



THE PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Weekly Parent Bulletin

Week Commencing 27th January 2020 - Week 1

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Date	Event
Mon 27th Jan	House Council Week
	Year 9 Holocaust Memorial Day 8.20am - 3.30pm
Tues 28th Jan	Parent Partnership Meeting 7-8pm in room ICT3
	Year 8 and Year 9 Rugby Fixture at South Molton College 3pm to 5pm
Weds 29th Jan	Y9 Exeter Holocaust workshops 10am - 5.30pm
	Year 7 and Year 10 Rugby Fixture (Home) 3.30pm - 5pm
Thurs 30th Jan	Year 10 and Year 11 Exam Preparation Evening
	U14/16 Girls Football Triangular 3.30pm - 4.30pm
	Stem Semi-Final - Longitude Explorer Prize
Fri 31st Jan	School Council Meeting - Conference Room 2-3pm
Sat 1st Feb	Ten Tors Practice 7 (2 days)

Headteacher Update

Year 9 Options

This week saw the launch of our Year 9 Options process in preparation for September 2020. My thanks to all parents, carers and students who attended the Options Event last night. The school was busy with many parents and students gaining ideas and advice from school staff, Petroc and Careers South West as to possible next steps. For anyone who was not able to make the evening details of the presentation given by Mr Tamlyn, along with an electronic copy of the Options Booklet can be found on our website [linked here](#). As a reminder, the **deadline for returning Options Forms to Tutors is Monday 10th February** - the Options Form is the last page in the booklet.

Swimming Gala

Our annual House swimming gala was hotly contested on Monday this week. All students taking part were a credit to themselves and their House. After a fierce battle it was Drake House that won the overall event. Congratulations to all who took part.

Forthcoming Events

Next week will see a number of Year 9 students travel to Exeter to learn more about the Holocaust as part of our PTE and PSHEE scheme. We host the 7th Parent Partnership meeting on Tuesday and Thursday evening we welcome parents to our KS4 Exam Preparation Event; details for both events have been circulated.

School computer systems

As previously mentioned over February half term we will be migrating to a new school Management Information System (MIS). As you may imagine this is a large task for us as we use our MIS for many varied tasks, such as registration, student and parent contact details, timetables, assessment and reporting, HR, etc. We are confident that our new system will provide an enhanced service for the school and allow for a new parental app 'My Child at School' for home/school communications.

To ensure the transfer of data is as seamless as possible can you please ensure our school office has up to date contact details, contact numbers, email addresses, emergency contact details, etc. If you are in any doubt please call into or contact reception on the usual school number or email admin@theparkschool.org.uk.

Thank you for your support and understanding as we migrate to our new systems.

Online safety

As mobiles, social media, gaming etc are part and parcel of daily life we feel it is important to provide and share information to help parents discuss potential issues with their sons/daughters. We have recently joined the "national online safety website" which provides many valuable resources. We will share a 'top tips' poster every week as part of our Parent Bulletin covering a range of issues from influencers to 'online gambling'. Please take 5 minutes to read this information.

Pick up/drop off

Can I remind all parents who pick up/ drop off students in cars that Chichester Road is a private road. I have been contacted by local residents who are worried about road safety due to the large volume of parents using this area. Thank you for your consideration and support.

Gareth Roscoe - Headteacher

Upcoming Competitions

Youth Speaks Competition

We are entering a senior and intermediate team to the Barnstaple round of Youth Speaks at the Grosvenor Church on Saturday 25th January. We would like to wish both teams good luck!

Stem Semi-Final - Longitude Explorer Prize

Representatives of our STEM club (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) are travelling up to London on Thursday as their "Instaclean Beach Clean" app has been put through to the semi-finals of the Longitude Explorer Prize. Good Luck and fingers crossed for the Team.

Attendance - Medical Appointments

We require prior notice from parents/carers of any medical appointments that students attend before registration. When an appointment is pre booked could you please inform the school office. If your child arrives at school after an appointment and we have not been informed by parent/carer - evidence will be required i.e. hospital letter, appointment card, copy of text/email of appointment confirmation.

Calling all writers!

Park School English department is launching its very own writing competition. This will run termly with prizes for winners and runners-up, as well as entry into an annual published anthology.

This is open to all year groups and you will be judged against others in your year. This term's theme is 'New Beginnings'. See posters in the Library and English corridor for more details.

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SCHOOL TRIPS

Please ensure that you keep up to date with paying the instalments for any trips that your child has signed up for.

Year 10/11 Poland Trip - 14/2/20

We urgently need passports and EHIC cards handed into school. Further to the information evening held for students and parents, we have emailed parents/carers a copy of the powerpoint. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to email Mr Griffiths at sgriffiths@theparkschool.org.uk

Torquay Residential

Please return the medical form issued to students last term as soon as possible. The next instalment is also due for this trip.

French Residential

Students do NOT need a passport. To apply for a GROUP passport, we require parents to complete and return the Collective Passport Questionnaire urgently, please kindly ensure you return the form as soon as possible.

Bude Residential

Letters regarding the Bude residential were issued to students in December 2019. **The reply slip and deposit payment should be received by 31st January in order to reserve a place.**

Madrid February 2020

We urgently need passports and EHIC cards handed into school. Further to the information evening held for students and parents this week please see the [link to the powerpoint](#) shown at the meeting.

New York July 2020

Please remember the final instalment is due on 1/2/20. We held a student meeting on Tuesday 14th January and issued a Parental Consent Form and Passport Form to be completed and returned by 1st February.

Ski Trip 2020

The balance should now be paid for this trip.

Ski Trip 2021

We still have places left on our April 2021 Ski Trip, if your son/daughter is interested they should pick up a letter from pupil reception and return the reply slip. It is a fantastic opportunity to experience something new, either skiing or snowboarding, or improve technique if they are more experienced.

Videos of the Ski 2019 trip can be found by clicking below:

Full Film - https://youtu.be/757sL_PXyug

Ski Fails - <https://youtu.be/E8fp0VuSvQc>

If you need to know any more details, please do not hesitate to contact Mr James: ljames@theparkschool.org.uk or contact the school office.

DONATION REQUESTS

Girls Pants And Tights

We are part of the Red Box Scheme which provides free sanitary ware for students.

We keep in school girls pants and tights to be available when needed. We are currently short in stock of the following and would really appreciate any donations from parents/carers:

Tights - Black Opaque 60 Deniers - All sizes

Pants - Black briefs - All sizes

Please hand any donations into the School Office.

Park Gardening Club

Gardening club is starting after February half term and we need donations of gardening equipment, seeds and compost. If you have any spare gardening gloves, wellies (in any size), forks and trowels, seed packs and compost bags, or any other useful gardening equipment, please donate to reception where it will be greatly received.

SCHOOL EVENTS

Parent Partnership Meeting



We have a Parent Partnership meeting on Tuesday 28th January at 7pm in ICT3.

Mr Tamlyn will talk us through Monitoring reports and answer queries about this. We can also help with questions you may have on any subject/issue.

Macbeth Performance 12th February

Our Drama students will be performing the Shakespeare Schools Festival amended script of Macbeth on Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th February 7-8 pm in the School Hall.

We would like this performance to be a 'Pay What You Can' on the evening event. To ensure you reserve your seat please confirm your attendance on a first come first served basis using the Google Form below.

[Macbeth Seat Reservations Form](#)

As this is an amended performance with no interval, refreshments will not be served.

Macbeth Cast Rehearsals W/C 27th January

Monday

- Monday lunchtime with Mrs Stevens in Dr1 – Macbeth and Banquo, ALL WITCHES and witches' cauldron.
- Monday lunchtime with Mr Carroll in Dr2 -Act 5: Scene 3 & 4 Ben McElfatrick, Nina Cormack, Emily Drury, Hannah Piers, Aban Aslam

Tuesday

- Tuesday lunchtime with Mr Carroll in Dr2- Act 5 Sc: 5 Ben McElfatrick, Nina Cormack

Wednesday

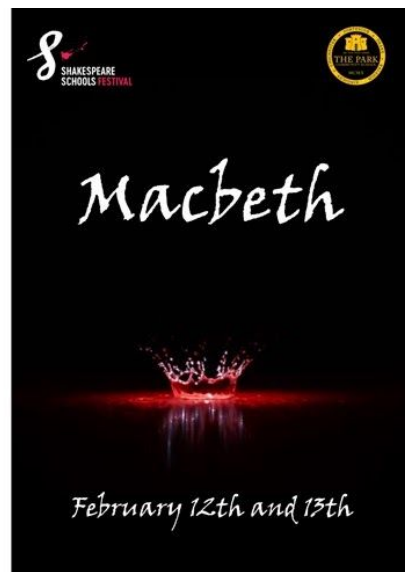
- Wednesday lunchtime with Ms Perkins in Eng11 - Hunny Phillips & Ben McElfatrick

Thursday

- Thursday lunchtime with Mrs Stevens in Dr1 – All witches, witches cauldron and apparitions

FULL CAST REHEARSAL AFTER SCHOOL ON THURSDAY UNTIL 4.30

KEEP LEARNING YOUR LINES FOLKS – ONLY 3 WEEKS UNTIL FIRST PERFORMANCE!



MATHS PUZZLE OF THE WEEK - Week 18

Put your solution in a Maths Puzzle Box by the end of Friday 31st January for a chance of winning the weekly prize

I am thinking of two numbers.

If I multiply the first number by 4 and add the second number the answer is 32.

If I multiply the first number by 2 and add the second number the answer is 23.

Work out the two numbers.

Maths Puzzle of the Week

Each week the maths department issue a maths puzzle for students.

The Puzzle Of The Week can be viewed on your child's tutor group notice board as well as on display outside Maths 11.

They should put their solution in the box in their Maths room by the end of the week for a chance of winning the weekly prize.

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PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL LOTTERY

This Weeks' Lucky Winner

Congratulations to Mr L who won our biggest prize yet of £35.10.

If you are a winner and would also like to donate your winnings back to the school, we would be very grateful.

Have you registered for the Lottery?

If you have registered for the Lottery, please ensure you also set up your ticket. Eleven people have registered to play the lottery, but have not bought a ticket, so are not included in the lottery draw.

Fitbit Offer



Shape Up Your Family!

WIN A Family FITBIT Bundle

Feeling sluggish? Now you and your family can kickstart 2020 with a Family FITBIT Bundle. Support your school this half-term from just £1 per week, and you could win 1 of 2 bundles containing:

- FITBIT Inspire HR
- FITBIT Ace 2 Kid's Fitness Tracker

The profits from your ticket will help fund valuable school resources. Not only that, you'll also have the chance to win our amazing £25,000 jackpot. More tickets means more chances to win, so what are you waiting for?

How the lottery benefits your school

So far we have 91 supporters, who have bought 122 tickets - each ticket costs £1 per week and **40%** of the money raised goes to Friends of Park school projects.

The lottery is a fun and effective way to raise money to improve our school. But we need your help to make the lottery the best it can be, so please support the lottery today - and who knows, maybe you'll be the next £25,000 winner!

For more information and to sign up click [here](#).

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KS3 INFORMATION

Year 8 PTE The Langar

Can parents/carers please return the reply slip and payment of £2.30 to Pupil Reception by **Friday 31st January**. If students have lost the letter there are spare copies at Pupil Reception. For students with Free School Meals there is no payment required but please return reply slip.

Year 9 Careers Programme – CAREER PILOT

Year 9 students have all used the Career Pilot website to carry out research about subjects and the careers that subjects can lead to. This is part of the careers programme leading up to students making their subject choices in February. Students have a workbook to record their research and after the session on Career Pilot at school, can take the book home and show parents/carers how the website works and share the research they have carried out. They can continue research if they are undecided about which subjects to choose.

Students will also be receiving information from employers and Careers South West about employment opportunities in the South West. Petroc and Careers South West will be attending the Options Evening.

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YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

Year 10 Work Experience

If students have not heard from an employer they have written to, they should contact the employer to ask if a decision has been made. If the student has not secured a placement then they need to use the database below to look for other placements.

Students can adapt the letter they have already written and either post or email their letter.

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

North Devon Hospice Opportunities

The North Devon Hospice have many work experience opportunities in various departments. The two links below provide more information and an application form, for those who are interested.

[List of work placements](#)

[Work experience request form](#)

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KS4 INFORMATION

Year 10 Mock GCSE & BTEC Exam Timetable

Year 10 students were issued with the Mock and BTEC timetable today, a copy can also be found [here](#) and on our website under the "Events" menu.

Year 10 and Year 11 Exam Preparation Evening

We have sent the below email to parents/carers in Year 10/11:

You and your child are invited to attend an evening on Thursday 30th January at 5.45 pm, aimed at all Key Stage 4 students to help them prepare for their English, Maths and Science exams. Talks will start at 6 pm promptly.

The Heads of Departments from each of the three subjects will be delivering a 20 minute talk with tips and tricks regarding their subject area and how to succeed in exams.

Please could you RSVP on the form below and register on the night at the sign-in desk in the foyer by the Maths corridor. On the night you will be split into three groups and listen to each talk on rotation.

[Link to Form](#)

Revision Guides will be sold before the event between 5.30 - 6.00 pm at the sign-in desk. Cash and card payments will be accepted.

Year 11 Revision Session Timetable

Please see link to the current [Year 11 Revision Session Timetable](#) 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 NCS Update

Places are now filling up quickly, and NCS are operating a waiting list for the first start date. Forty-eight students from Park have signed up already. There is a reminder of the programme dates below. Students may want to consider the last start date if they are available for it as there are more spaces available for this date which means they are more likely to guarantee their spot and be able to go with friends!

29/06/2020 – 24/07/2020 *FULLY BOOKED*
13/07/2020 – 31/07/2020 - FINAL SPACES REMAINING
27/07/2020 – 21/08/2020 - AVAILABLE

The £30 promotion for NCS has now ended and the price has returned to £50 (bursaries are still available if requested; however, students who sign before 20th January will be invited to the FREE Air Extreme Take Over Event on 30th Jan (depending on availability – invite attached). Students who have already signed up to the programme will have received their invite already.

For more information and to sign up visit their website <https://wearencs.com/>

Year 11 College Interviews

Invitations for interview are coming through. Students should sign out at Pupil Reception and bring evidence of their interview to sign out; this will save time getting permission to leave school. Students should take their Progress Folder with them to the interview and return it to their Tutor after the interview.

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Year 11 Students interested in Apprenticeships

Thank you to the students and parents that attended the Apprenticeship Evening last week. I offered to share the web site that was being promoted by the Department for Work and Pensions for students actively looking for apprenticeship placements.

[Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK](#)

This site will give you information about apprenticeships in your location or by your area of interest. You will need to register and then receive alerts when adverts are posted.

There are currently 106 Level 2 and 3 Apprenticeships offered within a 40 mile radius of Park School. Sign up to look and receive alerts.



[Year 11 Open Events](#)

Please visit the college websites for more information.

Petroc College

Wednesday 12th February 5-7.30pm

Saturday 13th June 11am-1pm

Exeter College

Exeter College Showcase - 23rd April 2020

COMMUNITY INFORMATION



[Tarka Learning Partnership Vacancies](#)

Tarka Learning Partnership is seeking to appoint two Site Caretakers for two of the Trust's schools. Please find the link to the job advert, application form and person specification for the roles below, along with the job descriptions for each of the two separate roles.

[Job Links](#)

