



THE PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Weekly Parent Bulletin

Week Commencing 12th November, 2018 - Week 2

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Date	Event
Mon 12th Nov	Friends of Park AGM Meeting 7pm School Conference Room
Tues 13th Nov	Year 10 Rugby v Bideford (Away) 3.30-5.30pm
Weds 14th Nov	U16 boys rugby tournament P1-6 9.10am-3.20pm
	Year 11 Leavers Presentation 7-9pm Dining Hall
	U14 ND Netball 2.30-5pm (Home)
Thurs 15th Nov	Year 11 Parents Evening 4-6pm
	Year 8 Football v South Molton 4-5.30pm
Sat 17th Nov	Ten Tors Training Dartmoor - meet at 9am by reception.

FOOD AT PARK

The Autumn term menus 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.

LETTERS ISSUED THIS WEEK - BY STUDENT POST

Check below to see if your child should have a letter.
(Copy on website or click link)

Year	Topic
Y10/11	Monitoring reports emailed home

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Remembrance



History Department poppy display

The school has been involved this week in many events to mark our respect and remember those who have died serving our country. The History department has involved students in writing 'poppies' and created a moving and wonderful display. Please see our Twitter/Facebook images of the displays.

Our senior students and members of our choir accompanied Mr Street and myself today, taking a leading part in the Children's Service in Rock Park whilst the remainder of the school observed a minutes silence at 11:00am.



Children's Remembrance Service

Tarka Learning Partnership (TLP)

As parents/carers will be aware we undertook a consultation exercise last year with a view to joining the TLP. As a reminder, the TLP is a new Multi-Academy Trust formed by local schools. The TLP is now in operation and its members include Eden Park Community Primary Academy, Newport Community Primary Academy, Landkey Community Primary Academy and Sticklepath Community Primary Academy. Park School membership has been delayed due to issues around the formal land transfer and ownership/condition of Hiern Drive. I am pleased to report that these issues have nearly been concluded and that Park will convert to become an academy as a member of TLP from 1st February 2019.

Parents/carers may also notice a consultation regarding the new free school to be built in Roundswell. Park School may be mentioned as part of the consultation process as we have been identified as the link secondary school to the new primary. The current consultation is concerning funding for the new school and not the building of the school.

Can I highlight that membership of the TLP and becoming the link secondary school for the new community primary academy at Roundswell will not change our admission criteria; Park School will remain

as the nominated secondary school for any current feeder schools.

Sports Results.

The past two weeks have seen a fantastic run of results from teams across the school. All our football teams have made it to the North Devon finals whilst our U16 Netball team will be competing in the Devon finals at Exeter university. Congratulations to all students and coaches on this success. I am sure you'll join me in wishing all teams well for their respective finals.

Snow and Bad Weather Protocol

It is that time of year again to remind parents/carers of our Bad Weather Protocol, you can read the full policy on our website under "About Park", "School Policies J-Z", "Snow and Bad Weather Policy".

In the event of the onset of bad weather that may or may not be judged as a Health and Safety risk, the school will post information as soon as possible on the school website and email details to parents. We will also publish any notices using Twitter and Facebook. Please do not immediately phone the school as phone lines can become overwhelmed and affect communications.

Gareth Roscoe - Headteacher

CELEBRATING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

We are currently collating content for the Autumn/Winter Park News and would like to hear about the achievements of students outside of school in a variety of activities - sport, music, drama, charity work, volunteering, etc.

If you have any good news stories please share them with us, so we can join the celebrations. Kindly email the school using: admin@theparkschool.org.uk with photos and any details.

Many thanks

COMMUNITY EVENTS/INFORMATION

Children In Need Tapathon

Next weekend, Science Teaching Assistant Jade Quick will be taking part in a world record attempt Tapathon for Children In Need. We are aware that some students may also be taking part in the event, with their respective dance schools, it would be nice to know who these students are, to include names in a piece that Jade will be writing for the Autumn/Winter Park News. Any photos taken of students during the event would also be appreciated.

SCHOOL TRIPS



Ski 2019

There are 2 places available on the 2019 Ski trip. The trip departs on 6th April and returns on 13th April. Each student who has joined us on the trip has had a wonderful time. If interested, students should collect a letter from Pupil Reception.

Thank you, Mrs Freeman

Bude/Torquay Residentials

Deposits are now due for the Year 10 Bude residential and the Year 7 Torquay residential by Thursday 1st November. If you would like your child to attend these residentials, please pay the deposit as soon as possible via Wisepay or cheque payable to "The Park Community School".

Barcelona/France/Ski Trip

Please kindly keep up with payments according to the payment schedule, as we are regularly paying the travel companies and it is important we have sufficient funds to do so. Many thanks

SPORTS NEWS

Open to any girls in Year 7 to 11. There is a FREE rugby training session at Bideford RFC on Monday 12th November. 6pm until 7:30.



School of Rock Rehearsals This Week!
(Week Commencing 12th Nov)

Tuesday Lunch: Dewey, Zack with Mr Street in Music room 2

Tuesday 3:30pm:

Scene 7 - All students in the classroom with RC in Dr2.
Dewey's Confession (Dewey & all parents) with Mrs Stevens in D1

Wednesday Lunch - Full band, Dewey, Zack with Mr Street.
Wednesday 3:30pm: Mus2 - **Full Band, Dewey, Zack, Summer & Rosalie**

Thursday 3:30pm Full Cast! From Scene 7 - Continuing through ACT 2.

KS3 INFORMATION

ENGLISH HOMEWORK CLUB

The English department are now running year 7-10 drop-in sessions on Tuesday and Thursday's in room Eng10 at 3.20pm-4.05pm. These are for students to get help from English teachers with homework or classwork questions or concerns.

KS4 INFORMATION



Don't
Forget!

YEAR 11 PARENTS EVENING

Year 11 parents/carers, just to remind you about the parents evening on Thursday 15th November. English, Maths and

Science will be held in the Dining Hall as usual, other subjects that were normally located in the School Hall will be found in Maths and MFL classrooms. There will be clear signage to show you where to go when you arrive at the school.

YEAR 10 AND 11 - CAREERS

As there have been so many enquiries about careers in the Army I have arranged for two Army Careers Advisers to be in school on Friday 30th November. Students in Year 10 or 11 who want an army careers interview or just some information need to email Mrs Thomas, sthomas@theparkschool.org.uk, to say what information they are looking for. Please email by Friday 16th November.

Mrs Thomas - Careers Coordinator

YEAR 11 COLLEGE AND 6TH FORM OPEN EVENTS

Bridgwater Cannington Campus (Land Based Courses)

Sat 17th Nov 10.00 – 13.00

Exeter College Open Evening

Wed 21st Nov 17.00 – 20.00

Duchy College Sat 24th Nov 17.00 – 20.00

Bideford College 6th Form

Thur 29th Nov 17.00-20.00

Kingsley School 6th Form Tues 27th 19.00. Book a place Tel 01237 426200 or email admissions@kingsleyschoolbideford.co.uk

NCS – NATIONAL CITIZENSHIP SERVICE

Year 11 students can sign up for the National Citizenship Service Summer Activity. They will have a stand at the Year 11 Parents Evening on Thursday 15th Nov. [Click link](#) for more information.

APPRENTICESHIPS – INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

For Parents that would like to know more about Apprenticeships the National Apprenticeship Service has produced a [Parent Pack](#) to explain the changes. [Click Link](#).

GCSE ART/PHOTOGRAPHY TWILIGHTS

There are Art and Photography twilight sessions for Year 10s on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. Students can attend if they have any outstanding work. The computer suite is also available for those students needing to catch up or print out images.

HISTORY REVISION

If any parents would like to support their children with history revision but do not know how, then please get in touch with their History teacher who will be happy to help.

There are revision support books available for all 4 GCSE modules at pupil reception. They can be purchased for £10.50. They contain key content, questions to practice and model answers. They are available for new Year 10 History students and any Year 11s who have not yet purchased them.

YEAR 11 REVISION SESSION 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.

YEAR 11 ENGLISH REVISION

[Year 11 English Tutor sessions](#)

Year 11 English Tutor sessions are now running on Mondays-Thursdays 8.50-9.10. Parents/carers will have received an email if your child is expected to attend these sessions. If invited, your child has been informed, and has been asked to attend either the week 1 or week 2 sessions. If you have any questions, please contact: mjones@theparkschool.org.uk

[Year 11 English Drop-in And Revision Sessions](#)


The drop-in sessions are before school 8-8.30am. There are also revision sessions on a Tuesday lunchtime week 1 and also Friday after school week 1 and 2. All times and rooms for these sessions are on the Year 11 Revision Session timetable. Please encourage your son/daughter to attend these sessions as and when appropriate to help with any questions or areas of concern.

PSHEE (PERSONAL SOCIAL HEALTH AND ECONOMIC EDUCATION)

Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education is an important part of the curriculum for all students. There is a structured programme of personal and social development, encouraging healthy approaches to life, taught during Tutor time. The following topics will be covered on 14th November.

Year	Topic
Year 7	Communication: Body language
Year 8	Keeping safe online : Sexting
Year 9	Labour market information (careers)
Year 10	Role models and influencers
Year 11	Financial education and budgeting

Anne Duthuit - PSHEE Coordinator




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