



# THE PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

## Weekly Parent Bulletin

Week Commencing 2nd March 2020 - Week 1

SCHOOL CALENDAR	
Date	Event
Sat 29th Feb	Ten Tors 7 (Dartmoor) - <b>Cancelled this weekend due to the forecast</b>
Mon 2nd Mar	Head Prefect Nominations
	Friends of Park Meeting - Conference Room 7pm
	Rugby fixtures Dates/Locations this week to be confirmed dependant on weather
Tues 3rd Mar	GCSE Food Practical (3 Days)
	Y7-10 Netball League 6 3.30-4.30pm
Weds 4th Mar	Year 11 Dance Moderation
	Year 11 NSSW Theatre Trip at Petroc (The Factory)
	U13 A&B Area Netball Tournament (Home) 2-5.30pm
Thurs 5th Mar	World Book Day
	Year 11 NCS Assembly
Fri 6th Mar	Under 15s Girls Rugby Tournament at Chulmleigh School - All Day
	Bishop of Exeter visit 12.20-2pm
	School Council Meeting 2-3pm

### [Headteacher Update](#)

#### [IT update](#)

As we have previously highlighted, over the February half term break we changed our school management information IT systems to a new platform. For most areas of school operation this was a smooth transition, however, we have had an issue linking our new system to Class Charts and so a small number of homeworks may not have been recorded correctly this week. We are working with both Bromcom and Class Charts to rectify this problem, in the interim teachers are reminding students of which KO sections and other homework has been set. Thank you for your patience and understanding whilst we resolve this issue.

#### [Year 7 Homework](#)

Now the nights are getting lighter and we are officially half way through the academic year, Year 7 students will be expected to complete detentions set for lack of homework, either Knowledge Organiser or subject based, after school, alongside the rest of the year groups. Detentions are held from 3.20 until 3.50 p.m. This will commence as of Monday 2nd March 2020.

#### [World Book Day](#)

World Book Day is **Thursday 5th March**. Students in Years 7-9 can opt to wear book related fancy dress! It must be a recognisable character. KS4 students and those not in a book related costume should wear their school uniform.

## Equipment

Having the 'right tools for the job' is essential for many roles. This is the same in school. Can you please make sure your son/daughter has the right equipment and they bring this to school on a daily basis. A list of school equipment can be found in the front of the Contact Book ([equipment list](#)) and items are available as a pack or individually from our school reception ([stock list](#)) or several local shops

## Coronavirus

I am sure your news feeds, headlines and inboxes will have been filled with various updates regarding coronavirus. As a school we are working with the Tarka Learning Partnership and following the daily updates and advice from Public Health England, Department for Education and Devon County Council. We have contacted parents regarding our ski trip and will continue to monitor the situation closely.

## Travel to school

Parents may have noticed the changes to Hiern Drive undertaken by DCC over the half term break. Speed bumps have been removed and several potholes repaired. Can I remind all parents that access the school via this route to drive at a sensible speed and to be aware of other road users and especially our pedestrian crossing from school onto the footpath. Can I also remind parents that parking on and around Chichester Close is for residents only.

## STEM Competition



Congratulations to our Park School team who have been named semi-finalists in the running to win the Longitude Explorer Prize. Good luck in the next round! #Park Stars.

Read the [North Devon Journal article](#) linked here for more details.

## Student events this weekend

Finally I wish our gymnasts and Youth Speaks teams good luck for their competitions over this weekend.

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# FRIENDS OF PARK MEETING

Monday 2nd March at 7pm  
Conference Room

We would love to welcome any newcomers

## COMPETITIONS

### Calling all writers!

Park School English department has launched its very own writing competition. This will run termly with prizes for winners and runners-up, as well as entry into an annual published anthology.

This is open to all year groups and you will be judged against others in your year. This term's theme is 'New Beginnings'. See posters in the Library and English corridor for more details.

## SCHOOL TRIPS

Please ensure that you keep up to date with paying the instalments for any trips that your child has signed up for.

### Torquay Residential

Please return the medical form issued to students last term as soon as possible. The next instalment is also due for this trip.

### French Residential

Students do NOT need a passport. To apply for a GROUP passport, we require parents to complete and return the Collective Passport Questionnaire urgently, please kindly ensure you return the form as soon as possible.

### New York July 2020

Please remember the final instalment was due on 1/2/20. We held a student meeting on Tuesday 14th January and issued a Parental Consent Form and Passport Form to be completed and returned by 1st February.

### Ski Trip 2020

We are monitoring the situation with regards to the Coronavirus and travelling to Italy. We will keep parents informed if there are any developments.

### Ski Trip 2021 - Trip is Now Full

This trip is now full, if your son/daughter is interested they can still pick up a letter from pupil reception and return the reply slip, their name will be added to a waiting list.

### Ski Trip 2022

We will soon be advertising places for the 2022 trip. We will let you know when the letter is available. It is 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](https://youtu.be/757sL_PXyug)

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

If you need to know any more details, please do not hesitate to contact Mr James: [ljames@theparkschool.org.uk](mailto:ljames@theparkschool.org.uk) or contact the school office.

## MATHS INFORMATION

### **MATHS PUZZLE OF THE WEEK - Week 22**

*Put your solution in a Maths Puzzle Box by the end of Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March for a chance of winning the weekly prize*

Fill in the numbers to make all of the calculations correct

(they do not have to be integers):

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### **Maths Puzzle of the Week**

Each week the maths department issues a maths puzzle for students.

The Puzzle Of The Week can be viewed on your child's tutor group notice board as well as on display outside Maths 11.

They should put their solution in the box in their Maths room by the end of the week for a chance of winning the weekly prize.

The winner for week 21 was [Lleyton Weston 11DG](#)

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## PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL LOTTERY

### **This Weeks' Lucky Winner**

Congratulations to MrsH who won £35.40

*If you are a winner and would also like to donate your winnings back to the school, we would be very grateful.*

### **Have you registered for the Lottery?**

If you have registered for the Lottery, please ensure you also set up your ticket. People have registered to play the lottery, but have not bought a ticket, so are not included in the lottery draw each week

### **How the lottery benefits your school**

So far we have sold 123 tickets - each ticket costs £1 per week and 40% of the money raised goes to Friends of Park school projects.

The lottery is a fun and effective way to raise money to improve our school. But we need your help to make the lottery the best it can be, so please support the lottery today - and who knows, maybe you'll be the next £25,000 winner!

**For more information and to sign up click [here](#).**



### Year 9 Options Key Dates

- From **Monday 2nd March** - Options Interviews
- **March, April and May** - Timetabling and further conversations with students
- **June** - Final subjects communicated with parents/students via letter

### Year 9 Careers Programme – CAREER PILOT

Year 9 students have all used the Career Pilot website to carry out research about subjects and the careers that subjects can lead to. This is part of the careers programme leading up to students making their subject choices in February. Students have a workbook to record their research and after the session on Career Pilot at school, can take the book home and show parents/carers how the website works and share the research they have carried out. They can continue research if they are undecided about which subjects to choose.

Students will also be receiving information from employers and Careers South West about employment opportunities in the South West. Petroc and Careers South West will be attending the Options Evening.

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## CAREERS (YEAR 9,10 AND 11)

### Petroc Annual Apprenticeship Event - North Devon Campus

Petroc would like to invite our students to attend their annual Apprenticeship Event on 5th March, 2020.

It is predominantly aimed at **Year 11** as a recruitment event, **however years 9 and 10 are welcome to attend** to start exploring the apprenticeship option.

The event is open to the general public from 4pm, so students can attend with parents or carers and have access to all activities.

The Sports Hall will be sectioned into three different zones:

- Advisory Zone – This area will give pupil general advice about apprenticeships
- Sector Zone – Each industry will have its own section so if pupils are interested in a certain area they can speak to different employers within that business.
- Breakout zone – opportunity for small discussions (1-1 or small groups) with employers.

To encourage students to speak to employers they have asked employers to bring some interactive activities. Petroc is also organising a quiz/questionnaire to open up conversation with the employers with the opportunity to win a prize.

Students can bring in their CVs to show employers or their Career Advisor Mark Turnball. This may open up some work experience opportunities!

## YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

### North Devon Hospice Opportunities

The North Devon Hospice has many work experience opportunities in various departments. The two links below provide more information and an application form, for those who are interested.

[List of work placements](#)

[Work experience request form](#)

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Pods streamed & downloaded so far this academic year



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### GCSEPOD

Well done to Year 11 students who have managed to download 3000 podcasts since September. This is a great tool to help with your revision.

### Year 11 GCSE Exam Timetable

The GCSE exam timetable has been issued this week to all students, we have also posted a copy on our website under the "Events" menu. A link to the timetable is also provided [here](#).

### Year 11 Revision Session Timetable

Please see link to the current [Year 11 Revision Session Timetable](#) 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 11 College Interviews

Invitations for interview are coming through. Students should sign out at Pupil Reception and bring evidence of their interview to sign out; this will save time getting permission to leave school. Students should take their Progress Folder with them to the interview and return it to their Tutor after the interview.

### Year 10 Mock GCSE & BTEC Exam Timetable

A copy of the Year 10 Mock and BTEC timetable can be found [here](#) and on our website under the "Events" menu.

### Year 11 College Open Events

Please visit the college websites for more information.

### Exeter College

Exeter College Showcase - 23rd April 2020

# DONATION REQUESTS

### Girls Pants And Tights

We are part of the Red Box Scheme which provides free sanitary ware for students. We keep in school girls pants and tights to be available when needed. Please hand any donations into the School Office. We are currently short in stock of the following and would really appreciate any donations from parents/carers:

- Tights - Black Opaque 60 Deniers - All sizes**
- Pants - Black briefs - All sizes**

### Park Gardening Club

We are very grateful to have received donations of various garden tools.

We would still really appreciate any donations of **garden gloves or seeds trays** (we are happy to reuse plastic fruit/vegetable punnet trays from the supermarket).



Please hand in any donations to the School Office where it will be greatly received.

# TRAIN TO TEACH

## NORTH DEVON TEACHING SCHOOL ALLIANCE



### EARLY YEARS, PRIMARY & SECONDARY SCHOOL DIRECT PLACES AVAILABLE

#### RECRUITING NOW – EARLY YEARS, PRIMARY AND SECONDARY PLACES

##### WHY TRAIN WITH US?

- INCREASED EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
- BE A VALUED PART OF THE TEACHING TEAM FROM DAY ONE
- SMALL SELECT GROUP OF STUDENTS ENABLING A HIGHLY TAILORED PROGRAMME AND SUPPORT NETWORK
- OPPORTUNITIES TO DEVELOP STRENGTHS AND SUBJECT SPECIALISMS ALONGSIDE OUTSTANDING LEADERS
- OUTSTANDING NQT TRAINING AND CPD TO ENSURE YOU ARE SUPPORTED ON YOUR ENTIRE PROFESSIONAL JOURNEY FROM NQT TO MIDDLE AND SENIOR LEADERSHIP
- ACCREDITED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF EXETER
- FULL PGCE AWARDED WITH 60 MASTERS LEVEL CREDITS
- TRAINING SESSIONS LED BY NATIONALLY RECOGNISED ADVISORS

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

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[www.ndtsa.org](http://www.ndtsa.org)

### School Direct Initial Teacher Training Programme

North Devon Teaching School Alliance are holding an Open Evening on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at North Devon Teaching School Alliance, Beach Road, Woolacombe, Devon, EX34 7BT. If you are interested in finding out more, please read the [Are you interested in becoming a Teacher Letter](#) and view the flyer below.

