



# THE PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

## Weekly Parent Bulletin

Week Commencing 17th June 2019 - Week 1

### SCHOOL CALENDAR

Date	Event
Mon 17th June	GCSE Exams end Core KS3 exams begin (1 week) Year 8 Geog/Science fieldtrip (Teaching Group K, S and A) YKMT Team Maths Challenge Final - London Year 9 Sports Team Photos at 12.50pm
Tues 18th June	Year 8 Geog/Science Fieldtrip (Teaching Group H,R and D) Year 7 Sports Team Photos at 12.50pm Rounders Match (Years 7-10) 3.30pm-6.30pm
Weds 19th June	Year 7 History Chepstow Castle Trip Year 8 Geog/Science Fieldtrip (Teaching Group E and T) Year 10 Sports Team Photos at 12.50pm
Thurs 20th June	Year 7 History Chepstow Castle Trip Year 10/11 Sports Day Field Events 9.10am - 10.50am Year 8 Sports Team Photos at 12.50pm Year 8 Sports Day Field Events 1.40pm - 3.20pm Governors' Tea Awards 3.30-4.30pm - Canteen
Fri 21st June	Expressive Arts London trip departs Year 9 Sports Day Field Events Swimming/gymnastics/cricket - Sports Team Photos at 12.50pm
Sat 22nd June	D of E Assessed Expedition Hartland (2nd group) 2 days
Sun 23rd June	Expressive Arts London trip Trip Returns STEM Guild Greenpower Go-Kart Race Event at Castle Combe Race Circuit

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

Year	Topic
All	House Awards Assemblies google form
8	French Residential Trip email

### 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.

## Headteacher update

### Campus updates

I start the bulletin with an apology. You may be aware that we are in the process of a considerable building project that will see the roof of South Block (English, History and the Library) replaced. Ever since the scaffolding was put into place the weather has been awful! Whilst I am sure it is not connected, I, like most Headteachers with building work, have become obsessed with the weather. This building project will see a new roof, insulation and redecoration to English classrooms; all aimed at improving the campus for current and future students. Over the Summer break we will see further building improvements with new a security gate being fitted to the school entrance to complete our safeguarding work and installation of LED lighting to complement our solar installation and reduce consumption of our carbon footprint.

### Curriculum

Our curriculum development work continues for September 2019 with the close of our formal consultation around the change to the timing of the school day. As you will be aware from September registration will officially start at 08:45 and the school day will end slightly earlier on a Friday at 15:00.

### Last day of Summer term

Before then, as a reminder, term finishes on Monday July 22nd and this will be a non uniform day. School will finish earlier than usual with a departure time of 12:50pm after lesson 4. If any parent or carer wishes their son/daughter to remain in school until the usual time of 3:20pm please contact the appropriate Head of House and we can make suitable arrangements. If any student wishes to claim their free school meal on this day please inform the school office and we can ensure this is provided, please

note the meal on Monday 22nd July will be from a reduced choice. To aid our planning can we ask that responses are made before Tuesday 2nd July.

### **Plastic Free Park**

The development work around energy efficiency is timely as our Plastic Free Park group with staff and student input, has been officially recognised and the school has been awarded Plastic Free status.

Well done to the group.



## **Goodbye to our Year 11 students**



Today we formally say thank you and goodbye to our Year 11 students. As a year group they have responded positively to the changes in examinations and study leave and have demonstrated our values in abundance over the exam season. I wish them all well and look forward to seeing the year group at the Year 11 Prom and then for exam results day.

***Year 11, it has been a pleasure for myself and the staff to have worked with you. Thank you.***

**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 afternoon consists of sprint finals and relays. Next week we are holding Sports Day Field Events within normal PE lessons.

## 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.

## Celebrating Student Achievements

We are currently collating content for the Summer Park News and would like to hear about the achievements of students outside of school in a variety of activities - sport, music, drama, charity work, volunteering, etc.

If you have any good news stories please share them with us so we can join the celebrations. Kindly email the school using: [admin@theparkschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@theparkschool.org.uk) with photos and any details.

## 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)

## The Stem Guild: Greenpower Go-Cart

We have been building the Greenpower go-kart for the best part of this school year and the first race we are to contest in is approaching rapidly.

We will be competing in an event at Castle Combe race circuit on the 23rd June and are working hard to ensure the cart is race ready.

We have built this car from the ground up with the parts supplied, we have designed and made the bodywork ourselves.

We can all remember the milestones which we worked so hard to achieve, like when we first test drove the car on the tennis courts. There have been challenges along the way, but we have persevered to solve them as it is all part of the process of designing and making something of this scale.

We are looking forward to our first race, we will learn a lot from it and then use this to improve the cart before the next race in July!

**By William Skinner (Year 8)**

## Uniform

Samuel Daws our uniform supplier are adopting a new approach for the ordering and collection of school uniform. If you need to buy school uniform, please follow the [link](#) for further details.

Marks and Spencer are offering 20% discount on school uniform until 2nd July .



**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 ploughman's  
Licensed bar all night

Bet on a pig!  
Place your bet on your favourite pig to win cash prizes

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

**THE PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL**  
SCHOOL OF ROCK  
SCHOOL OF GARDENING  
SCHOOL OF ARTS  
SCHOOL OF MUSIC  
SCHOOL OF SPORT  
SCHOOL OF PE  
SCHOOL OF DANCE  
SCHOOL OF DRAMA  
SCHOOL OF CHURCH



## [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.

## 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.

## [French Residential](#)

Unfortunately the cost of the trip has had to be increased by £15 per student. Could parents/carers please log in to Wisepay and pay the additional payment. We have emailed parents/carers this week, with details about a Parent Information Evening at 6pm in the canteen on Thursday 27th June.

**Thanks - Miss Upsdale**

## [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).

## KS4 INFORMATION

### [Year 11 Photos](#)

If your son/daughter has not brought home their Year 11 photo order, please arrange to pop into school and pick up your order from reception.

### [Year 11 Prom](#)

Could parents/carers please check that your child has logged into the Prom google classroom link and specified their meal choice. If choices have not been made by 18th June, the school will choose for them.

## [Year 10 Petroc Taster Day 27th June](#)

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.

## [English Borrowed Texts](#)

Could parents/carers please check with their Year 11 son/daughter whether they borrowed a set of English texts and revision guides from the English department, can they please return these. If you wish to purchase them, please contact the school. Many thanks.

## CAREERS ADVICE

### [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.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS/INFORMATION

**North Devon CAMHS**  
(Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service)

**Parent/Carer engagement group**

Are you the parent/carer of a child or young person accessing or awaiting support from CAMHS?

If you are worried • confused • feeling alone • have thoughts about how things could be better or different...

...we would love you to join us at our next meeting to share ideas about what our parent/carer support/engagement group could be like and how it could be helpful.

We would love to hear your ideas so please come along on:

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2019**  
7.00 – 8.30pm  
St John's Community Centre, Rose Lane  
(Tesco site) Barnstaple

*We will provide drinks and snacks*  
*It would be great to see you there!*

*If you would like to come along, please let us know by 14/6/19 by contacting Robin Tay (Participation Worker):*