



Park Community School

NEWSLETTER

Fortnightly Update 17th September 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Welcome to the first newsletter of this academic year. What a fantastic start to the school year it has been.

Students have returned looking very smart in their updated uniform and lessons have begun swiftly. Thank you for supporting us in a smooth start to the school year by making sure your children attended Student Review Day and participated in the Covid testing before normal lessons began. We are now back into the full swing of learning at Park. It has been great to welcome our new Year 7 cohort and award all students their new House badges.

In assemblies and personal development lessons, we have been sharing powerful stories and exploring ways to keep ourselves and others healthy, happy and safe. This week we celebrated Emma Radacanu's fantastic victory in tennis and looked at the inspiration we can all draw from her story. Please ask your children about these sessions.

In lessons students are focussing on the 'precise practise' element of Great Learners- as they gain new knowledge, they are practising remembering it, developing it and applying it. Homework is an important part of this and builds habits for independent learning and revision from Year 7. If your child needs any support with this, they should ask their teachers and tutors. Workspaces are available after school for any students who wish to stay to do their homework.

Next week we welcome Year 6 into school for two days and Year 7 go on their first trips at Park. As part of their Identity focus for this term, they will visit Staunton Country Park with their tutors and explore Hayling and Chichester with the Humanities team.

This newsletter shares a handful of the things Park students have been involved in over the past few weeks and also provides some reminders of up-and-coming events.

Remember, if you have any questions or need support, please contact your child's tutor in the first instance.



Service Pupil Premium

Did you know that we can claim extra funding if a parent is serving in the regular armed forces (including those with a full commitment as part of the full time reserve service)? If you have left the armed forces in the last 6 years please do let us know as we can still claim the funding.

Year 6 Taster Days
Wednesday 22nd and
Thursday 23rd September

YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING
Wednesday 29th September



**Jeans for
Genes Day**

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PE Uniform

As the colder weather approaches, your children will need to wear their Park PE hoodies. A reminder that these can be purchased from Skoolkit. Watch this space for a great competition to get your hoodie at a huge discount.



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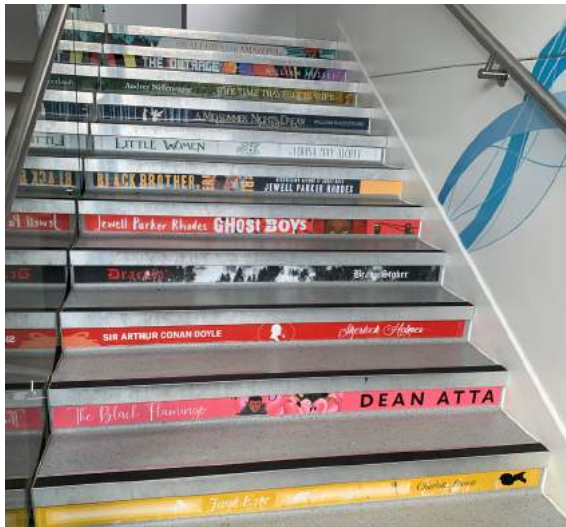
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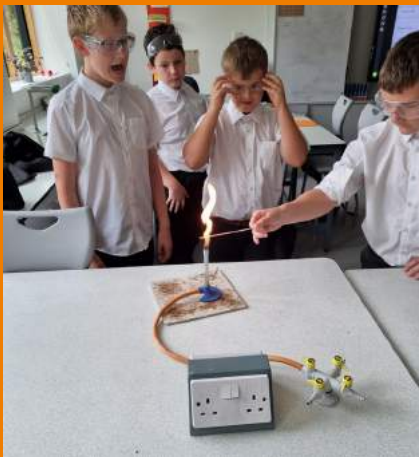
Jeans for Genes Day

Students and staff have all replaced one piece of their clothing for jeans today to raise awareness for some of the most vulnerable children in the UK who are affected by genetic disorders.



Park's Reading Canon

Daily reading at Park is an important part of school life, every day students are reading books selected from Park's Canon; the set of literature all students will read during their time at Park. Students receive reward points for each text they complete and explore themes of identity, relationships and our place in society. Above all, the texts are great ones which encourage a love of reading.



Year 7 Science lessons at Park this week



Energise Football

Extra Curricular clubs started last week for all years. Students in Mr Herriot's Energise Football Sessions practised their technical skills and applied them in games.



Year 11 period 6 lessons have had strong attendance. Revision and practise, practise, practise will help our year 11's gain the GCSEs they deserve at the end of the academic year.



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Inspired Young Writers

We are thrilled to share our success of two students who entered a writing competition back in June.

Today they have received certificates as their original pieces of creating writing have been selected to be published in a book.



The winning stories...

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Slowly, I opened the bloodstained door which had body parts dangling down, catching on white flaky paint. I shivered with fear, peeking around the corner there was blood flowing on the floorboards. I tried to investigate what was going on, but the overpowering stench of decay made me delusional and confused.

What was going on? I was searching the crime scene when all of a sudden, the air went cold. I turned with caution and there was a black, mysterious figure creeping down the hallway. Edging backwards slowly I felt warm breath on my neck. "You shouldn't have come here!"

Gary Gray

Park Community School, Leigh Park

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I drove down the street on a cold Halloween night, kids running; causing mischief. I know they were having fun but I have a duty... protect and serve. On flick the sirens moving towards the running children. I jumped out of my car and called to them. "Stop running! If you stop you won't get in trouble!" I said smirking.

A small pale boy stopped, his friends ran off into the foggy night. "Please sir, don't tell my parents," he said nervously. "I won't, just come to the car and everything will be okay." He edged closer. My smile grew.

Blake Ansell

Park Community School, Leigh Park

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