



THE PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Weekly Parent Bulletin

Week Commencing 10th September, 2018 - Week 2

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Date	Event
Tues 11th Sept	Parent Partnership Session - A Parent's Induction into The Park Community School 6.45pm in Room ICT3 (See below for more info)
Thurs 13th Sept	Year 10 Transition Evening 6-7pm School Hall (See Below)

[FOOD AT PARK](#)

The Autumn terms menu's have been added to our website on our [website food page.](#)

Main meals are £1.80, and 2 courses are £2.30. Breakfast club opens 8.15am-8.45am.

WELCOME BACK TO ALL OUR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

A warm welcome to our new students and their parents/carers and a welcome back to all our current students and their families. I hope you have had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break.

Welcome to the first edition of our weekly news, updates and briefing for parents.

It was great to see the school full again after the summer break with the students looking extremely smart in their uniform. I have taken assemblies this week to stress the importance of standards around a variety of areas, including uniform. Can I thank parents for their continued support.

We have been busy over the summer break with many school improvement projects, I am sure that students will have explained about the new Geography, English and Science rooms. These new rooms will all help to provide a better learning environment for our students.

In addition to welcoming back the students, we have welcomed many new staff to start work here at Park. Mr Slee, our new Head of PE is working with the PE department to organise the sporting calendar with fixtures and training sessions starting soon. Mr Carroll, our new Head of Drama is working with the Performing Arts team to schedule rehearsals for the forthcoming production of 'School of Rock' and Mr Ratcliffe will return from Bude with Year 10 at the end of the day on Friday and start planning for Ten Tors, Duke of Edinburgh training and the Uganda 2019 visit. As you can see we have got off to the new start of term with a real bang!

Future dates to note in your calendar can be found on our website under the menu "Events", "School Calendar". You can also click on the link [+ Google Calendar](#) (on the calendar) to add the School Calendar to your phone or computer to keep you instantly up to date. We also list the term dates up to 2020 on the website.

Please take some time to read our parent bulletin and note key dates, time and activities. If you have any questions please email admin@parkschool.org.uk or call in to see our reception team.

Gareth Roscoe - Headteacher

KS3 INFORMATION

CLASS CHARTS



ClassCharts

Year 7 students have received their code today to login to Class Charts. They can login via the internet on a computer, smart phone or tablet either using a web browser or through the app which can be downloaded.

Students should use this to see what homework has been set for them, how many merits they have received and if they have any behaviour points.

During next week, I will be sending home the codes for parents/carers so you can also see the Class Charts information.

Mr Tamlyn - Deputy Headteacher

OTHER CLUBS AND NOTICES

Badminton Club starts on Wednesday 12th September in the sports hall, 3.30pm - 4.30pm. All welcome!

'School of Rock' - There will be a meeting for all cast and crew of 'School of Rock' in Drama Room 2 on Monday (10/09/18) lunchtime. RC

Homework Football Club: Starts week beginning 10 September: Y8 – Thursdays; Y9 – Wednesdays; Y11 – Tuesdays

Y11: Football Training on Mondays on the astro starting week beginning 10 September, 3.30pm-4.30pm.

More clubs will be starting over the next couple of weeks.

'Everything Ellie' - Park School Charity of the Year - Please donate any 1p, 2p, 5p and old £1 coins – please give them either to your tutor, Mrs O'Callaghan or pupil reception. Also, please ask at home if there are any old, unwanted but usable shoes that you can donate to our shoe bank.



DON'T FORGET!
YOU CAN HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR
SCHOOL WHEN SHOPPING ONLINE

- Go to the Park Community School website.
- Click the School Angel link and select your retailer.



By going through School Angel, the retailer will make a donation to our school every time you make a purchase.

Thank you for your support!



Park School Thrift Shop

Second Hand Uniform

Available from Pupil Reception
and Main Reception

Price List

Blazer	£7.50
Long-sleeve House top	£2.00
Trousers	£2.00
White shirt	£2.00
Jumper	£2.00
Skirt	£2.00
Tie	£1.00
White polo shirt	£1.00

We are always grateful to receive any items of uniform that your child has grown out of and are still in good condition. If you have any queries please contact the School Office.

NEW PARENT/CARER WEEKLY SESSIONS
DON'T MISS THE FIRST SESSION ON TUESDAY 11TH SEPT 6.45PM - 8PM IN ROOM ICT3

At the start of the new school year, weekly sessions are arranged to offer our new parent's/carers helpful information and advice on various topics - please see a copy of this year's flyer below for more information about the sessions.

When you arrive for a session, you can park your car in the staff car park and a member of staff will meet you at our old reception entrance at the North block and show you where to go. Look out for the signs!

We hope that all new parents have received a copy of this Flyer. The full printable version is available on our website on the Parent Partnership page under the "Parents" menu, or click the following link.

[Parent Partnership Flyer 2018](#)

5 STEPS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

We really hope you can make all or some of these evenings. Previous attendees felt a lot more relaxed and more able to help their child with this important stage of their education.

You'll come away feeling that you're not alone; that you are doing a great job as a parent/carer and remembering that knowledge is power!

Please just turn up on the night, if you have any questions please contact the school on Tel: 01271 373131.

A Parent's Induction Into The Park Community School

Tues 11th Sept, 6.45pm - 8.00pm in Room ICT3

The session will begin with a tour of the school. We will then return to room ICT3 to discuss all of those everyday issues: communication, homework, merits, discipline, clubs, the house system, who is who and anything else you wish to find out about.

Staff (including senior team members and governors) and members of the Parent Partnership will be available to chat and share their knowledge of the school with you.

Supporting Your Child's Learning at Park

Tues 18th Sept, 7pm - 8pm in Room ICT3

This is an opportunity to learn about the school systems which support your child's learning and progress, as well as the chance to find out what you can do to continue this learning at home.

There will be information from the Progress Leaders, who track your child's academic progress, and from the SENDCO who co-ordinates a range of support for students at Park School.

SENDCO = Special Educational Needs & Disabilities Co-ordinator.

My Child and the Internet - What do I need to know?

Tues 25th Sept, 7pm - 8pm in Room ICT3

This session is hosted by our Head of Computing - Mr Williams.

Life is very different from when you were at school!

Learn how computers can be your child's greatest friend and education aid, but also about the risks that the online world can pose.

Pastoral System & PSHEE

Tues 2nd Oct, 7pm - 8pm in Room ICT3

This session will explain the pastoral system and what it means to be part of the house system at Park. Members of the house teams will present information and take questions.

Our PSHEE coordinator will explain the content of your child's PSHEE lessons and what they will learn in this subject.

PSHEE = Personal, Social, Health & Emotional Education.

What's Happening To My Little Darling?

Tues 9th Oct, 7pm - 8pm in Room ICT3

This support session is one you really don't want to miss.

As your child moves in to adolescence you will leave feeling empowered and, maybe have a bit more understanding of your child's behaviour and needs.



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Generations of Success

Choosing your secondary school?

"You won't regret your choice to join Park. The academic, personal, musical and sporting opportunities are unbelievable!" Year 11 Leaver.

Visit our Open Events 20th-27th September to see Park in action.

Open Evening

Thursday 20th September at 5.45pm

A Park School Showcase for all the family – visit, tour, experience. Headteacher Talks at 6.15pm and 7.00pm.

Open Days

24th-27th September Daily 9.10am - 11.10am

Park School in Action – join Park lessons for a morning and meet students and staff.

For year 5 & 6 pupils and parents/carers.



Tarka
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The Park Community School is part of the Tarka Learning Partnership

PARK ALUMNI

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


**THE PARK
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ALUMNI
 Building a past-student community at Park School
 Are YOU a past student from
 The Park Community School/
 Barnstaple Grammar School?
 Could YOU contribute something back to your old
 school/community?
 Could YOU help motivate and inspire current
 students?
 Could YOU share your work and life experiences?

If you are a past student or know of anyone who would like to give something back to their old school or even just stay in touch and attend a reunion, then all you need to do is to get them to sign up at:
<https://networks.futurefirst.org.uk/former-student/park>

Past students can help in any of the following ways:

- Talk to current students about what you've been up to since leaving.
- Tell current students what you wish you could now say to reassure your 15 year old self.
- Act as a mentor to current students (in person and/or online).
- Provide work shadowing or work experience opportunities for current students.
- Re-connect with your year group.
- Be on a poster displayed in school " I went to Park School and now I am"
- Fundraise/Donate for a specific school need.
- Apply to become a Governor.
- Present awards for your House or Awards Event.

KS4 INFORMATION

YEAR 10 TRANSITION EVENING

Dear Parent/Carer

You are warmly invited to our year 10 Transition Evening on the 13th September from 6pm-7pm in the main hall. The evening will give you key information regarding your child's GCSEs. There will be a number of presentations delivering tips and tricks for a successful GCSE transition.

Please look out for your email invitation with a google form to RSVP your attendance; we hope to see you all there on Thursday.

Regards,

Mrs Mills

Assistant Headteacher - Progress Leader for years 10 and 11.

YEAR 11 ENGLISH TRIPS

We have a few spare places on the Year 11 Romeo & Juliet and Macbeth school trips (26th/27th Sept). Students should see Mrs Jones in English Room 10 if interested.

YEAR 11 CAREER EVENTS

Upcoming career events:-

- October 4th **Options at 16+ Evening** - for all Year 11 Students and Parents at Park.
- October 10th **Petroc Open Evening**
- October 18th **Apprenticeship Information Evening** - for any Year 11 Students and Parents who want to know more about apprenticeships at Park.

Year 11 Careers Interviews start again on Wednesday 12th Sept. If any parent feels their child would benefit from a Careers interview with Careers South West please email Mrs Thomas sthomas@theparkschool.org.uk

18th-20th February 2019 - **Babcock International Routes into STEM Plymouth** - Click the attached [flyer link](#) for more information. There are only 30 spaces so don't delay if interested in applying.



Year 10 Parent Information Transition Evening

13th September 2018

6:00-7:00 pm in the School Hall

Year 10 pupils and their parents/carers are invited to an evening to support students in their transition into key stage 4.

We will be providing a wealth of information to help you support your child such as:

- The new linear exams
- Revision strategies and coping methods
- A parent's view
- Creating a positive home learning environment
- Tips and tricks for a successful GCSE

We hope you can join us. Any further information please contact Mrs. A Mills.

Assistant Head KS4 Progress Leader



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WHEN YOU DREAM DREAM BIG

VISIT US AT ONE OF OUR OPEN DAYS...

WEDNESDAY 10 OCTOBER 2018	5PM - 8PM
THURSDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2018	5PM - 8PM
TUESDAY 22 JANUARY 2019	5PM - 7:30PM
SATURDAY 9 MARCH 2019	10AM - 2PM