



# THE PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

## Weekly Parent Bulletin

Week Commencing 15th October, 2018 - Week 1

### SCHOOL CALENDAR

Date	Event
Mon 15th Oct	Year 10 Art/Photography @ Dingles Fairground Museum 9.00-5.30pm
	Year 9 Gifted & Talented Drama Day P1-6 School Hall
Tues 16th Oct	Year 9 Geography Fieldwork
	Year 7 & 8 Football V Bideford (Home) 3.30-5.30pm
Thurs 18th Oct	Year 10 Art/Photography @ Dingles Fairground Museum 9.00-5.30pm
	Year 9 & 10 Football V Bideford (Away) 3.30-5.30pm
	Y7 Tutor Evening 4-7pm School Hall
	Exeter College Open Event 5-8pm (At Exeter)
Fri 19th Oct	Uniform Thrift Friday - Main Reception 2.45-3.45pm (See page below for more information)
	Non Uniform Day for Guide Dogs For The Blind
Sat 20th Oct	Battlefields History trip meet at 4.20am, Park and Ride car park for a 4.30am departure
Mon 22nd Oct	Battlefields History trip returns approx 11.30pm

### 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
7	<a href="#">Friends of Park Flyer</a>
11	<a href="#">Apprenticeship Information Flyer</a> (On 15th Oct)

### HEADTEACHER UPDATE

This week our Year 9 geographers started their fieldwork to support their in-school studies of rivers and geographical features. We managed 4 out of 5 days with no major issues, unfortunately the weather beat us today and so the groups due out today will visit Exmoor and Lynmouth on Tuesday next week.

#### Young Chef Competition

On Wednesday evening and Thursday lunchtime I had the privilege of tasting some of the work prepared



by students as part of the in-school MasterChef competition. The quality of catering and presentation standards was extremely high, we were fortunate to have visiting chefs from the Kentisbury Grange to help with the judging. The winners are to be announced soon and they will progress onto the next round to be held at Petroc. My congratulations to all the students involved in the competition this year.

#### Half Term and Non-Pupil Day

As we approach the final week before the half term break can I thank parents/careers for their support at the start of term. The overwhelming majority of students have displayed excellent uniform and Attitude to Learning, as a result we have had a positive start to the term. We break up at 3:20pm on Friday 19th October. Monday 29th October is a staff only day and students return on Tuesday 30th October at our usual time. Please note this is timetable week 2.

**Gareth Roscoe - Headteacher**



## SKI 2019

A place has become available on this trip. If interested, students should collect a letter from Pupil Reception.

Thank you. Mrs Freeman



## School Of Rock Rehearsals

**Tuesday Lunchtime** - All teacher characters singing session Mus2 with MS.  
1pm.

**Tuesday after school** - acting rehearsal

**Wednesday after school** - band rehearsal + Dewey and Ned.

**Thursday after school** - EVERYONE FOR ACT 1 RUN THROUGH!

All rehearsals are displayed on the screen by the ATL board.

## Park School Thrift Shop

**Thrift Friday**  
**Friday 19th October**  
**2.45pm – 3.45pm Main Reception**



### Price List

<u>Uniform</u>	
Blazer	£7.50
Trousers	£2.00
Skirt	£2.00
White shirt	£2.00
Jumper	£2.00

<u>PE Kit (*For Years 9-11)</u>	
Long-sleeve House top	£2.00
White polo shirt	£1.00

\*we do not have any stock of the new PE kit.

**Selling good quality second hand uniform/PE kit.**

**Parents/Carers please pop in and see us.**

## KS4 INFORMATION

### KS4 BATTLEFIELDS TRIP

This trip is departing on Saturday 20th October. Students should arrive at the Park and Ride car park at 4.20am for an early 4.30am departure. A copy of the [Battlefields Kit list](#) is linked here.

### YEAR 11 ASSESSMENTS

You may have heard from you child that we will be having an assessment week leading up to the October Half Term. The assessments are all classroom based, lasting no more than 50 minutes, and are in-line with normal department assessment procedures and support the monitoring grades due home shortly. This is an opportunity for the teachers to gauge where students currently are in their learning. We will report this grade home to parents/carers so you are aware of how your child is doing at the start of this important year.

Teachers will guide the students on what to revise leading up to the assessments to make sure they are appropriately prepared. As we have been saying to students this week: it is important that students reflect on their learning as they go through their course and this is a good opportunity for them to start this cycle if they haven't already. By starting now, it will ease the pressure leading up to their final GCSE exams next summer.

### YEAR 11 CAREER EVENTS

Upcoming career events:-

- October 18th **Apprenticeship Information Evening** - for any Year 11 Students and Parents who want to know more about apprenticeships at Park. Please view [event flyer](#) for details. A copy of the flyer will be given to year 11 students on Monday. We will also be emailing parents/carers on Monday to establish the number of attendees for the event.
- October 18th **Exeter College Open Evening 5-8pm**
- **Bideford College 6th Form Information Evening** Thursday 29th November 5-8pm

### GCSE SPANISH REVISION CLUB

Every Wednesday from 3:30pm in MFL1. Students can practise for the speaking exam, to ensure they know their tenses or complete listening exercises in all topics.

### KS4 SCIENCE REVISION GUIDES

Revision guides are available to purchase from school at a reduced price.

**Option 1** - GCSE AQA - all three Science revision guides. Price at £8.75.

**Option 2** - GCSE AQA Foundation Combined Science revision guides. Price at £6.00

**Option 3** - GCSE AQA Higher Combined Science revision guides. Price at £6.00

Payment can be made via Wisepay or cheque made payable to "Devon County Council".

### THREE DAY UNIVERSITY COURSE

Please view the attached poster (click to enlarge) about three Day University Courses on offer in Engineering and Science. These are available for girls in Year 11.



### GCSE ART/ PHOTOGRAPHY TWILIGHTS

There are Art and Photography twilight sessions for all, 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 TWILIGHTS

It would be great if parents/carers could encourage their sons/daughters in Year 11 who study history to attend the History Revision Twilights on Tuesdays 3.30-4.30pm. We will cover knowledge, skills, and exam strategy in the sessions. We are currently revising medicine through time.

Also 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 also 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 with and model answers. They are available for new Year 10 History students and any Year 11s who have not yet purchased them.

## KS3 INFORMATION

### YEAR 7 TUTOR EVENING

There is an opportunity to discuss with your child's tutor how well your child has settled in on **Thursday 18th October** in the School Hall.

Each interview will last about 5 minutes and your child should accompany you. Parents/Carers were given a letter to indicate whether they could attend. Your child should have the time you have been allocated, in their contact book.

## PARK ALUMNI NEWS

### ADAM TOBIN BATTLING FOR MEDALS AT THE YOUTH OLYMPICS

Former student and Under 18 British Champion Adam Tobin has been competing in the Youth Olympics in Argentina with Team GB this week.



He has had a very successful week getting through to the 5 finals - rings, pommel, floor, parallel bars and all-around.

#### [Finals day one - October 11th 2018 \(British Gymnastics\) Update](#)

*Having successfully qualified for the all-around final, artistic gymnast Adam Tobin impressed to finish in fifth in a high-class field.*

*Adam put in a determined performance and produced a brilliant vault when need to finish fifth with some particular moments of brilliance, most notably on the*

*vault, to finish fifth overall with a score of 79.573.*

*Adam said: "I was pleased with fifth. I was in ninth at one point and had to do something spectacular to get back in the top six. I had to do the best vault I could and I did, I stuck that and got a high score."*

*Adam will compete in four individual finals – floor, pommel, rings and parallel bars – and said he is "aiming for top three in the floor and hopefully rings too."*

This is an amazing achievement for him. Well done to Adam!

### NORTH DEVON FOOD FEST

Former students James Mason, head chef at the 3 Rosette Kentisbury Grange and Jamie Coleman Head Chef at the Michellen Star Masons Arms restaurant will be demonstrating at the North Devon Food Festival on Sunday 21st October at the Barnstaple Pannier Market.