



THE PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Weekly Parent Bulletin

Week Commencing 15th July 2019 - Week 1

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Date	Event
Mon 15th July	Year 10 Work Experience week
	Year 9 Work Shadowing Day
	Year 8 French residential departs - see timing below.
	Year 8 Spanish residential departs - see timing below.
Weds 17th July	Year 7 Torquay residential departs - see timing below.
Fri 19th July	Year 7 Torquay trip returns - see timing below.
Sat 20th July	French Residential returns - see timing below.
	Spanish Residential returns - see timing below.
Mon 22nd July	Summer Term ends at 12.50 (Non uniform day)

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

Year	Topic

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.

Has your phone number, email address or home address changed recently?

Please ensure you keep us up to date with any changes to your contact details.
Tel: 01271 373131 or admin@theparkschool.org.uk

It is important we have your correct mobile number in case our first aiders needed to contact you.

Headteacher update

Our Community

When the school became an Academy in February this year we made a conscious decision to retain 'Community' as part of our school name. At this time of year our work with community is evident. Students have been issued with the Spring/Summer edition of Park News. This magazine is full of articles and images that reflect our sense of community. This includes the inter form and house competitions, year group events and activities, the range of celebration events and the huge variety of interests, hobbies and pastimes shared within and beyond school. As we approach the end of the school year our school community comes together on a number of occasions; it is always a pleasure to attend these events and talk with staff and students about their experiences. Our Summer Fayre was a prime example with many tutor groups working with their form tutor to run stalls and activities raising money for charitable causes.

Further evidence of our community work will be seen over the final few weeks with Year 9 students taking part in work shadowing, Year 10 embarking on their week of work experiences, school trips to Normandy, Barcelona and Torquay. This is a suitable time for me to thank staff for all their hard work and dedication in arranging and supporting these opportunities for our school community.

Final Day of Term

On Monday 22nd July students will finish school at an earlier time of 12:50pm. Where possible, we have arranged for early transport to collect students from school. Bus travel arrangements at the end of the school day will be as follows:-

Services confirmed as running early to collect students at 12:50pm on Monday 22nd July:

- Park 001 Taw & Torridge
- Park 003 B Line Taxis
- Park 005 Quay cars
- Park 015 Streets
- Park 037 Streets
- Park 502 All Areas

Parents will need to make alternative arrangements for Park 011 Streets (parents have been emailed)

Students will need to walk to the bus station to catch the following buses:

815 and 821 (these are public buses, so can not change their times)

Park 021 Stagecoach

Park 155 (from bus station or Portland Street)

Park Culture

As you will be aware we have significant changes to our school day and curriculum in September. We will use this as an opportunity to raise our expectations of students and further develop our Park culture. We have high expectations of all members of our community and the overwhelming majority of students work with us to meet these high standards. Students have told us they would like more clarity around expectations and for staff to be more consistent with praise and sanctions. To support these students and staff we will introduce greater clarity to our expectations and sanctions from September. Our key areas for focus will be around Attitude to Learning, uniform, punctuality and behaviour in and around our school site. Rest assured all changes are to support students and developing our core values and the Park Culture.

Gareth Roscoe - Headteacher

Summer Fayre

We held our Summer Fayre this week and there was a real buzz and sense of community. Thank you to everyone involved who help to raise a grand total of £915.96.

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.

TRIP REMINDERS

RESIDENTIAL DEPARTURE DETAILS

A reminder below of the departure and return times for our upcoming residentials. Please ensure you double check the times.

Barcelona Trip

Arrive at school as normal for departure at 13.30pm, bags left in MFL for the morning.

Return flight arrives at 23.30pm. Return to school at approx 01.45am in the early hours of Saturday 20th July.

[Parent meeting Powerpoint link here.](#)

France Trip

Meet at the Park and Ride at 02.20am. Coach departs at 02.45 on Monday 15th July (we leave very late Sunday night/very early Monday morning.)

Return to school at approx 01.30am in the early hours of Saturday 20th July.

[Parent meeting Powerpoint link here.](#)

Torquay Trip

Meet at the Sports Hall at 10.00am on Wednesday 17th July for a 10.30am departure.

Return to school at approx 16.00pm on Friday 20th July.

Link also provided here for **[Kit List.](#)**

Bude Trip

Meet at the Sports Hall at 07.00am on Tuesday 3rd September. Departs at 07.30am

Return to school at approx 16.00pm on Friday 6th September.

[Parent information pack link here.](#)

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.

[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. It's a fantastic opportunity to experience something new, either skiing or snowboarding, or improve technique if they are more experienced.

Videos of the Ski 2019 trip can be found by clicking below:

Full Film - https://youtu.be/757sL_PXyug

Ski Fails - <https://youtu.be/E8fp0VuSvQc>

[Year 9 Work Shadowing](#)

The Year 9 Work Shadowing Day is on Monday 15th July. We are aware that some parents/carers are still seeking agreement from employers so the sign up form, via the link in the original work shadowing email, is being left open over the weekend for late placements. This will mean that on Monday morning we will know exactly who is on placement which will stop absence emails being incorrectly sent.

I have attached a copy of the [student booklet](#) so that parents/carers can print a copy if it is a late placement, or students have lost the copy distributed via tutors.

Students need to return their booklets to Mrs Thomas via pupil reception on Tuesday or Wednesday next week for review and certification.

Mrs Thomas

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.

KS4 INFORMATION

[Year 11 GCSE Results](#)

Exam results day is on Thursday 22 August.

Should you have any queries regarding exams and results additional information can be found on the web page link - [Exam Results Information For Parents](#)

[Year 11 Prom](#)

The Park School Prom was a fantastic evening allowing Year 11 students a final 'goodbye'. As usual we had some spectacular arrivals with vintage cars, campers, trucks, motorbikes, tractors, tandems and a student arriving via horse! Students and staff enjoyed a formal dinner before hitting the dance floor until late. Teachers attempted to show the students a few dance moves but were soon outmanoeuvred! Thanks to Park School Staff and staff at the Barnstaple Hotel for organising a memorable evening. The departing year 11 are a wonderful group and thoroughly enjoyed themselves; they are a credit to themselves and Park.

[Link to Prom photos](#)

