



THE PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Weekly Parent Bulletin

Week Commencing 13th May, 2019 - Week 1

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Date	Event
Mon 13th May	GCSE Exams Start
	Friends of Park Meeting 7pm Conference Room
Tues 14th May	Rounders Match Year 7-10 at Bideford College 3.30pm-6.30pm
	U13 and U15 Cricket vs Pilton (Home) 3.30-5pm
Weds 15th May	School Council 12pm-1pm
	ND School Athletics Championships at Braunton 9am-4pm
Thurs 16th May	U13 and U15 Cricket Match v Ilfracombe 3.30-5.30pm

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

Year	Topic
11	Exam Preparations Timetable (Emailed)
7	Chepstow Trip (Emailed)
8	SS Great Britain Trip (Emailed)

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Year 11 Exam Preparation

Many parents will be aware that formal GCSE exams have started. An exam support and preparation timetable has been emailed to year 11 parents, a further copy for next week is also available in this bulletin. Having visited many Year 11 lessons over the past few weeks it has been really encouraging to see how mature the students have been in their approach to revision and study during lessons.

Year 10 Mock exams

This week saw the end of the Year 10 mock exams. The students have coped well during this period and quickly understood the exam process, entry routines and conduct. The mock exams are a useful mid term point to see what progress has been made, allow each student to benchmark themselves against exam criteria and plan for the remainder of the GCSE course. Whilst the final examinations may be a year away we know how quickly this time will pass.

Exmoor Challenge

Congratulations to the students who took part in the Exmoor Challenge last weekend.



The Exmoor Challenge is a 16 mile timed walk around the area near Dulverton, Tarr Steps and Anstey Common. Competitors must navigate and travel between check points within a certain time. The route must take no more than 5 hours. The weather

was lovely, not too hot and not too cold with barely any rain. Our teams went out at around 10:45am and arrived back around 4:00pm. Both Park teams performed well with Park 2 winning the senior mixed team event.

The Junior Team: Mia Fordham, Jack Partridge, Liam O'Brien, Maddie Phillips

The Senior Team: James Figes, Amelia Pengelley, Will Pengelley, Lily Gullon

This follows from our Mixed team victory at last years event, for more information see :

<https://www.devonlive.com/news/local-news/photos--hundreds-youngsters-take-2834098>

https://www.exmoor-rotary.org.uk/youth_chall.html

Ten Tors

Good luck to the Year 10 students attempting the 35 mile Ten Tors Challenge this weekend. There are two teams consisting of:

Harriet Adams, Kai Mae Barker, Saul Bell-West, Lauren Brooks, Ethan Brown, Taylor Burgess, Isabella Dyer, Joseph Floyd, Amy Hulland, Amelia Pengelley, Poppy Phillips, Harry Thomas, Louie Van Rossem Boyd.

My thanks to our staff for supporting our popular and growing Outdoor Education work, with the Exmoor Challenge, DoE and Ten Tors activities proving extremely popular. I wish students and staff well for the tough weekend ahead.

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](#)



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](#)

RECYCLING CRISP BAGS/PENS

The Plastic Free Park Group are collecting crisp bags in aid of the Freedom Centre to support them in raising money for the homeless. Boxes will be placed around the school to collect them. They also plan to recycle biro pens by providing containers in classrooms.

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.

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.

HISTORY - YEAR 7 CHEPSTOW TRIP

Parents/carers were emailed on 1st May with information regarding this trip. If you would like your child to take part, please complete the google form included in the email by Friday 17th May.

HISTORY - YEAR 8 SS GREAT BRITAIN TRIP

Parents/carers were emailed on 3rd May with information regarding this trip. If you would like your child to take part, please complete the google form included in the email by Thursday 16th May.

BARCELONA TRIP

Please ensure you return the completed trip forms as soon as possible, to pupil reception.

The final balance should now have been paid.

FRANCE TRIP

The last instalment of £65 is due on 23th May.

BUDE/TORQUAY RESIDENTIAL

TORQUAY - All behaviour consent form and medical form should have been completed any returned.

The final balance should now be paid.

BUDE - The final balance should now be paid. Please ensure the medical forms are completed and returned as soon as possible.

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.

CHARITY NEWS

GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND COLLECTION

If you have too much small 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

EXAM PREPARATION SESSIONS TIMETABLE

The exam timetable has been condensed this year. From the 13th May until 14th June there is an exam in every session with the exception of three afternoons.

Starting next week, Year 11s will be directed by their teachers and lessons will be more subject focussed until their exam has finished in that subject. To help support year 11s into their exams, subject teachers are putting on specific pre-exam sessions during P4 and some subjects are also putting on before and after school sessions. A detailed timetable will be emailed to parents/carers each week and included at the end of this bulletin.

YEAR 11 GCSE PE REVISION SESSIONS

- **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 had a briefing from the college about the day and in their tutor groups they are selecting their choices. Any students that missed this signing up session will need to complete it in their own time. The deadline is Friday 17th May.

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 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

Year 11 students had their photographs taken this week. 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

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.

www.parentzone.careerpilot.org.uk/parent

COMMUNITY EVENTS/ INFORMATION

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.

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](#)

IT'S YOUR WORLD
STEP UP • BE HEARD

BRIGHT GREEN FUTURE



Summer school, 2018


WORK PLACEMENTS
TRAINING
LOCAL PROJECTS
SUMMER SCHOOL

Bright Green Future is a **free**, 1-year environmental training programme, for 14-17 year olds.

Gain the skills and knowledge to create a different world – **step up and be heard!**

apply ...
bright-green-future.org.uk/join


INSTAGRAM
@bright_green_future
WEB
bright-green-future.org.uk

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.KINGSLYSCHOOLBIDEFORD.CO.UK

Saturday Science Club

Brain Freeze

Fun & hands-on science at Barnstaple Library.
May 18th, 1-3pm, £15



Explore food chains, glaciers, animals & adaptation
Engineer a raft for icy waters (take home)
Build & adapt mini-robots (take home)

earn 2 x

Book via the website: www.sciencedipity.co.uk/saturday-science-club/
or contact Ruth on 07847006048



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	Thursday 30th May 2019	Friday 31st May 2019
West Buckland School Barnstaple 10am - 4pm Ages: 12 - 16	Exeter Phoenix 10am - 4pm Ages: 9 - 13	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



WEEK 1 - EXAM PREPARATION SESSIONS

After School Sessions - Start at 3.20						
	Revision Breakfast Information	Morning Exams	P4 Session	Afternoon Exams	Subject Who and Where	Subject Who and Where
Week One Mon 13th May	Computing in ICT 1 - 8am	Computer Science	Subject: RS Please go to the classroom of your subject teacher (KR, EF or SG).	RS	French HU MFL2 / MH MFL6	Biology - TSc2 and we will organise from there.
Tue 14th May	French pre-school session in MFL6 8am	French	Subject: Science Please go to your normal teacher/room and you will be directed from there.	Science (Biology)	GCSE PE DS/NW - Balcony room	English Literature: all English teachers in Eng rooms
Wed 15th May	GCSE PE Pre-School Session - Tech 2 Please confirm the time with your PE teacher.	GCSE PE	Subject: English Please go to your normal teacher/room	English Literature	Chemistry - TSc2 and we will organise from there.	Computer Science ICT1 JW/PS

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Thu 16th May	Science - please speak with your teacher.	Science (Chemistry)	Subject: Computing Please go to your normal teacher/room.	Computer Science	French HU MFL2 / MH MFL6	GCSE PE MG/NW - Balcony room Drama
Fri 17th May	French: pre-school session in MFL6 8am	French	Subject: Drama Go to Mrs Stevens in Drama 1 Subject: GCSE PE Rooming to be confirmed.	GCSE PE Drama	Sociology EF PTE1	