



# THE PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

## Weekly Parent Bulletin

Week Commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019 - Week 1

### SCHOOL CALENDAR

Date	Event
Fri 19th July	Torquay Trip Returns see timing below
Sat 20th July	France Trip Returns see timing below
Sat 20th July	Barcelona Trip Returns see timing below
Mon 22nd July	Last day of Summer Term 2019 - School ends at 12.50pm
Mon 2nd Sept	Inset Day - Staff Only
Tues 3rd Sept	Inset Day - Staff Only
	Bude Residential departs see timing below
Weds 4th Sept	First day of Autumn Term
Thurs 5th Sept	Year 7 Cats
Fri 6th Sept	Year 7 Cats

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

Year	Topic
Year 7	HPV Vaccinations

### 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

This will be the final parental bulletin of the academic year. My thanks to all members of our community for your continued support for Park and our students.

As a reminder we welcome students back to school on Wednesday 4th September with registration at 08:45. Students will receive important updates, information and reminders about the new curriculum and expectations on this day.

Can parents/carers please take some time to read the information letter (page 2-4 of this bulletin) regarding September and our reset of expectations during the summer break. It would be helpful to talk with your son/daughter about these before school returns.

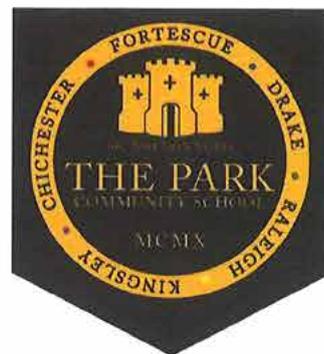
The campus will be a busy one over the summer break with continued roof replacement works to the South Block, a major lighting upgrade and the installation of a new school entrance system. Please be aware that due to the installation of a new school entrance access to the main reception area will be restricted from 5th August. We anticipate access will be available for GCSE results day on 22nd August but then restricted again until the start of the new term. Access to the reception area may be more convenient for pedestrians and vehicles via our Park Lane entrance.

I look forward to seeing our outgoing Year 11 students on GCSE results day, August 22nd, in the School Hall.

Our school office will be open for visitor enquiries and uniform sales on:

Date	Open Times
Thursday 25th July	09:00 - 12:00
Tuesday 30th July	13:00 - 16:00
Thursday 1st August	09:00 - 12:00
Tuesday 6th August	13:00 - 16:00
Thursday 8th August	09:00 - 12:00
Closed week commencing 12th August	
Tuesday 20th August	13:00 - 16:00
Thursday 22nd August	09:00 - 12:00
Tuesday 27th August	13:00 - 16:00
Thursday 29th August	09:00 - 12:00

Have an enjoyable and relaxing Summer holiday period.



19th July 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you are aware, September 2019 brings with it some exciting new changes to the way the school curriculum and school day will run. Alongside this, we are going to be raising the expectations of students in terms of their preparedness for the school day, their learning and their personal presentation. "Park Culture" will feature strongly from September with all students expected to continue supporting our core values and making a positive contribution to our school community.

"Park Culture" aims to address issues in school which students see as unfair; consistency across the school is key to maintaining a positive and effective environment which allows all students to learn.

Each day at Park School, we expect all students to be dressed in-line with the school uniform policy, fully equipped for the day with the correct/required equipment and with their completed homework. We know that if students are ready to learn they will make the most from their time at school and make the best possible progress.

Up until now, and over the first few days back in September, we have been working with students to set out expectations and make sure they are fully aware of what is expected of them; we want all students to be successful at our school. They have already had a number of assemblies and in September this will continue, alongside working with their tutor for the first day. Equally, we have been working as a staff to ensure we set our standards high and are consistent as a team; we all need to work together to be the best school we can.

Whilst the overwhelming majority of students get things right every day it is inevitable that a small group of students will need to adapt to our increased expectations. To support everyone within our school we will be clear about our expectations, rewards and sanctions.

We anticipate a short period where we may see more sanctions being issued. This is not unusual and we expect to see these decrease rapidly once students adjust to the expectations. We ask that parents support our values and expectations; our new processes will ensure a greater level of consistency, support our students and raise the standards for everyone at the school. All sanctions will be communicated through Class Charts' automated email system to parents/carers. Sanctions will include a 20 minute lunchtime detention for issues with: uniform, punctuality, lack of equipment, anti-social behaviour, chewing gum and litter. A same day after school 30 minute sanction will be given to students who do not meet our homework expectations. This after school detention will provide an opportunity for students to complete any missing homework or make a start on that evening's homework, helping to create good study habits. If students do not attend detentions, they will be removed from lessons, break and lunchtime for the following day.

When school returns in September we will carefully explain our expectations to students again. Students will be regularly reminded during the first three days of the expectations, therefore, giving them time to adapt to these before we introduce the full system on the first full week back - Monday 9th September. Year 10 students will receive updates on the first Monday morning they are in school after the Bude residential.

To help prepare for September, can I please draw your attention to the following points:

### **Uniform:**

No changes are planned for our published uniform. Can I remind parents of our expectations for jewellery and hair. We permit one small stud in each ear lobe, hair should be of a natural colour and not cut too short (not below a grade 2). We do not allow any facial piercings; please bear this in mind over the summer break. If you are shopping for new uniform please remember no skinny trousers, denim trousers or short skirts. Shoes must be plain black and worn with black socks.

### **Equipment:**

The required equipment list is the same core equipment as normal but students will also be expected to have their Knowledge Book, Knowledge Work Book and zip folder in school each day (these will be provided on the first day back).

Full or part equipment packs can be purchased from the School Shop in Pupil Reception which is open before school, at break time and at lunchtime. A complete pack costs £10 and includes: the preferred Casio calculator; a maths equipment pack; a pencil case spare pens and pencils. If your child is entitled to Free School Meals or Pupil Premium and the cost of the equipment is causing difficulties, please contact the School Office in the first instance.

To help tutors monitor this in school, each tutor group will have Equipment Mats which show what equipment is required making it easy and quick to check. If students do not bring the correct equipment each day, they will be given a chance to sort it out and then on the second occasion, a same day lunchtime sanction will be given.

### **Required School Equipment:**

- Contact Book, Knowledge Organiser, Knowledge Workbook, storage folder - (provided on the first day)
- Black pen
- Pencil
- Eraser
- Pencil Sharpener
- Purple Pen
- Green Pen
- Scientific Calculator (Casio fx-85GT X; Casio fx-83FT; or fx-85FT is the preferred calculator)
- 15 or 30cm Ruler
- Protractor
- Pair of Compasses

The individual pens can be substituted with a multi-colour pen.

### **Homework**

From September the majority of homework will be based around Knowledge Organisers. These will be issued to all students in September along with a knowledge organiser homework book and a tough zip wallet to store these in. All students will be expected to complete the homework by the due date. The majority of homework will be based around learning key vocabulary and knowledge and so can be accessed and completed by all students. Homework will be checked on a daily basis by tutors with a 'same day' after school sanction for those not meeting our expectations. Homework timetables will be published in advance to help students plan their time effectively. We will support homework with the introduction of prep time and a continuation of homework clubs in the library after school. In Years 10 and 11, students will also be expected to complete set homework from each subject; this will mostly be exam practice questions or linked to Non Examined Assessments in practical courses.

### **Punctuality**

Tutor time at the start of the day is an important session. It is important that students arrive on time to these sessions and are ready for the day ahead. Registration starts at 8:45 am and students must be in school before this. We appreciate that on a few occasions a bus may be late or an accident across Barnstaple may cause a delay; we will make reasonable allowances for these circumstances.

### **Chewing Gum/Energy drinks**

Chewing gum and energy drinks are not allowed in school. These will be confiscated and not returned to students if they chose to bring them into school.

### **Litter**

To respect our environment all students are expected to use the bins provided. Students who fail to respect the environment and drop litter will be challenged with a sanction applied.

Thank you for your support and understanding. These expectations will help to further improve our school creating better opportunities for every member of our community. They will also help to address student concern over consistency and 'fairness'.



Mr Gareth Roscoe  
Headteacher



Mr Craig Tamlyn  
Deputy Headteacher



Mr Graham Sloman  
Senior Assistant Headteacher

## 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.

#### Torquay Trip

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

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

#### Barcelona Trip

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

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

[Parent meeting Powerpoint link here.](#)

#### Bude Trip

Meet at the Sports Hall at 06.30am on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Departs at 07.30am promptly.

Return to school at approx 16.00pm on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

[Parent information pack link here.](#)

## KS4 INFORMATION

### Year 11 GCSE Results

GCSE examination results can be collected in person from the School Hall between 11.00am and 12.00 noon on Exam results day 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](#)

## 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](https://youtu.be/757sL_PXyug)

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

## PARK ALUMNI

The summer holiday is a popular time for visits from friends and family. If you know someone who is a former student of The Park Community School or The Barnstaple Grammar School please mention the ALUMNI and encourage them to join.

The details are on our flyer. Click image for a larger version



## Collection of Used Shoes

Thank you to everyone who has donated their used shoes. We are no longer collecting any more shoes but will be donating two wheelie bin full of shoes to Bags2Schools and Innocence in Danger.

Innocence In Danger is an international non-profit organisation founded by Homayra Sellier in 1999 in Paris under the auspices of UNESCO. Innocence in Danger is committed to protecting children and adolescents from sexual abuse and is fighting against the spread of pedo-criminality via the new media, particularly the internet and the social networks. Innocence In Danger has joined forces with the Bag2School fundraising scheme to increase funds for their mission. Bag2School helps promote the Reuse of clothes & shoes to benefit those who rely on second hand clothes as their sole option for good quality items.

## School Lottery

The Friends of Park have set up a School Lottery to support our students by providing additional resources and kit.

This is an easy scheme to join and every week parents/carers have the chance to win £25,000 with 40% of money raised going to school projects.

For more information and to sign up click below link.  
<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/the-park-community-school>



## 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.

## Vaccination against HPV (Human Papilloma Virus) in Year 8/9

The Immunisation Team are currently arranging to visit all secondary schools in Devon to vaccinate children against HPV as part of the National Childhood Immunisation Programme.

From September 2019 the HPV vaccine will be offered to all girls and boys in school Year 8. This is because the evidence clearly indicates that the HPV vaccine helps protect both boys and girls from developing HPV-related cancers later in life such as: cervical cancer, some mouth and throat cancers and some cancers of the anus and genital areas.

We are now inviting parents/carers of children born between 1st September 2006 and 31st August 2007 to register their consent for the above vaccination.

We have emailed all Year 7 parents/carers information which includes the [secure consent link](#) and an electronic version of the national HPV leaflet that contains comprehensive information relating to this vaccination.

**Please could we ask you to complete your online consent for HPV by the end of the Summer Term (Monday 22nd July 2019).**

Thank you with your ongoing support with this important Public Health programme.

## FRIENDS OF PARK

We have a number of events coming up at the start of the new academic year 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](mailto:jocallaghan@theparkschool.org.uk).