



THE PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Weekly Parent Bulletin

Week Commencing 18th March, 2019 - Week 1

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Date	Event
Tues 19th Mar	Year 7 Rugby Tournament (Home) 3.30-5.30pm
	Year 7-10 ND A&B netball tournament (Home) 3.30-5.30pm
Weds 20th Mar	School Council Meeting 12-12.50pm
Thurs 21st Mar	Year 8 Rugby Tournament (At Braunton) 3.30-5.45pm
	Year 10 Rugby Tournament v Braunton (Home) 3.30-5.30pm
Sat 23rd Mar	Rescheduled Ten Tors Practice (2 days)

LETTERS ISSUED THIS WEEK -
BY EMAIL/POST

**Check below to see if you
have been sent a letter**

Year	Topic

FOOD AT PARK

To view the menus click 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

Year 11 exam and preparation

Thank you to all the students, parents and staff who supported the Year 11 exam preparation evening on Tuesday this week. It was great to see parents really engaging with the school to support our students. We delivered several presentations covering exam technique, effective revision strategies and planning for success. Many of the resources used on the evening are available on our [Google Drive link](#), students also have access to a wealth of resources via Google Classrooms.

Progress reports

Parents of students in Years 10 & 11 will receive a progress report next week. Please look out for a message from school confirming details of this. Monitoring reports for students in Years 8 & 9 will be distributed during week beginning 25th March.

House Matches



It has been a challenging week for our Rugby and Hockey House matches, my thanks to the PE staff and especially our students for braving the elements and competing for their respective House.

Hiern Drive

Anyone who uses Hiern Drive will have noticed the recent deterioration in the surface of the road and the speed bumps. Please note this road is not owned by the school nor is it part of our land. However, we are in contact with relevant colleagues in DCC and NDDC to try and seek a solution. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Governors' Tea

Congratulations to all students that were recognised at our Governors' Tea Awards. It was pleasing that many students were receiving their awards for 500, 750, 1000 and even 1250 merits. A wonderful achievement by many of our hard working and dedicated students. My thanks to parents who were able to join us for this event.

Gymnastics Competitions



Miss Gillard and Miss Tanton-Joy have travelled to Stoke-on-Trent to support our gymnastics team who are competing in the Schools National Finals and the Team Milano Finals Competition. They return on Saturday evening and will then be supporting our large team who compete on Sunday in the North Devon Gymnastics competition at the Falcons Gymnastics Academy facility. Good luck to all students competing in the competitions.

Gareth Roscoe - Headteacher

TEN TORS PRACTICE POSTPONED

The Ten Tors practice that was planned for this weekend has been postponed until 23rd/24th due to the weather forecast.

LOST PROPERTY SHOES

There are a number of lost property items, especially shoes and coats, currently being held in Pupil Reception. If your child have lost an item that was unnamed, please ask them to check to see if the item has been handed in.

ACTIVITY DAYS - DEADLINE EXTENDED TO 22ND MARCH

An email was sent to parents/carers of children in Years 7-9 on 1st March. We are still waiting for 100 responses from parents/carers. Please look out for the email and discuss with your child their activity day choices and complete the google form by Friday 22nd March. **After this final deadline those that have not chosen their activities, will have (in-school, zero cost) activities allocated to them by the school, we cannot extend the deadline any further, as we need to book the external activities with the providers.** Those students attending the France, Barcelona or Torquay residential do not need to complete the form.

CAREERS CONSULTATION EVENT



Mrs Thomas represented Park Community School at a Careers Consultation Event, for schools who are Apprenticeship Champions, at the House of Commons on Thursday 7th March. The National Apprenticeship Service is reviewing the support and provision available for students in Years 10 & 11 and are expanding the programme to support and inform students at Key Stage 3. (Years 7, 8 and 9)

The Apprenticeship Teacher Consultation were gathering feedback and ideas, from teachers in schools, to help shape the new offer. Only schools that are already active in promoting awareness of apprenticeship opportunities were invited to attend this event and to contribute to the discussion on the format of the new programme.

SCHOOL TRIPS

Please note all cheques should now be made payable to 'The Park Community School' and not 'Devon County Council'.

MADRID TRIP - YEAR 9 AND 10

There are spaces available for the GCSE Spanish trip to Madrid, 14th - 17th February 2020. The trip is a fantastic opportunity to practise listening and speaking in Spanish as well as experiencing the culture of this historic and interesting capital city.

The trip is open to any Year 10 students who currently study Spanish, or Year 9 students who are hoping to study GCSE Spanish. Please see Miss Harvey in MFL1, or email aharvey@theparkschool.org.uk if interested. Spaces will be open for a limited time.

BARCELONA TRIP

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

FRENCH TRIP 2019

Could parents please ensure they complete and return the two forms to pupil reception as soon as possible.

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 £200.

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](#)

BUDE/TORQUAY RESIDENTIAL

Could parents/carers kindly ensure you keep up to date with the regular monthly instalments.

FRIENDS OF PARK

Please take a look at our next Friends of Park event, (click flyer for a larger version.)



QUIZ NIGHT

Are you Smarter than a Park Student?

FRIDAY 26TH APRIL

Friends of Park are hosting an Adults Only Quiz Night.

If interested please email jocallaghan@theparkschool.org.uk to register your team and provide contact name, team name, number of people in your team and a contact number.

- 7pm at Park School
- Teams of up to 6 people (max)
- Capacity for 26 teams (max)
- £10 per team - pay at the door
- First prize £60 Amazon Voucher
- Bar available

CHARITY NEWS



CHICKEN NUGGET MONDAY

On Monday 18th March tutor group 9PH will be holding a Chicken Nugget Sale near the Astro and the Top Field if the weather is kind!

5 nuggets for £1. Students should bring in cash if they fancy this treat! All proceeds will go to the Guide Dog Appeal.

GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND COLLECTION

If you have too much small change, please remember we are still collecting loose change eg 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.

House totals so far since September 2018:

Kingsley £464.80, Fortescue £359.40, Chichester £265.74, Drake £212.19 and Raleigh £59.98. A grand total £1362.11. Well done everyone!

Mrs O'Callaghan

KS4 INFORMATION

YEAR 11 EXAM REVISION EVENT RESOURCES

Many of the resources used at the Year 11 exam revision event are available on a [Google Drive link](#), students also have access to a wealth of resources via Google Classrooms.

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.

YEAR 10 DEADLINE FOR WORK EXPERIENCE PLACEMENTS

Last date for arranging Work Experience placements is **Friday 26th April 2019**. There has to be time for the Duty of Care checks to be completed. After that date no new employers can be used.

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

CAREERS ADVICE

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

YEAR 11 STUDENTS INTERESTED IN A MEDICAL CAREER

WAMS Future Medics Conference on Saturday 11th May 2019

The day will be provided by The Access and Participation Team at Plymouth University and entirely student-led by medical students (WAMS) from all year groups. They will be offering this event completely free of charge, which is an amazing opportunity as this kind of all-day conference can normally cost £100s!

Students can book a free ticket now using the following link: <https://wamsfuturemedicsconference.eventbrite.co.uk>

The day will include:

First hand experiences, Application Processes, Choosing the right university, BMAT, UCAT, Personal statements, Funding Interview tips, Basic Life Support workshop, Have a go at suturing, Airway management workshop. Click flyer image below to view a full size copy.

Future Medics Conference
Free!
Saturday 11th May 2019

Want to be a doctor? Not sure where to begin?
University of Plymouth 'Widening Access to Medical School' would like to invite you to a day dedicated to helping you in your journey medical school.
The Day will be provided by The Access and Participation Team and is entirely student-led by medical students from all year groups.

To book your FREE place, please visit
<https://wamsfuturemedicsconference.eventbrite.co.uk>
Places will be limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.

Saturday 11th May 2019
9.30am - 4.30pm
University of Plymouth, Main Campus

To include:

- Inspiration and first hand experiences
- Application Process
- Choosing your university choices
- BMAT
- UCAT
- Personal Statements
- Funding
- Mock MMI interviews
- Basic life support
- Sutures
- Airway management

meddent-outreach@plymouth.ac.uk
01752 437429
www.plymouth.ac.uk/peninsula/widening-access

UNIVERSITY OF PLYMOUTH
Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry

SPORT UPDATES

PE KIT SPONSORSHIP REQUESTS

As our various teams have reached so many finals, some kits are starting to show wear and tear. As such, our sports teams would appreciate updated kits. We are looking for local businesses to sponsor a team kit so that our students can look smart and so feel good at every sporting event. We are looking for sponsorship for the Netball, Football and Rugby, for each year group.

If you would like to receive further information about sponsoring a kit, please email jgreenaway@theparkschool.org.uk, or Tel: 01271 373131 and leave a message for P.E. Teacher Mr Greenaway, to return your call.

CROSS COUNTRY NATIONAL FINALS



Year 10 student Skye Pirie competed for Devon at the Cross Country National Finals last weekend in Loughborough.

She did very well and completed the 4km course still breathing!...after putting in 4.34 min/km.

Well done Skye!

COMMUNITY EVENTS/ INFORMATION



Welcomes Carers of Children and Young Adults with Additional Needs.

Weekly 'term time' groups that offer support, friendship and information sharing.

Start Date: Tuesday 26th March

WHERE

Barnstaple Youth House
6 Market Street
Barnstaple
DEVON
EX31 1BX

WHEN

TUESDAY EVENINGS
6:30pm to 9:30pm
WEDNESDAY MORNINGS
9:30am to 12:30pm

Further Information

Tel: 07423317634

Email: sidebysidebarnstaple@outlook.com



TABLE TOP SALE



at

**Newport Church Hall, South Street,
Newport, Barnstaple EX32 9DT**

on

Saturday 16th March 2019

**2.00pm – 4.00pm
(sellers from 12.00 noon)**

**£10.00 per table
£2.00 per rail (you provide)**

**Sell all your unwanted items or
come along and grab a bargain!**

Refreshments and Raffle

To book a table call Nicola on
01271 549248 or see our Facebook page
Newport Church Hall Table Top Sale

All proceeds to church for community work

FREE ENTRY