



# THE PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

## Weekly Parent Bulletin

Week Commencing 6th May, 2019 - Week 2

### SCHOOL CALENDAR

Date	Event
Mon 6th May	Bank Holiday
Tues 7th May	House Council week
Weds 8th May	PSHEE Information Evening 6.30pm-7.30pm
Thurs 9th May	Ten Tors Event - Leaves at 6pm
	Year 11 photos
	U13 and U15 Cricket vs Pilton (Home) 3.30pm-5pm
Fri 10th May	Year 10 Mock Exams End

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

Year	Topic
8	SS Great Britain Trip - Emailed
7	Chepstow Castle - Emailed

### 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

### Friends of Park Quiz Night

Last Friday saw the Friends of Park (FoP) 'Are you smarter than a Park Pupil?' quiz night. It was a popular and successful evening with vital funds raised for our 'Friends' who will be looking to spend monies earned on directly supporting student activities in school. My thanks to the 'Friends of Park', Mrs O'Callaghan and Mr Williams for supporting this evening. If anyone would like to know more about our Friends of Park please contact the school.

### GCSE Exams

The GCSE exam season is now upon us. Over the past two days Year 11 linguists have been taking their speaking exams. During the two day process they have been exemplary. This week our Year 10 students have also started their trial or mock examinations learning how the process will be for them in twelve months time.

### Exmoor Challenge

Over the weekend Park teams will be undertaking the Exmoor Challenge. A 'mere' 16 mile self supported hike heading across Exmoor from Dulverton. An early start for our teams who have a considerable challenge ahead as Park Team 1, won the event last year. Good luck to all those involved.

### Junior Team

Mia Fordham, Jack Partridge, Liam O'Brien, Maddie Phillips

### Senior Team

James Figes, Amelia Pengelley, Will Pengelley, Lily Gullon

### Curriculum Development 2019

My thanks to the parents who attended one of the two information sessions last week concerning our curriculum and school day changes. After the presentation and subsequent Q&A sessions parents were able to see the ideas, rationale and considerable work behind the proposed changes. If you would like to share your views and thoughts please remember to email [feedback@theparkschool.org.uk](mailto:feedback@theparkschool.org.uk); details about the proposals are available on our website. I am undertaking

student assemblies this week and next to present the proposals, changes and seek feedback from students.

### Year 8 Parents Evening

Thursday evening was Year 8 parents' evening. We have listened to feedback from previous parents' evenings around venues, seating and waiting areas. We would welcome any feedback from Year 8 parents on their experiences of Thursday evening to see what further improvements we can make. Please email [feedback@theparkschool.org.uk](mailto:feedback@theparkschool.org.uk) with any suggestions.

### Pick Up, Drop Off and Car Parking

Can I thank parents who have responded to our request not to use the bus turning circle to pick up and drop off students. In our Student Voice sessions the students often explain how dangerous it can be in this area with cars quickly pulling in and 'swerving' around other vehicles. The Park and Ride car park is the appropriate venue to pick up and drop off. Can I also ask for your consideration when using Chichester Road, this is a residents only area and quite rightly our neighbours are upset when their driveways are blocked by other road users.

*Gareth Roscoe - Headteacher*

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN TRAINING TO BECOME A TEACHER?

For more information and to book your place, please read the attached letter and flyer about our NDTSA Train to Teach Open Evening on Wednesday 22nd May at 5pm.

[NDTSA Letter](#)

[NDTSA Flyer](#)



## 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**

## SOUTH WEST POLICE SOCIAL MEDIA APP BULLETIN

This document contains apps/websites of note that have appeared in Child Sexual Exploitation or Abuse cases in the South West region for the month. The document may also contain apps/websites that are prominent in other regions or are believed to be an emerging issue.

[Social Media App Bulletin](#)

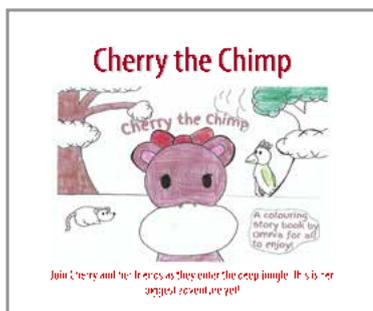
## DONATIONS NEEDED FOR THRIFT UNIFORM AND PE KIT

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.

## 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](mailto: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 11 GCSE PE REVISION SESSIONS

- **Thursday 2nd May** - After school (Balcony room - Mr Slee/ Mr Sloman)
- **Tuesday 7th May** - After school (Balcony room - Mr Slee/ Miss Whiskin)
- **Thursday 9th May** - After school (Balcony room - Mr Galliford)
- **Tuesday 14th May** - After school (Balcony room - Mr Slee/ Miss Whiskin)
- **Wednesday 15th May** - Revision breakfast (Tech 2 - Mr Slee/Mr Galliford)

### YEAR 10 TASTER DAYS

Petroc Taster Day is on Thursday 27th June 2019. Students have all had a briefing from the College about the day and in their Tutor Groups are signing up for their choices. Any students that miss the signing up session will need to do it in their own time. The deadline is Friday 10th May. Parent Permission Form to follow.

Exeter College Taster Day is Monday 1st July 2019. Students need to collect a letter with all the information from Pupil Reception. The deadline to return the Parent Permission form and sign up for activities is Friday 17th May.

Students can attend both days. Transport will be provided for the Exeter College visit. Any queries contact Mrs Thomas.

### 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.

## CAREERS ADVICE

### NHS CAREERS

Years 9, 10 and 11. The following NHS Careers Guides are available from the Careers Library in the Main School Library. Ask the Librarian Mrs Veale or see Mrs Thomas.

- Careers in Allied Health Professions
- Careers in the Ambulance Service
- Careers in Dental Care
- Careers in Health Informatics in the NHS
- Careers in Healthcare Science
- Careers in Management
- Careers in Medicine
- Careers in Midwifery
- Careers in Nursing
- Careers in Pharmacy
- Careers in Psychological Therapies
- Careers in Public Health

### CAREER PILOT

[www.careerpilot.org.uk](http://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.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS/ INFORMATION



### DANCE IN A DAY

Join Dance in Devon, Choreographer Kay Crook and Musician Cam Crook for a day of creative, fun and inclusive dance workshops working towards creating a 'Dance in a Day' to share with each other, parents and friends.

Dance in a Day will run in partnership with the following venues across Devon during May half term 2019.

Wednesday  
29th May 2019  
West Buckland School  
Barnstaple  
10am - 4pm  
Ages: 12 - 16

Thursday  
30th May 2019  
Exeter Phoenix  
10am - 4pm  
Ages: 9 - 13

Friday  
31st May 2019  
Ashburton Arts  
10am - 4pm  
Ages: 9 - 13

Participants will form a dance company for one day, facing an intensive challenge to learn new creative skills and work together to be ready to perform their piece at the end of the day! Participants also have the chance to work with a musician to discover and play with the creation of music alongside movement.

Experience: It's all about working together to explore and create a new dance piece, come with tonnes of experience or none at all!

Cost: £30 (plus booking fee) At Ashburton Arts Centre £30/£20/£10 - pay what you can afford - thanks to kind support from Ashburton Arts.

How to Book: Bookings via Eventbrite search 'Dance in a Day'  
Contact: info@danceindevon.org.uk



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## SPRING FAYRE

St John the Baptist Church, Newport are holding a Spring Fayre on Saturday 11th May from 10.00am to 12.00 noon. Stalls include cakes, plants, books, crafts, bric-a-brac and childrens' toys. There will be fun activities for children, raffle and refreshments. Entry is free and all are welcome.

Proceeds in aid of the church's provision of space and service for the local community. If you have any good quality bric-a-brac, books, childrens' toys (must be clean and complete) or anything else you wish to donate, please contact Nicola Kennaugh on 01271 549248 who will be happy to collect.

## STEM RETURNERS PROGRAMME FOR RETURNING ENGINEERS WITH BABCOCK IN PLYMOUTH.

Have you taken a career break from an engineering or a technical sector and wish to return? Are you working below your experience in a different sector? Do you have an engineering or technical degree that you aren't using? Do you just wish to transfer sectors but don't have any experience? Have you got previous experience of working in the Royal Navy? If so this could be the opportunity for you! After the unprecedented success of the first programme, we are currently sourcing candidates for the 2nd Babcock 'STEM Returners' programme, a 13 week, fully paid and supported return to work programme starting in September 2019 in Devonport Dockyard in Plymouth. All candidates will also have the opportunity to obtain a permanent role at the end of the programme. No career break is too long, register to return to STEM today! For more information please visit [www.stemreturners.com](http://www.stemreturners.com) or email [hello@stemreturners.com](mailto:hello@stemreturners.com).

More information on the programme is also available here: <https://www.stemreturners.com/2019/05/02/babcock-releases-fourth-stem-returners-programme-plymouth-attract-back-talented-career-break-engineers/>



Friday 17th May - 7pm

## Maths, Music, Beauty and Harmony

*An evening of music and inspirational mathematics talk by Kingsley School Bideford and Ben Sparks*



*Outstanding achievements,  
outstanding individuals.*

[WWW.KINGSLEYSCHOOLBIDEFORD.CO.UK](http://WWW.KINGSLEYSCHOOLBIDEFORD.CO.UK)

## FREE NHS SLEEP WORKSHOP

Please see attached flyer regarding an NHS workshop on 15th May at Chivenor. Aimed at people struggling to sleep and providing techniques to help you sleep better. [Sleep Workshop Flyer](#)