



THE PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Weekly Parent Bulletin

Week Commencing 29th April, 2019 - Week 1

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Date	Event
Mon 29th Apr	Year 11 Progress File Assembly for Chichester
Tues 30th Apr	Year 11 Progress File Assembly for Raleigh
	UKMT Junior Maths Challenge
	Parent Partnership Meeting 7-8pm in room ICT3
Weds 1st May	Year 10 Mock exams begin
	North Devon Athletics League - At Braunton Track 3-7pm
	Curriculum Developments Consultation Session 6pm in room Tech2
Thurs 2nd May	Y11 GCSE MFL Speaking exams (2 days)
	Year 8 Parents' Evening 4-7pm

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

Year	Topic
9	PSHEE Information Evening (emailed - see below)

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

Curriculum development 2019

A warm if somewhat damp welcome back after the Easter break. Can I begin by reminding all parents about the communication just before we broke up concerning our plans for changes to the curriculum and school day. Parents are welcome to attend a presentation with Q&A session about the proposed changes on Wednesday 1st May at 6pm. Please come along to the main reception area where you will be greeted and shown where the presentation is. We expect the presentation to last approximately 30 minutes with a chance for Q&A afterwards. A similar session will also be held with our Parent Partnership group on Tuesday 30th April at 7pm in the usual venue of ICT 3. For this session please report to the Old Reception area in North Block.

Campus updates

Just before the Easter break Park heard it had been successful with a funding application for a government building grant. After hard work by the staff team at Park we have received £370,000 to undertake a roof replacement project for the South Block. This will enhance the campus and energy efficiency that will save monies from our budget. This bid compliments our recent SALIX bid that has enabled the installation of solar panels and a change of all lighting systems into a managed LED system. Students may have told you about our recent work to enhance the learning environment in North Block. Having refurbished and redecorated Music, Drama and relocated Geography into new classrooms in this area the work continues with a new suspended ceiling covering the dark and dated wooden roof structure and the start of a redecoration scheme, beginning with classrooms PTE 1 & 2 and the corridor area. This work will extend to cover all remaining classrooms in the area. My thanks to the Site Team for their hard work on the improvements.

Thinking of our environment

Our push to reduce plastic continues with the arrival of aluminium water bottles. We hope that students will purchase one of these at a reduced rate of £2 and therefore make use of the water fountains rather than buying bottles/cans of water. Park branded aluminium water bottles will be available shortly. A kind parent also informed the school of a possible funding source that may allow for a grant to install further water fountains to support this work. We have submitted a bid and are waiting to hear back from this.

Can I take this opportunity to ask you, as parents/carers, to speak with your son/daughter about how they dispose of litter. I am aware of recent 'Rock Park Cleans' and the fantastic work undertaken by members of our local community, many with ties to Park School. It has been noted that the litter in and around our environs reduces when school is on holiday. We will speak with students about the need to 'pocket' litter and find a bin or to take home, if you can reinforce this message this will help.

GCSE Exams

As you can see a busy start to the Summer Term. I wish our Year 11 students well as they enter their GCSE examination season. The 13th May will soon be here with this being the first formal GCSE exams in the School Hall. I am sure all parents have the GCSE timetable handy, please contact Mrs Nicholson at school if you need any more information or timetables concerning the GCSE exams. Mrs Mills is also available to provide links to GCSE revision, guides and support in preparing for these examinations.

Gareth Roscoe - Headteacher

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT 2019

Parents/Carers will have received important information before half term regarding proposed changes to our school curriculum, school day and school operations. Documents are available [here](#). Please note in particular the proposed changes to the INSET days and timings of the school day.

We are a community school and as such welcome your thoughts and feedback. Our consultation closes on Friday 26th April, please feel free to email any questions, or comments to feedback@theparkschool.org.uk.

We are holding an informal parent/carers information session on Wednesday 1st May, 6 - 7pm in Tech 2 with a short presentation and opportunities for questions and answers about the proposed changes.

TERM DATES AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE

We have now updated our website with the TLP term dates for :

Term dates for 2019-2020

Term dates for 2020-2021

Term dates for 2021-2022

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.

YEAR 9 - RELATIONSHIPS AND SEX EDUCATION IN PSHEE

An email was sent to Year 9 parents this week with the following:

Year 9 have started the sexual education part of the Relationship and Sex Education Program as part of the PSHEE lessons. Healthy relationships, avoiding risk 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 would like to find out more about what is happening in the next half-term, 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.

If you would like to attend, please click the [google form link](#) and complete the short form, so that we can establish the number of people attending,

Though this is principally aimed at parents and carers of Year 9 students, parents/carers of students in lower years are also welcome to attend.

Anne Duthuit - PSHEE Coordinator

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR THRIFT UNIFORM AND PE KIT

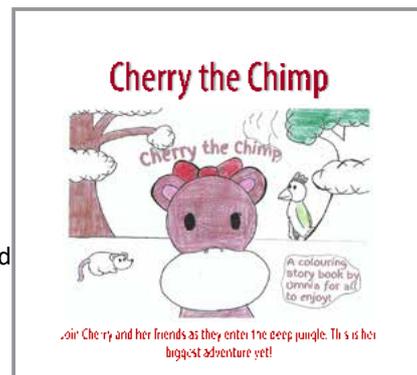
We would really appreciate any donations of good condition items e.g. blazers, jumpers, skirts, trousers, shirts and new style PE kit.

YEAR 10 YOUNG ENTERPRISE

Year 10 Young Enterprise Company 'Omni' have published a story/colouring book for young children called "Cherry the Chimp". It encourages themes for discussion like:

- Loss of wild habitat
- Fly tipping in the countryside
- Litter and recycling
- Friendship
- Working together
- Plastic Waste

The book is available to purchase from Pupil, Main Reception and the school library at £5.00.



PARENT PARTNERSHIP MEETING

The Parent Partnership have a meeting on Tuesday 30th April in room ICT3 at 7pm. They will be discussing the new changes to the school day and the curriculum, alongside the Tarka Learning Partnership. Mr Roscoe will be on hand at the meeting to explain everything in more detail and to answer any questions. It will be useful for all parents.

Tea and coffee will be available.



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. Please kindly pay the final balance by 29th April.

FRANCE TRIP

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

BUDE/TORQUAY RESIDENTIAL

TORQUAY - Please return behaviour consent form and medical form by 26th April. The final balance should now be paid.

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.

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

KS4 INFORMATION

YEAR 10 - APPRENTICESHIP RECRUITMENT EVENT

Thinking about an Apprenticeship? Petroc have an Apprentice Recruitment Event on Tuesday 7th May 9-11 am at the North Devon Campus. This event is perfect for Year 10 and/or parents, to find out how to make an apprenticeship ambition a reality and what choices are available. Students wishing to visit this event will need to have **parent permission** to make their own way to and from Petroc. Students need to be in school for the end of break at 11.10am. A letter is available from Pupil Reception. See [Flyer](#) link for more information

Mrs Thomas - Careers Coordinator

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 THURSDAY 9TH MAY

Year 11 students will have their photographs taken on Thursday 9th May in the School Hall. 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.

Please note that your child will receive 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.

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.

EXAM SECURITY

The exam board Pearson has issued letters for all parents and students regarding exam security. A link to each letter is provided below for information.

[Letter For Parents](#)

[Letter For Students](#)

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS/ INFORMATION

OPPORTUNITY FOR YEARS 9 AND 10 WHO ARE INTERESTED IN TRYING WORKING IN A COMMERCIAL KITCHEN ENVIRONMENT



Welcomes Parent Carers of Children and Young Adults with Additional Needs.

Come and join our friendly informal support group for an opportunity to connect with other parent carers

We meet weekly offering friendship, support and to discuss issues affecting you and your family

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS
9:30am to 12:30pm

Barnstaple Youth House
6 Market Street
Barnstaple
DEVON
EX31 1BX

We also invite visitors, including support organisations to our meetings to share advice and information

If you are interested in attending or would like further information
Please contact: Tracey

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Find us on
Facebook @sidebysidebarnstaple

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ASPIRING CHEF'S ACADEMY

Do you have a taste for food, a flair with flavours or a general interest in cookery?

Petroc's Hospitality & Catering team will be hosting a summertime '**Aspiring Chef's Academy**' for year 9, 10 & 11 students who wish to develop their cookery skills.

The practical workshops will run over two evenings and will give you a chance to cook some delicious delights in one of our state of the art kitchens.

When: 10 & 17 June 2019

Time: 17.30 – 19.30pm

Where: Lifestyle Centre, The Taw Kitchen

Cost: FREE!!

To book a place visit: aspiringchefs.eventbrite.co.uk

For further details email: nicola.shapland@petroc.ac.uk