



THE PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Weekly Parent Bulletin

Week Commencing 13th January 2020 - Week 1

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Date	Event
Mon 13th Jan	Friends of Park Meeting 7pm - Conference Room
Tues 14th Jan	Year 7-10 Netball League 1 3.30pm (Home)
	Year 8 and Year 9 Rugby Fixture (Home) 3.30pm-5.00pm
Thurs 16th Jan	U12 Triangulars Round 2
	Year 11 Parents' Evening 4pm - 7pm
	Year 7 and Year 10 Rugby Fixture (Bideford School - Moreton Park) 3.30pm-5.00pm
	Girls Football Fixture (South Molton Community College) 3.20-5.45pm
Sat 18th Jan	Devon Schools Cross Country Championships 9.45am-1.30pm Stover School
	Ten Tors Practice 5 (2 days)

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

Year	Topic
Year 9	Year 9 Options Evening Invite (Emailed)
Year 8/9	HPV Vaccination Date Change (Emailed)
Ski Trip 2020	Ski Trip Forms (issued to students)

[Headteacher Update](#)

Happy New Year

A belated happy new year to all students, parents, staff and members of our community. I hope the break was relaxing and an opportunity to find some rest and reflect on 2019. We managed to pack an awful lot into the last term, details of which can be found in the forthcoming edition of Park News. The week in school has been a mixture of reflection and forward planning; for both students and staff.

Our Year 11 students find themselves in the last calendar year of their formal education as this is the last full term for them in school with GCSE examinations approaching quickly. The Year 11 parents evening next Thursday will provide a chance for parents and staff to discuss mock exam results, progress, revision and next steps. We hope as many parents as possible will join us for this important evening.

Many Year 11 students have started to plan for life after Park. On Thursday after school we welcomed a number of guests into school to present information and options regarding apprenticeships. There are some fantastic opportunities for work based training within North Devon. Please contact Serena Thomas for more information.

Year 10 students are organising work experience placements, although the work experience week is not until the end of the summer term. Our performers are busy rehearsing Macbeth ready for the production in February whilst the explorers have been planning Ten Tors training and finding out more about the forthcoming visits to Madrid and Poland.

We are also putting the finishing touches to our GCSE offer for next year and students in Year 9 will shortly learn more about options, courses available and timescales for information and the completion of option forms. As the school grows in size we can offer a wider range of courses but the structure of our options process has to change to allow our school timetable to work. The options process for 2020/21 will be different than the past few years so please take time to read letters and booklets and attend the Year 9 Options Evening on 23rd January. You may want to add this date to your calendar if you haven't already done so.

School computer systems

Following the theme of planning for the future, during this term we will be migrating to a new school Management Information System (MIS). As you may imagine this is a large task for us as we use our MIS for many varied tasks, registration, student and parent contact details, timetables, assessment and reporting, HR, etc. We are confident that our new system will provide an enhanced service for the school and allow for a new parental app 'My Child at School' for home/school communications.

To ensure the transfer of data is as seamless as possible can you please ensure our school office has up to date contact details, contact numbers, email addresses, emergency contact details, etc. If you are in any doubt please call into or contact reception on the usual school number or email admin@theparkschool.org.uk.

Thank you for your support and understanding as we migrate to our new systems.

Gareth Roscoe - Headteacher

Attendance - Medical Appointments

We require prior notice from parents/carers of any medical appointments that students attend before registration. When an appointment is pre booked could you please inform the school office. If your child arrives at school after an appointment and we have not been informed by parent/carer - evidence will be required i.e. hospital letter, appointment card, copy of text/email of appointment confirmation.

Year 9 Options Evening

You are invited to attend our Year 9 Options Evening on Thursday 23rd January 2020. The evening will run from 4.30 - 6.30 pm with repeated talks in the Canteen at 4.30 and 5.30 pm.

Each subject will have a stand in the School Hall with members of staff available to help decisions throughout the evening. The Study and Support Centre will be on hand in MFL5.

A link to the options booklet will be sent in advance of the Options Evening and students will also receive a hard copy after their options assembly.

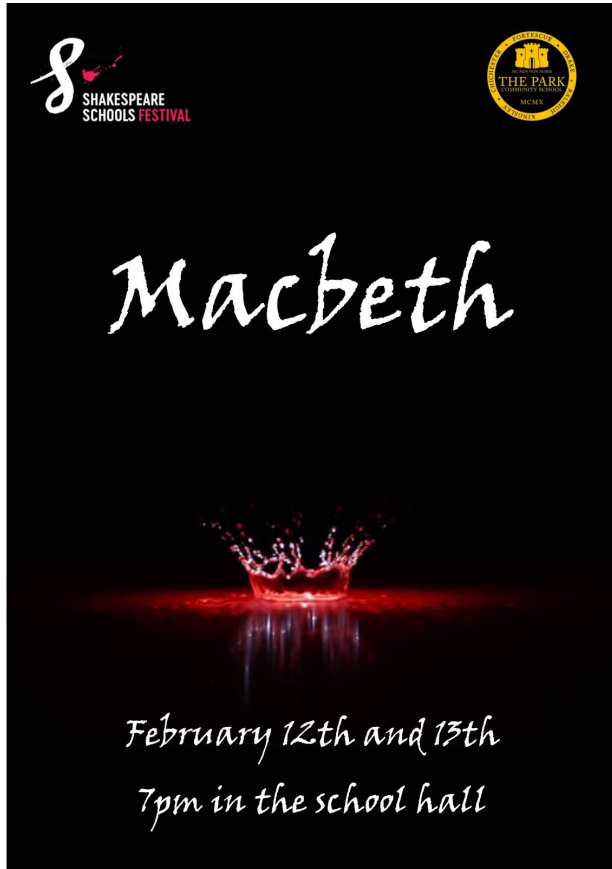
We appreciate your support with this.

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 at the end of each term 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.

SCHOOL EVENTS



Macbeth Performance

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 Week Commencing 14th January

Monday Lunchtime

Monday lunchtime with Mr Carroll in Dr2 - Act 5: Scene 2 – Aban Aslam, James Verney

Tuesday Lunchtime

Tuesday lunchtime with Mr Carroll in Dr2 - Act 4: Scene 3 – Libby West, Jack Morris, Hannah Piers Act 3: Scene James Verney, Aban Aslam

Tuesday lunchtime with Mrs Stevens in Dr1 - All witches –

Witch's cauldron can attend

Wednesday Lunchtime

Wednesday lunchtime with Ms Jones in Eng11 - Hunny Phillips & Ben McElfrick

Thursday Lunchtime

Thursday Lunchtime with LS Dr1 **WITCHES** Isabella Elston, Lucia Malfait, Matilda Hill, Lilly Dewberry Kianna Lewis, Emily Dodwell, Heidi Smith, Rosina Smith, Leah Dony, Florence Skinner, Niamh McLaughlin, Amber Blundell, Ben McElfrick, Zahi Kanji, Emily Drury, Neah Dehman and Emily (**Apparitions Scene**)

Thursday Afternoon

FULL CAST REHEARSAL AFTER SCHOOL - we will start with Act 3 Scene 4 - The Banquet Scene.

Park Community School Lottery

Congratulations to Miss C who has won £34.80 on this week's lottery.

If you think this may be you, please check your spam folder to see if you have received an email.



A ticket costs £1 per week and 40% of the money raised goes to Friends of Park school projects. Each ticket will also enter you in TWO weekly draws:

1. A jackpot prize draw for £25,000
2. A £30 Guaranteed Local Prize Draw (this will go up as more tickets are sold)

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](#).

MATHS INFORMATION

Maths Puzzle of the Week

MATHS PUZZLE OF THE WEEK - Week 16

Put your solution in a Maths Puzzle Box by the end of Friday 17th January for a chance of winning the weekly prize.

Nick has a 6-digit code.

He remembers it as three 2-digit numbers.

The first number is between 10 and 20.

The second number is 3 times the first number.

The third number is 5 times the first number.

All six digits are **different**.

Work out the code.

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.

Week 15 winner is **Sam Puttipap 10DG**

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.

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. There is a student meeting in Maths 5 at 1.20pm on Tuesday 14th January, all students should attend as important information will be given.

Ski Trip 2020

We have issued the Parental Consent Form and Collective Passport Questionnaire to students this week, please complete and return the forms by **Friday 17th January**.

We still have limited places left on our April 2020 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.

The balance should now be paid for this trip.

KS4 INFORMATION

Year 11 Parents' Evening

Students have been issued with the Parents Evening letter. The event is being held on January 16th, 2020, please make a note in your diary.

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 NCS Update

Places are now filling up quickly, and NCS are operating a waiting list for the first start date. Forty-eight students from Park have signed up already. There is a reminder of the programme dates below. Students may want to consider the last start date if they are available for it as there are more spaces available for this date which means they are more likely to guarantee their spot and be able to go with friends!

29/06/2020 – 24/07/2020 *FULLY BOOKED*

13/07/2020 – 31/07/2020 - FINAL SPACES REMAINING

27/07/2020 – 21/08/2020 - AVAILABLE

The £30 promotion for NCS has now ended and the price has returned to £50 (bursaries are still available on request), however students who sign before 20th January will be invited to the FREE Air Extreme Take Over Event on 30th Jan (depending on availability – invite attached). Students who have already signed up to the programme will have received their invite already.



For more information and to sign up visit their website <https://wearencs.com/>



College Open Events

Please visit the college websites for more information.

Petroc College

Wednesday 12th February 5-7.30pm

Saturday 13th June 11am-1pm

Exeter College

Whole College Open Event - 15th January 2020

Exeter College Showcase - 23rd April 2020

Careers in Agriculture

Has your child considered a career linked to Agriculture?

Have a look at this interesting [booklet](#) to learn more about the range of careers within the agriculture industry.

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 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](#)



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in the Top 5 of National Training Providers*



Come along to the
venues below between
5.30 and 6.30pm

14 January 2020

Manor Primary,
Ivybridge

29 January 2020

Newport Community
School, Barnstaple

24 February 2020

Trinity CofE Primary,
Exeter

10 March 2020

Elburton Primary

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