



THE PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Weekly Parent Bulletin

Week Commencing 3rd February 2020 - Week 2

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Date	Event
Sat 1st Feb	Ten Tors Practice 7 (2 days)
Sun 2nd Feb	South West Floor & Vault Competition 8.30am-5.30pm Kingsley School
Mon 3rd Feb	U13&15 Girls Indoor Cricket Tournament at Bideford School 10am - 2pm
Tues 4th Feb	Y7-10 Netball League 3 3.30-4.30pm (Home)
Weds 5th Feb	Devon Ability Games - Tarka Tennis
Thurs 6th Feb	UK Maths Challenge Y9-11
Fri 7th Feb	Year 11 Photo - Sports Hall 2pm

[Headteacher Update](#)

Performing Arts

Students and staff are entering the final stages of rehearsals and preparation for our staging of Macbeth. The school production is on 12th & 13th February in the School Hall. Please reserve your tickets using this [link](#).

A Great Debate

On Saturday 25th February two Park teams entered 'Youth Speaks' organised by the Rotary Club. Our junior team competed against a number of teams across North Devon and won through to the next round; our senior team (Year 10) also performed highly beating opposition from sixth forms again winning through to the next stages of this Public Speaking competition. My thanks to Miss Jones and Miss Perkins for supporting both teams.

STEM Competition

Key Stage 3 STEM Guild members travelled to London this week to present their 'instabeachclean' app ideas in the national final of a STEM competition. Park was one of 60 teams from across the country; it was a great experience for the team and staff. The team were given feedback on their idea and now have a further two weeks to make any changes before the selection for a grand final. Good luck team.

KS4 Exam Ready Event

Thank you to students, parents and staff that attended our Key Stage 4 Examination Ready Event yesterday evening. We hope the event and presentations were useful and informative. If you have any feedback on this event please email feedback@theparkschool.org.uk

Gymnasts

Good luck to our gymnasts who are competing at Kingsley School on Sunday.

Ten Tors Team

Finally good luck to our Ten Tors students who are braving the elements with a hike-camp-hike this week on Dartmoor.

Gareth Roscoe - Headteacher

COMPETITIONS

South West Floor and Vault Gymnastics Competition

Twenty-one students in Year 7-11 are competing in the South West Floor and Vault Gymnastics Competition on Sunday at Kingsley School, we wish them all good luck!

Calling all writers!

Park School English department is launching 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.

Matrix Challenge

Matrix Challenge is a FREE cyber security challenge created and organised by the Yorkshire and Humber Regional Cyber Crime Unit (YHRCCU), and is available to all 11-17 year olds residing in the United Kingdom.

The competition is split into two age groups – 11-14 years and 15-17 years.

Participants will be able to compete in the challenge from Monday 20th January to Friday 14th February 2020 and we are encouraging all students to have a go! to start just google "the matrix challenge". Good luck!



SCHOOL TRIPS

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

Year 10/11 Poland Trip - 14/2/20

We urgently need passports and EHIC cards handed into school. Further to the information evening held for students and parents, we have emailed parents/carers a copy of the powerpoint. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to email Mr Griffiths at sgriffiths@theparkschool.org.uk

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.

Bude Residential

Letters regarding the Bude residential were issued to students in December 2019. **The reply slip and deposit payment should be received by 31st January in order to reserve a place.**

Madrid February 2020

We urgently need passports and EHIC cards handed into school. Further to the information evening held for students and parents this week please see the [link to the powerpoint](#) shown at the meeting.

New York July 2020

Please remember the final instalment is 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

The balance should now be paid for this trip.

Ski Trip 2021

We still have places left on our April 2021 Ski Trip, if your son/daughter is interested they should pick up a letter from pupil reception and return the reply slip. 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

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 or contact the school office.

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. 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

Please hand any donations into the School Office.



Park Gardening Club

Gardening club is starting after February half term and we need donations of gardening equipment, seeds and compost.

If you have any spare gardening gloves, wellies (in any size), forks and trowels, seed packs and compost bags, or any other useful gardening equipment, please donate to reception where it will be greatly received.

SCHOOL EVENTS

Macbeth Performance 12th February

Our Drama students will be performing the Shakespeare Schools Festival amended script of Macbeth on Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th February 7-8 pm in the School Hall.

We would like this performance to be a 'Pay What You Can' on the evening event. To ensure you reserve your seat please confirm your attendance on a first come first served basis using the Google Form below.

[Macbeth Seat Reservations Form](#)

As this is an amended performance with no interval, refreshments will not be served.

Macbeth Cast Rehearsals W/C 3rd February

Monday

- Monday lunchtime with Mrs Stevens in Dr1 – ALL WITCHES and witches' cauldron.

Tuesday

- Tuesday lunchtime with Mr Carroll in Dr2- The Murders Scene- All involved (both murderers, Ben McElfrick)

Wednesday

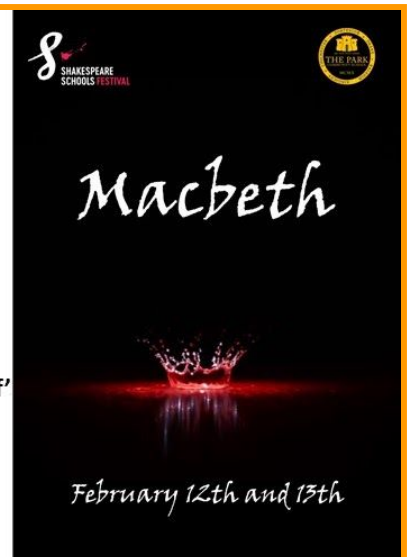
- Wednesday lunchtime with Mr Carroll in Dr2- The Murder of the McDuffs'- McDuff' children, Lady McDuff, Murders AND ROSS (Aban)
- Wednesday lunchtime with Ms Jones in Eng11 Hunny Phillips & Ben McElfrick

Thursday

- Thursday lunchtime with Mrs Stevens in Dr1 – All witches, witches cauldron and apparitions
- FULL CAST REHEARSAL AFTER SCHOOL ON THURSDAY UNTIL 5PM**

SUNDAY 9TH FEB – FULL CAST REHEARSAL FROM 9.30 – 3PM PLEASE BRING YOUR LUNCH AND COSTUMES

KEEP LEARNING YOUR LINES FOLKS – ONLY 1 WEEKS AND 3 DAYS UNTIL FIRST PERFORMANCE!



FRIDAY 27TH MARCH - 7pm

Are you Smarter than a Park Student?

Team Size:	Max 6 People
Location:	Dining 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 28th February 2020. 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:	Cash prize for the winning team.

Proceeds from the event will go to Friends of Park and help to provide invaluable equipment and resources for Park School students.

For more information, please contact Mrs O'Callaghan at jocallaghan@theparkschool.org.uk or Tel 01271 373131.

MATHS INFORMATION

MATHS PUZZLE OF THE WEEK - Week 19

Put your solution in a Maths Puzzle Box by the end of Friday 7th February for a chance of winning the weekly prize

A large rectangle is made by joining three identical small rectangles as shown.



Not drawn accurately

The perimeter of one small rectangle is 15 cm

Work out the perimeter of the large rectangle.

Maths Puzzle of the Week

Each week the maths department issue 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 18 was **Hunnie Williams 9MP**

PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL LOTTERY

This Weeks' Lucky Winner

Congratulations to Mr B who won our biggest prize yet of £36.30.

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. Eleven people have registered to play the lottery, but have not bought a ticket, so are not included in the lottery draw.

Fitbit Offer - check out the offer on the School Lottery page

How the lottery benefits your school

So far we have sold 125 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](#).

KS3 INFORMATION

Year 8 PTE The Langar

Can parents/carers please return the reply slip and payment of £2.30 to Pupil Reception by **Monday 3rd February (deadline extended)**. If students have lost the letter there are spare copies at Pupil Reception. For students with Free School Meals there is no payment required but please return reply slip.

Year 9 Options Key Dates

- **Monday 10th February** - Return completed Options Forms to Tutors
- 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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YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

Year 10 Work Experience

If students have not heard from an employer they have written to, they should contact the employer to ask if a decision has been made. If the student has not secured a placement then they need to use the database below to look for other placements.

Students can adapt the letter they have already written and either post or email their letter.

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

North Devon Hospice Opportunities

The North Devon Hospice have 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](#)

KS4 INFORMATION

Year 10 Mock GCSE & BTEC Exam Timetable

Year 10 students were issued with the Mock and BTEC timetable today, a copy can also be found [here](#) and on our website under the “Events” menu.

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.

Mrs Thomas - Careers Coordinator

Year 11 College Open Events

Please visit the college websites for more information.

Petroc College Open Event - Wednesday 12th February 5-7.30pm

This is the last open event for Year 11 to visit Petroc and see staff to discuss courses for September. There are still students in Year 11 who have not made any applications for courses starting in September. After half term their choices may be more limited as courses are full. Apply for something - you can always change your mind later.
S Thomas

Exeter College

Exeter College Showcase - 23rd April 2020

COMMUNITY INFORMATION



Tarka Learning Partnership Vacancies

Tarka Learning Partnership is seeking to appoint two Site Caretakers for two of the Trust's schools. Please find the link to the job advert, application form and person specification for the roles below, along with the job descriptions for each of the two separate roles.

[Job Links](#)

