



THE PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Weekly Parent Bulletin

Week Commencing 22nd April, 2019 - Week 2

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Date	Event
Sat 6th April	Ski Trip departs arrive at 7.45am for an 8.00am departure
Sat 13th April	Ski Trip returns at 7.30pm
Mon 22nd Apr	Bank Holiday
Tues 23rd Apr	Start of Summer Term
Thurs 25th Apr	Exmoor Challenge Training
	Year 7 Parents' Evening 4-7pm
Fri 26th Apr	Ten Tors Training Dartmoor (3 days)
	Friends of Park Quiz Night 7-9pm

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

Year	Topic
All	Curriculum Development Letter/ Leaflet (emailed 4/4)
All	Tarka Learning Partnership (emailed 5/4)
8	Parents Evening Letter

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Curriculum updates

I wrote to all parents/carers on Thursday 4th April regarding plans for changes to our organisation and curriculum. We seek your views and thoughts on these and welcome feedback especially on our changes to the timing of the school day and changes to the published Non Pupil (INSET) days for September 2019/20. Please take some time to read this letter.

[Link to Curriculum Development Parent Letter and Leaflet](#)

A further letter from the Tarka Learning Partnership (sent today 5th April) outlines the proposed changes to the Non-pupil days for all TLP schools for 2019/20 and details term dates for all TLP schools for 2020/21 and 2021/22.

For non-pupil days we also listed two occasional days. Which are reserve days that school can call upon when school might need to be open. An occasional day has not been needed at Park School in the memory of anyone working here currently.

For example if the school needs to be closed unexpectedly, perhaps for a national day of mourning, we would then open the school on an occasional day so that students do not lose a day of learning.

[Link to TLP School Holidays And Term Times Letter](#)

Campus updates

This week it was great to be back in the School Hall after the prolonged closure due to flood damage. My thanks to the site team and students for managing several months, especially over winter, without access to this space. The hall is ready to be used for GCSE exams, assemblies and other school activities.

The solar panels on the sports hall have now been commissioned and are starting to generate power for the

school and helping to reduce our energy bills. Further energy efficiency work will continue over the Easter closure period with lighting replacement and redecoration work taking place in the North Block. We look forward to welcoming students back to improved facilities after the Easter break. These improvement works evidence the governors' commitment to enhance the learning environment for students and staff.

Staffing

At the end of the Easter term we are sad to say goodbye to a few colleagues.

Mrs E Hastings, teacher of Science, leaves us to start a new post at another local school. Mrs Hastings has taught at Park for 11 years; we will be sad to see her go and wish her well in her new post. After Easter we welcome Mr Lewis to the department.

Mr Ballantyne ends his second spell with us as a teacher of English. Mr Ballantyne and his family are relocating to South Devon, we wish them well.

Mrs Isaac has worked at Park since 2012 as our HR Manager; whilst she may not be known to many students, she has provided invaluable support for the school and staff and will be missed. As an employer of over 185 staff her work is greatly appreciated and valued by the school. She leaves to a promoted post at a federation of schools. Mrs Smith joins the Park team as our new HR Co-ordinator.

The school has undertaken several recruitment programmes to date as we plan for September 2019, to date we have appointed seven new teachers who will take up posts in

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.

September; we will keep you up to date with new starters and leavers in the next edition of Park News.

My thanks to all students and staff for a positive term; simply browsing the past few editions of our weekly bulletin highlights some fantastic work and achievements by students and staff. My thanks to staff accompanying the ski trip as they depart to Italy on Saturday.

I wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable Easter break. Please note that school returns on **Tuesday 23rd April, 08:50**. This is a timetable **Week 2**.

Gareth Roscoe - Headteacher

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.

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 - Please return behaviour consent form and medical form 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.



The flyer features the Friends of Park logo on the left and the words 'QUIZ NIGHT' in large, colorful, 3D-style letters. Below this, it states 'FRIDAY 26TH APRIL - 7pm' and 'Are you Smarter than a Park Student?'. A red-bordered box contains the following details:

- 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

Below the box, it says: 'Proceeds from the event will go to Friends of Park and help to provide invaluable equipment and resources for Park School students.' At the bottom, it provides contact information: 'For more information, please contact Mrs O'Callaghan at jocallaghan@theparkschool.org.uk or Tel 01271 373131.'

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.

NON UNIFORM DAY

Our last day of term was a Non Uniform Day held on behalf of Guide Dogs for the Blind, so far we have collected £1107.19

Mrs O'Callaghan

SCHOOL UNIFORM/PE KIT PRICES

Please find below updated prices for our PE kit and school uniform. Available to purchase on Wisepay as 'Click and Collect'. Our school office will be open on Thursday 18th April between 10am and 3pm for collections.

Summer 2019 Uniform Prices			
PE KIT	Sizes	Colour	Retail Price (Incl VAT)
Polo Shirt (Girls top has no buttons)	3XS-3XL	House colours	£15.00
Hoody	3XS-3XL	House colours	£24.00
Reversible Rugby Top (Boys)	3XS-3XL	House colours	£20.00
Short	3XS-3XL	Black	£7.00
Skort	3XS 3XL	Black	£10.00
Socks	S-XL	Black	£7.50
Uniform			
Blouse	28"-46"	House colours	£11.00
Ties	n/a	House colours	£4.50

Size Guide	3XS	2XS	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
Footwear UK sizes				12-3	3-6	7-11	12+		
Chest (Inches)	28-30	30-32	32-34	34-36	36-38	40-42	42-44	44-46	46-48
Waist (Inches)	22	23	24	26	28	30	32	34	36

NORTH DEVON CHESS CHAMPIONS



Park Community School entered two teams into the DTSA North Devon Spring Chess Tournament on Friday 29th March. Our A team won the competition with a record of four wins and one draw (the draw was against Park B team). Our B-Team came joint 3rd with Braunton A, Braunton B came second.

Both teams played exceptionally well especially as they are mainly Year 8s and had to play against 6th formers and Year 10/11s in some games. There were teams representing Ilfracombe, Braunton, Pilton, South Molton and Torrington .

A Team - Ahmad Aslam 8RW (Captain), Oliver Rawlinson 8NW, Jack Watton 8MR, Finley Carlyon 9PR

B Team - Edie Maytum 8MR (Captain), Tyler Dennis-Joy 8NB, Sethini Vanderbona 8MR, Alex Edwards 9NW

TAPAS TASTER EVENING

Ms Gomez and Miss Harvey invited Year 11 Spanish students for an evening at Lilico's to sample some traditional Spanish food. It was an opportunity to relax from the stresses of revision for an hour whilst enjoying some cultural elements of studying a language. We were treated to tortilla, patatas, pan con aceitunas y alioli, calamares and pollo. Yum! We hope to run the event next year too. Students were fantastically well behaved and seemed to thoroughly enjoy it.



YEAR 9 - RELATIONSHIPS AND SEX EDUCATION IN PSHEE

When we come back after Easter, Year 9 will be starting the sexual education part of the relationship and sex education program. Healthy relationships, avoiding risks taking behaviours and managing health are at the core of what we do. We will also cover gender and sexual identity. Research has shown that when students receive lessons on healthy relationships, their first sexual activity occurs later and they are more likely to report abuse and exploitation.

If you want to find out more about what will be happening in the next 6 weeks, you are invited to an information evening on **Wednesday 8th May** at 6.30pm where I will explain what we cover and present some of the material used in lessons.

Anne Duthuit - PSHEE Coordinator

JUNIOR BAKE OFF

LoveTV are looking for budding new bakers to take part in their TV programme Junior Bake Off. If you are interested see Mrs Walden in the Food room or go to <https://junior.take-part.co.uk/> for more information.

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 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.

YEAR 10 RUGBY TEAM RUNNERS-UP



The Year 10 Rugby Team were the runners up in the North Devon Schools Championship on 27th March - losing a very close game 19-7 to Bideford.

They have been a pleasure to work with this year and have played some lovely rugby; I wish all of the boys every success in their future rugby careers.

Mr Galliford - Coach

COMMUNITY EVENTS/ INFORMATION

ROCK PARK BIG SPRING CLEAN

Taking place on Friday 12th April, between 11am and 1pm at Rock Park, meeting in the corner near the former Park & Ride car park next to Park School.

Look out for the Plastic Free North Devon Gazebo. All equipment provided, and refreshments will be available.



BARNSTAPLE TOWN V STREET - COMMUNITY DAY

Monday 22nd April 3pm Kick off

They are welcoming Street Football Club to Barnstaple for some Easter Monday Bank Holiday afternoon football.

This game has been chosen as their Community Day, and all who attend will receive admission to the game for FREE, all that they ask is if you could make an optional donation upon entry to their chosen charity, which is EVERYTHING ELLIE (charity No. 1164084)

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