of our consultation and proposals around the change to the structure of the school day starting at 08:40, and finishing at 15:20 except on Friday where school will finish at 15:00. We are in discussions with the various coach, taxi and bus companies. For any routes that are not able to collect earlier on Friday we have made provision in our Library where students can wait for transportation to arrive. Please keep reading our weekly bulletin and communications for further updates regarding the curriculum and school for September 2019.

The past several weeks have been busy regarding staff recruitment. As always we have several colleagues leaving us at the end of the academic year. We are fully staffed for September with several new teachers joining us from different areas of the country. We look forward to welcoming new colleagues to Park and are confident they will have an immediate impact.

#### 'Race to Line' Team Success

Congratulations to our 'Race to Line' team who have just heard they have secured a place in the national finals for this event. Our team will travel to London to compete with schools from across the country in this engineering activity in which they will design and race a rocket powered car. Good luck team!

#### Litter Free Park

A socially aware team of Year 10 girls have been awarded second place in the national 'Bin It' social media campaign. The students will be sharing their work to raise awareness of environmental issues and encouraging a litter free Park to assemblies over the coming weeks. The team have agreed to donate their winnings to provide materials for our students to personalise the new Park 'reusable' water bottles. Thank you and well done to the team and Mrs Phillips for helping them.

#### Pig Racing Evening

Following the success of the same event last year our Friends of Park PTA have organised another Pig Racing evening. This promises to be an entertaining and social evening. Please look out for the advert within the bulletin, save the date on your calendar and contact the school for more information and tickets.

**Gareth Roscoe - Headteacher**

## Sports Day 24th June

Parents are very welcome to attend Sports Day which is on Monday 24th June 12.30pm-3.20pm. The afternoons consists of sprint finals and relays. Next week we are holding Sports Day Field Events within normal PE lessons.

## WhatsApp

I would like to ask for your support in monitoring your child's use of the app WhatsApp. We have recently dealt with a number of concerns that have arisen in school that have originated from group chats that students are setting up. Within these chats the language is often foul and abusive towards one another. Some group chats are large and often involve up to 50 students.

You may not be aware but as of May 2018 the age limit for WhatsApp is now 16. Please see the link below for further guidance.

<https://parentinfo.org/article/whatsapp-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers>

I would be very grateful if you could monitor your child's phone and remove any chats from their device.

Thank you in advance.

Mrs Sarah Freeman Designated Safeguarding Lead.

## School of Rock DVDs

Did you reserve a DVD for the School of Rock performance?

We still have many DVDs that have not been collected from Pupil Reception. The cost of the DVD was £5.

## Donations Needed For Thrift Uniform And PE kit

We would really appreciate any donations of good condition items e.g. blazers, jumpers, skirts, trousers, shirts and new style PE kit, to make available as Thrift.

## Old PE Kit For Uganda

We would appreciate any donations of old style PE kit, that we can take to Uganda to help local schools in October this year.

## Pig Racing Night Event - 28th June

Back by popular demand is our exciting Pig Racing Night. Join us for a fun evening which involves betting on the races and if your fluffy pig wins you receive a prize!

Tickets are available from our School Office, £5 per head. There will be a licensed bar and food is included in the ticket price. Come and support your school and Friends of Park.

You can book your tickets through our school office Tel: 373131 or email [admin@theparkschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@theparkschool.org.uk)

**FRIDAY 28TH JUNE**  
**PIG RACING NIGHT**  
Park Community School - School Hall  
Join us for a fun adult only evening  
Doors open at 7pm  
Racing from 7.30pm - 11pm

£5 per head includes a ploughmans  
Licensed bar all night

Place your bet on your favourite pig to win cash prizes

Bet on a pig!

Own your own pig (For 1 night only!)

Book your tickets through our school office  
Tel: 01271 373131 or email  
[admin@theparkschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@theparkschool.org.uk)  
alternatively contact Jules O'Callaghan  
Tel: 07826 899324

Pay cash or cheque payable to  
'The Park Community School'

Proceeds go to the Friends of Park

## 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.

## London Art trip

Year 10 students going on the London Expressive Arts Trip on 21st June have been issued with the following documents, linked here:

[Trip Itinerary](#)

[Kit List](#)

[Safety Letter](#)

[Behaviour Contract](#) - requires a signature from parent/carer

[Medical Form](#) - To be completed by parent/carer

## Torquay/Bude

**TORQUAY** - All behaviour consent form and medical form should have been completed and returned. The final balance should now be paid.

**BUDE** - The final balance should now be paid. Please ensure the medical forms are completed and returned as soon as possible. Copies of the forms can be found on our 'Letters Home' page via our website [link here](#).

## 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](#)

## Ski Trip 2020

If your child is interested in reserving a place on the April 2020 Ski Trip, they should pick up a letter from pupil reception and return the reply slip.

## FRIENDS OF PARK

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](mailto: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

### Year 10 Petroc Taster Day

An email was sent to all Year 10 parents/carers on 6th June. Could you please click the link to the google form and provide your consent, if you would like your child to attend.

### Important Year 11 Maths Exam Resources

Could parents/carers please check their emails today, we have sent additional exam revision links for students. This will be a really good resource for the Paper 3 next week.

### KS4 Exam timetable links

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

### Exam Preparation sessions timetable

The last timetable has been emailed to parents/carers this week and included at the end of this bulletin.

### Borrowed Texts

Year 11 students: if you borrowed a set of English texts and revision guides from the English department, can you please return these. If you wish to purchase them, please see Mrs Jones in Eng 10. Many thanks.

### [Year 10 and 11 Russell Group Universities](#)

#### [Choosing the right post 16 Courses for University Applications](#)

The Russell Group of Universities have created a new website where students in Years 10 and 11 can test out different combinations of post 16 subjects to see which degrees they may open up. This web site replaces the advice on facilitating subjects for university.

[www.informedchoices.ac.uk](http://www.informedchoices.ac.uk)

Year 11 students can use this site to check the courses they have already selected for college to see what Higher Education courses they could lead to.

### [NHS Careers](#)

The following NHS Careers Guides are available from the Careers section in the library. Ask the Librarian Mrs Veale or see Mrs Thomas.

- Careers in Allied Health Professions
- Careers in the Ambulance Service
- Careers in Dental Care
- Careers in Health Informatics in the NHS
- Careers in Healthcare Science
- Careers in Management
- Careers in Medicine
- Careers in Midwifery
- Careers in Nursing
- Careers in Pharmacy
- Careers in Psychological Therapies
- Careers in Public Health

### [Career Pilot](#)

[www.careerpilot.org.uk](http://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](http://www.parentzone.careerpilot.org.uk/parent)

### Exam Preparation, Week Four - Nearly there!

Well done Year 11 - you continue to really impress us all with the way you are approaching your exams. It has been great to see how committed you are to your own revision in lessons and when working with your teachers in pre-exam sessions.

One final push to go now with the majority of you just having five more days of exams (sorry Further Maths students!) before leaving Park for the final time. We are all so proud of you and the work you have put in; keep remembering to put your all in and leave all your knowledge and understanding on the exam paper.

As with previous weeks, your subject teachers are putting on specific pre-exam sessions during P4 (or 5&6) - details of the locations of these are in the table below. You must attend these sessions for your subject as they will be useful sessions to give you final tips going into the exam.

Some subjects are also putting on before school sessions - these are also outlined below.

### **Good luck for your final days of GCSE Examinations!**

**All the best,**

**The Park School Staff**

		After School Sessions				
	Revision Breakfast Information	Morning Exams	P4 Session	Afternoon Exams	Subject Who and Where	Subject Who and Where
<b>FINAL WEEK!</b> Mon 10th June	Food - Pre-School session in Food 1	Food Preparation and Nutrition: 8.50 am	Child Development Revision with Mrs Walden: Food 1	Child Development: 1.40 pm (Gym)	Maths KV-Ma6/MR-Ma7/JL-Ma8/SP-Ma9/LK-Ma10/GR-Ma2	History MB/MN/ER Hi1/Hi2/Hi4

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Tue 11th June	Maths - Pre-School session in your normal maths classroom from 8.00 am.	Maths: 9.10 am	History Revision Session: Please go to your normal history classroom and teacher.	History: 1.40 pm	Chemistry - TSc2 and we'll sort from there.	Combined Science - TSc2 and we'll sort from there.	
Wed 12th June	Science: Please check with your science teacher.	Combined Science / Chemistry: 8.50 am	N/A	Geography Revision Session P5&6 to prep for tomorrow's exam: Please go to Geography 1/2/3	Geography PG/RL/SR Geo3/2		
Thu 13th June	Geography - Pre-School session in Geography 2 / 3 from 8.00 am.	Geography: 9.10 am	N/A	Science Revision Session P5&6 to prep for tomorrow's exam: Please go to Top Science 2 to find out where to go	Physics - TSc2 and we'll sort from there.	Maths	
Friday 14th June	Science: Please check with your science teacher.	Combined Science / Physics: 8.50 am	Further Maths Revision Session: Miss Preece - Maths 9	Further Maths: 1.40 pm			
Monday 17th June			Further Maths Revision Session: Miss Knight - Maths 10	Further Maths: 1.15 pm			