



THE PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Weekly Parent Bulletin

Week Commencing 20th May, 2019 - Week 2

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Date	Event
Mon 20th May	GCSE Exams continue
Tues 21st May	Rounders Match (Years 7-10) 3.30pm-6.30pm - At Great Torrington School
Weds 22nd May	North Devon Athletics League - At Braunton track 3pm-7pm
	D of E Practice Walk (Tarka Trail) 3.20pm-5.00pm
Thurs 23rd May	Vaccination Catch-ups
Fri 24th May	Toilet Twinning Non-Uniform Day

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

Year	Topic
11	Exam Preparations Timetable (Emailed)
8	Langar Letter (Also Emailed)
8	Geography Fieldwork (Emailed)

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Ten Tors



Congratulations to our Ten Tors teams who successfully completed the 35 mile challenge over Dartmoor last weekend. Whilst their feet and muscles may be sore for a few days, the memories and sense of achievement will be with them for a very long time.

My thanks to Mr Ratcliffe and the wider staff team for their ongoing support for outdoor education over the course of the year. The team will now start to support our Year 9 and 10 students who are undertaking the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. We wish them well.

Year 11 Attendance during exams

As you are aware, the leaving date for Year 11 students is 14th June 2019. As previously mentioned in communications from the school, this year, students will sit a greater number of examinations over a shorter period of time. Park, working alongside Pilton Community College, have carefully considered different approaches and experiences for exam preparation and study. We believe this approach gives students the best support and structure to be fully prepared for their exams. In addition, each subject is delivering pre-exam sessions to build

confidence as well as remind and guide students as to the best approach.

Whilst this may be a change from previous years at Park, this practice is in line with a significant number of secondary schools across Devon and the country.

Furthermore, after checking some of the published exam papers staff have noticed suitable changes to previous format and style of papers. Teachers are using valuable lesson time to reflect these to students and ensure they are fully prepared for future examinations. All students are expected to be in school and attend the additional sessions we have organised. Any student absence will be recorded in line with our attendance policy and recorded in our official register as an unauthorised absence.

Parental concern - Year 10 students behaviour outside of school

On Monday we received telephone calls from concerned parents and members of the public. They reported that over the weekend a large group of young people held a party at Saunton Sands. The young people were from Braunton Academy, Park and Pilton Community College. Approximately forty of these young people gathered on Saunton beach on Saturday night and appeared to deliberately damage several beach huts, leaving broken alcohol bottles and litter behind them. I would ask that you talk to your sons and daughters about this appalling and anti social behaviour and ask them to carefully consider the damage they are causing to others' property and the impact on our community.

Of further concern is that the youngsters were seen walking along the road back to Braunton in the dark very late at night. I am told by witnesses that their behaviour and lack of visibility at this time was putting them at serious risk of being hit by a vehicle with potentially devastating consequences.

I have to inform you that the police have been made aware of the above incident and are increasingly concerned by the

repeated large gatherings of young people occurring over recent weekends; of particular concern is the gathering taking place in Woolacombe on Friday evenings.

Whilst this is not a school related issue, we support our local community and ask that as parents you speak with your son/daughter where appropriate.

Gareth Roscoe - Headteacher



NON UNIFORM DAY - FRIDAY 24TH

On Friday 24th May we are holding a Non Uniform day, with staff and students asked to donate £1 in aid of the Toilet Twinning Charity.

Can you imagine life without loos?

2.3 billion people in the world don't have anywhere safe, clean or hygienic to go to the loo. That's 40% of the world's population.

Toilet Twinning is raising funds to enable people living in poor communities to have clean water, a decent toilet, and to learn about hygiene – a vital combination that prevents the spread of disease, reduces the number of deaths among children, and brings hope for the future.

Unfortunately, due to exams, Year 11 will not be able to take part. They MUST be in uniform on that day.

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.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN TRAINING TO BECOME A TEACHER?

For more information and to book your place, please read the attached letter and flyer about our NDTSA Train to Teach Open Evening on Wednesday 22nd May at 5pm.

[NDTSA Letter](#)

[NDTSA Flyer](#)



A colorful poster for 'Pig Racing Night' at Park Community School. The background is a bright green field with a yellow sun and pink flowers. Several cartoon pigs are shown racing. Text on the poster includes: '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', 'Bet on a pig!', 'Own your own pig (For 1 night only!)', 'Place your bet on your favourite pig to win cash prizes', 'Proceeds go to the Friends of Park (your school PFA group)', and 'Purchase your tickets through our school office'. There is also a circular logo for 'THE PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL'.

PIG RACING NIGHT

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.

Pay by cash or cheque made payable to The Park Community School.

ROYAL SOCIETY BIOLOGY CHALLENGE



In March our GCSE Biology scientists competed in the Royal Society for Biology's annual Challenge. This involved two rigorous exams, based on not only what they had studied, but also their wider knowledge of Biology.

Park students performed well, with 8 students achieving the highest Gold award, a further 8 students were awarded Silver and 12 students Bronze. Many other students were "Highly commended" or "commended."

Skye Pirie was the highest placed student with other Gold award winners being Rosie Elliot, Hallie Mitchell, Adam Marshall, Tom Paviour-Coward, Aaron Hall Rudford, Kimberley Jump and Louie Van Rossem Boyd.

All participants will receive a certificate, a years subscription to a The Royal Society Biology magazine. Gold Award winners are also entered into a ballot for a presentation event in London.

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.

BARCELONA TRIP

Please ensure you return the completed trip forms as soon as possible, to pupil reception.

The final balance should now have been paid.

FRANCE TRIP

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

BUDE/TORQUAY RESIDENTIAL

TORQUAY - All behaviour consent form and medical form should have be completed any 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](#)

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.

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

KS3 INFORMATION

YEAR 8 LANGAR

This week Year 8 students will be bringing home a letter inviting them to attend the Year 8 Langar event. A copy of the letter was also emailed.

Please remind your son/daughter to return their reply slip and payment of £2.30 to Pupil Reception by **Thursday 23rd May**.

Those who you do not return the permission slip will unfortunately not be able to take part in these great events.

If your child receives free school meals, please just return the reply slip.

KS4 INFORMATION

YEAR 11 EXAM EQUIPMENT

Please remind your son/daughter to ensure they are fully equipped for exams (including calculators) which can be used in other exams, not just maths.

KS4 EXAM TIMETABLE LINKS

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

EXAM PREPARATION SESSIONS TIMETABLE

The exam timetable has been condensed this year. From the 13th May until 14th June there is an exam in every session with the exception of three afternoons.

Year 11s will be directed by their teachers and lessons will be more subject focussed until their exam has finished in that subject. To help support year 11s into their exams, subject teachers are putting on specific pre-exam sessions during P4 and some subjects are also putting on before and after school sessions. A detailed timetable will be emailed to parents/carers each week and included at the end of this bulletin.

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE PLACEMENTS

No new employers can now be used as we have passed the deadline for booking new Duty of Care Checks. Placements must now be with an employer that has had a student on work experience within the last year. 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

YEAR 11 PHOTOS

Year 11 students had their photographs taken this week. We are trialling a new service this year with our photographer, Gillman & Soame to enable parents/carers to place their order directly on the Gillman & Soame website rather than returning proofs and payments through our school office.

If your child had their photo taken they will have received a proof card as usual via the school office. The proof card will show the online log in and password along with a deadline date (27th May) to place the order.

All orders need to be placed online and parents/carers will have the option for free delivery to school before they complete the payment. The free delivery option will appear within the deadline date only. There will also be an option to pay a postage charge for home delivery. After the deadline date parents/carers can still order online, this will be processed individually and sent to home addresses, a postage charge will be added automatically.

Prints delivered to the school will be available before your child leaves school on Friday 14th June.

Students who did not have an individual photograph taken can still purchase a Year 11 photo. A full size version of this will be on display from Monday 20th outside Pupil Reception along with order forms.

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

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS/ INFORMATION



Afternoon Tea & Cake
Drop in 2-5pm
Saturday 18th May
Instow Parish Hall

Eat delicious cakes, enjoy a cuppa and support a good cause!

All proceeds go towards a student's voluntary work in Uganda.



UGANDA FUNDRAISING

Year 10 student Molly Macleod, is holding an Afternoon Tea and Cake event this Saturday, 18th May, to raise funds for her visit to Uganda with school later this year.

Molly would welcome any support from our school community.

DO YOU LOVE TO SING, DANCE OR ACT?

National Award Winning North Devon All Starz are back with a Musical in a Week!

Within 5 days, the highly qualified team from the West End will teach the actors to perform a much-loved classic musical, which is then performed to family, friends and the general public.

The Juniors aged between 4 and 8 years old will present:
MATILDA - From Monday 26th to Friday 30th August, 9am to 1pm.

The Seniors aged between 9 and 18 years old will present:
HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL - From Monday 26th to Friday 30th
August, 9am to 5pm.

This exciting opportunity is open to boys and girls and there are no auditions. It is first come first served, so make sure you register your place quickly by emailing:
tolley.angell@yahoo.co.uk



SUMMER ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

The Kids Adventure Company

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Sat 25th	Stroppy Teenagers Coasteer at Baggy Point Meet at National Trust car park 9.30-12.00 am	Age 11+ £30
Sat 25th	Family Climbing at Baggy Meet at National Trust car park 3.00-5.00 pm	All welcome £20 per child £5 per adult
Sun 26th	Family Coasteer at Baggy Point Meet at National Trust car park 10.00-12.30 pm	Age 8+ £30 per child £5 per adult
Sun 26th	Climbing at Baggy Point, suitable for all Meet at National Trust car park 4.00-6.00pm	All kids welcome £20
Mon 27th	Young children's Coasteer at Baggy Point Meet at National Trust car park 11.30-2.00pm	Age 8 - 12 £30
Tue 28th	Indoor climbing with outdoor firelighting session Meet at Petroc Sports Hall 9.00-12.00pm	Age 7+ £20
Tue 28th	Canoeing on the River Taw Meet at Castle Quay car park 1.30-3.30 pm	Age 8+ £20

Check out our website for more details on each session

www.thekidsadventurecompany.co.uk

Booking essential call 07837649839
or email thekidsadventurecompany@gmail.com

WEEK 2 EXAM PREPARATION SESSIONS

After School Sessions						
	Revision Breakfast Information	Morning Exams	P4 Session	Afternoon Exams	Subject Who and Where	Subject Who and Where
Week 2 Mon 20th May			Sociology: Please go to your normal teacher in PTE 1/2/3	Sociology: 1.30pm	Maths KV-Ma6/MR-Ma7 /JL-Ma8/SP-Ma9/ LK-Ma10/GR-Ma2	Geography PG/RL/SR Geo3/2
Tue 21st May	Maths Revision - 8am: Please go to your normal classroom.	Maths: 9.10 am	Geography: Geography rooms 2, 3 and 4 - Please go to your teacher.	Geography 1: 1.40pm	Spanish HU MFL2	Physics - TSc2 and we'll organise from there.
Wed 22nd May	Spanish: Please check with your teacher.	Spanish Listening: 9.10 am Spanish Reading: 10.00 am	Science/Physics : Please see notices on science doors/speak to your science teacher.	Physics/Science : 1.30pm	English Literature All year 11 teachers in English rooms	
Thu 23rd May	English - 8am: Please go to your normal classroom/teacher.	English Literature: 8.50 am	P6 D&T Revision Session for the 11 students who take Sociology and D&T Room: Tech 4		Sociology SG PTE2/ EF PTE1	Technology JN RW NS Te5 /3/1

Fri 24th May										
Revision Breakfast Information	P1 Sociology Revision for the 11 students who take Sociology and D&T Room: PTE 3									
Morning Exams	Sociology: 11.10 am (only for the 11 students who are taking D&T and Sociology)									
P4 Session	D&T: Please go to your normal D&T teacher and room. Sociology: Please go to your normal Sociology teacher and room.									
Afternoon Exams	Sociology and Design and Technology: 1.15pm									
Subject Who and Where	History MB Hi4 (Half term in between this and the exam)									
Subject Who and Where										
Subject Who and Where										