



THE PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Weekly Parent Bulletin

Week Commencing 17th December, 2018 - Week 1

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Date	Event
Sun 16th Dec	School of Rock Dress Rehearsal - At Petroc 9.30-14.00
Mon 17th Dec	Dress Rehearsal 9.00-15.20 at Petroc
Tues 18th Dec	Dress Rehearsal 10.00-17.00 at Petroc
	School of Rock Performance 19.30 at Petroc
Weds 19th Dec	School of Rock Performance 19.30 at Petroc
Thurs 20th Dec	School of Rock Performance 19.30 at Petroc
	Non Uniform Day - Students and Staff pay £1
	End of Term Assemblies 13.40-15.20

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.

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Welcome to the penultimate weekly bulletin for 2018. The cycle of school life most likely replicates that of your homes in that we are getting busier and busier as the term comes to an end. Students are busy putting the finishing touches to the school production which opens next week at Petroc. Staff and students will be spending much of the weekend moving into the theatre and setting up the technical elements of the show before dress rehearsals next week and opening night on Tuesday. My sincere thanks go to all colleagues who have supported the production so far. My thanks also extend to the army of parents/carers who have or are about to drop off/pick up, put up with tired and grumpy teenagers as they perform next week.

As a reminder school will close on Thursday 20th December at the usual time, for the start of the Christmas holidays. We will reopen on Monday 7th January for all staff and students, this will be week 2 on the timetable.

Severe Weather Conditions

As we approach that time of year again, I would like to take the opportunity to update you on the school protocol for closing the school due to severe weather conditions. Please read attached [Severe Weather Conditions letter](#)

Non-Uniform Day

The last day of term is a non-uniform day with the option of wearing a Christmas jumper. Students and staff to pay £1 to raise money in aid of Toilet Twinning.

LOST PROPERTY

We have a large amount of unnamed lost property in our pupil reception containing school uniform, sports kit, school shoes, trainers, pencil cases, etc. If your child has a lost item, please ask them to visit pupil reception, so we can hopefully reunite them with their property.

Gareth Roscoe - Headteacher

IS YOUR CHILD ELIGIBLE FOR PUPIL PREMIUM?

If your child is eligible for free school meals, they may also be entitled to a sum of money paid to their school to boost their learning. Please view our google form below and answer three questions to find out if you are likely to qualify. Your responses will be treated in the strictest confidence.

[Pupil Premium Eligibility Form](#)

PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL PRESENTS

THE NEXT GENERATION
**SCHOOL
of
ROCK**
THE MUSICAL



Tues 18th, Weds 19th, Thurs 20th December, 2018

**Tickets from the School Office
£6 Adults £3 Child (U16)**

Performances at 7.30pm at The Theatre, Petroc, Barnstaple

A School production by arrangement with The Really Useful Group Ltd

SCHOOL OF ROCK PERFORMANCE LAST CHANCE FOR TICKETS

The Wednesday and Thursday's performance are now sold out and we only have a limited number of tickets left for the Tuesday performance.

RAFFLE DONATIONS REQUIRED

Friends of Park are asking for Raffle Prize donations for the raffle to be held at the School of Rock performance at Petroc. Donations of chocolates, toiletries, bottle of wine etc, would be greatly appreciated.

Donations can be handed into Pupil Reception by the end of Monday 17th December.

Art Exhibition

By students from
**The Park Community
School**

Venue: Boston Tea Party Café,
July Street
Upstairs!!

**From 6th December
Until 3rd January**
All welcome



BOSTON TEA PARTY ART EXHIBITION

As part of the lead into Christmas, the Art Department are displaying a wide range of art and photography work from students of all ages. The exhibition opened on 6th December. If you have the opportunity then please take a break from your Christmas shopping and have a browse, the exhibition ends on 3rd January 2019.

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 19th December. **Anne Duthuit - PSHEE Coordinator**

Year	Topic
Year 7	Drama and Christmas Quiz
Year 8	Christmas Quiz
Year 9	Christmas Quiz
Year 10	Christmas Quiz
Year 11	Christmas Quiz

KS4 INFORMATION

COLLEGE APPLICATION DEADLINE

Reminder to Year 11 Parents/Carers, applications for College courses close on 31st January 2019. However students really need to apply this term as their mock exams are in January. If students need a careers interview or help with their application please contact Mrs Thomas (Careers Lead) at the school.

YEAR 11 EXAM READY EVENING COPY OF HANDOUTS

On Thursday 29th November 2018, we invited parents/carers and students to an "Exam Ready Event" providing talks covering a range of practical tips and tricks, looking at specific revision and exam techniques. The powerpoint presentation and Parent Academic Skills Guide Booklet is available on our website under 'Parents' menu, 'Exam Information For Parents' .

YEAR 10 PARENTS EVENING



A letter has been given to all Year 10 students this week regarding the parents evening on Wednesday 9th January 2019. Please ask your child about it. A [copy of the letter](#) is available here.

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 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.

SCHOOL TRIPS

In the interest of communicating more efficiently, we are increasingly using email only (unless no email address is supplied). Using google forms as permissions slips etc. simplifies the process for collecting large numbers of responses quickly and effectively.

*Don't
Forget!*

Please remember to check your emails **regularly** for communication from the school.

Reminder - If your email has changed, please inform the school as soon as possible.

[New York July 2020](#)



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](#)

A non-refundable deposit is required by 14th January for £200, with the second payment of due

on 14th February. Details about the installments are explained in the letter.

[Ski 2019](#)



All students going on the Ski Trip 2019 should return the Ski Trip forms as soon as possible. Any parent/carer who missed the Ski Trip Information meeting, would have missed collecting several forms issued during the evening, we have sent forms to those parents directly by post.

There are still a couple of places available, students should collect a letter from Pupil Reception.
Thank you, Mrs Freeman

[Barcelona Trip](#)

Could parents/carers please ensure you return the completed trip forms as soon as possible.

[Madrid trip](#)

There are a few spaces available, if interested students should see Mrs Harvey.

COMMUNITY EVENTS/INFORMATION

PETROC ADULT COURSES

For anyone who is starting to think about New Year resolutions or taking up something new in the New Year see [attached poster](#) for adult courses at Petroc starting in January.