



THE PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Weekly Parent Bulletin

Week Commencing 21st January, 2019 - Week 2

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Date	Event
Mon 21st Jan	Year 11 Mock Exams - All week
Tues 22nd Jan	Year 10 Rugby Fixture vs Braunton (Away) 3.30-5.30pm
	Year 7 Netball Club Squad Only
	Year 8-10 Netball Club Squad Only
	Petroc Open Event (At Petroc) 5.00-7.30pm
Thurs 24th Jan	Year 9 Rugby Fixture vs Braunton (Home) 3.30-5pm
	Year 9 Options Evening 4.30pm-6.30pm
Fri 25th Jan	Year 10 Poetrylive @ Bath - Be at school for 7.15am for a 7.30am departure. Returning approx 6.00pm
	KS3 ND badminton tournament all day - Chumleigh Community College 9.00am-3.20pm

FOOD AT PARK

The Spring 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
10	Email - re Year 10 Mini Mocks
All	Friends of Park

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

As the school hall remains closed whilst building work continues our Year 11 students have started their mock examinations in the sports hall. The students have coped with the change in venue and routines and are showing their ability to adapt to the new environment. We have had a couple of interesting moments, especially as the lighting circuit is controlled by an acoustic sensor not the most appropriate for silent exam conditions! The sports hall does not have extensive heating but an air cooling system, therefore trying to achieve the optimum temperature has presented some challenges.

The school hall floor has now been repaired, we are awaiting delivery of the new timber flooring and expect this to be laid within the next few weeks. We look forward to being able to access this space just after half term.

We seem to have cleared the final legal issues around the land transfer and therefore expect our conversion to Academy status to be confirmed early next week. At present we are expecting to officially convert on 1st February, however, considering the other issues faced by the civil service at the moment we will wait until the 'ink is dry' on the paperwork. Regardless of formal conversations we are actively engaged with the Tarka Learning Partnership and collaborative work around teaching, learning and school improvement.

Gareth Roscoe - Headteacher

APPRENTICESHIP INFORMATION PACK

Information about the changes that are happening with apprenticeships will be of particular interest to Parents/Carers with students in Years 11 and 9. Year 11 are making decisions on the next steps for September 2019 and Year 9 are making Option Choices. Please click here for the [December Parents' Pack](#) with free apprenticeship information for parents.



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Year 9 Options Evening

24th January, 2019 - 4.30pm to 6.30pm



[Click here to find out more information about Year 9 Options](#)

YEAR 9 OPTIONS EVENING

An email was sent on Friday 11th January to all Year 9 parents/carers inviting you to the Options Evening on Thursday 24th January from 4:30pm - 6:30pm. Could you kindly respond to the email to register your intention to attend.

There will be two scheduled talks about the options and the process by Mr Lewin and Mrs Mills at 4:45pm and 5:30pm in the Drama Studio.

All subjects will be represented and available to talk through the qualifications that they offer. The options booklet is available by clicking the above image. If you require a paper version please submit your request to Mrs Nicholson via email. knicholson@theparkschool.org.uk

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 23rd January.

YEAR	TOPIC
Year 7	Being British
Year 8	The Law and You
Year 9	Careers
Year 10	Politics and Brexit
Year 11	Revision

Anne Duthuit - PSHEE Coordinator

GCSE MATHS REVISION CARDS

Tutor2u are offering their GCSE Maths (Higher) Revision flashcard packs for half the original price at £5.00. You can buy them directly from their website, using the following link

<https://bit.ly/2CtdXQj>

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.

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.

Additional College Open Events

Petroc Open Event - 22nd January 5-7.30pm

CAREERS ADVICE

www.careerpilot.org.uk

Careerpilot 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 after Christmas.

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 BTES, A levels or Apprenticeship routes.



There is a Parent Zone section 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

SCHOOL TRIPS

TORQUAY RESIDENTIAL

A space has become available on the Torquay residential. Barton Hall is a Residential Centre in Torquay run by PGL Travel Ltd. which caters specifically for school groups.

Activities will range from, high ropes, climbing, abseiling, aeroball, canoeing and quad biking and many others. The cost of the experience will be £250. This includes return coach travel, all tuition, food, qualified instructor supervision, an evening entertainment programme and accommodation for two nights. If your child would like to attend, they should collect a letter from Pupil Reception.

BARCELONA TRIP

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

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.

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](#)

There is still time to apply for a place on this trip. A non-refundable deposit is required as soon as possible for £200. If the trip is oversubscribed, students will be randomly selected to receive a place.

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.

LONDON EXPRESSIVE ARTS TRIP

Could parents/carers please ensure they pay the second instalment of £40 (due 3/12/18) as soon as possible.

Please see attached [copy of trip letter](#) for more information about payments.

Mrs Phillips - Head of Art and Photography

POLAND TRIP - YEAR 9 AND 10

On 14th February 2020, we plan to take a group of students from current Year 9 and Year 10 to Krakow, in Poland.

We will be visiting the Jewish Quarter, Kazimierz, to learn about and witness some of the devastation caused by the Holocaust. We will visit the Schindler Factory Museum that tells the story of Krakow between 1939-1945 and the life of Oskar Schindler who saved the lives of thousands during this time. We will also visit the Galicia Jewish Museum which commemorates victims of the Holocaust and celebrates Jewish culture. All of these excursions include a guide. The main reason, however, for choosing Krakow is for students to visit Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest of the Nazi concentration and death camps, many parts of which are almost perfectly preserved along with incredibly moving displays of post-camp relics. Students will be given a 3.5 hour guided tour.

We still have places available for this trip. If interested, please print the attached [Poland letter](#) and return the completed form by **Friday 18th January**.

Mrs Flesher/Mr Griffiths

YEAR 10 POETRY LIVE - BATH 25TH JANUARY

There is another meeting on Tuesday 22nd January at lunchtime in room English 11 for those that missed the Friday breaktime meeting.

Please ensure the SOE3 Medical form has been returned for this trip by Tuesday 22nd January.

If your child suffers with asthma, please ensure your child brings their inhaler.