



Park Community School

END OF TERM
17 July

Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Welcome to the final newsletter of the year! Along with some snapshots of great moments from the last few weeks, there is also important information about our return in September.

Your children will be bringing home their end of year reports this week. Please take time to look at them with your children in preparation for September. You have also received our end of year letter and a link to our Welcome Back to Park Booklet to support in preparing for the September return. It can also be found here [Welcome to Park 2025 \(All Students\).pdf](#)

We have been celebrating students achievements over the past week in both assemblies and at our Awards evening. Thank you to those of you who joined us for this event.

Thank you also to everyone who responded to our 'mobile phone free' survey. 109 of you responded and identified the benefits of this approach for your children including improved social interactions, focus on learning and time away from screens. Some of you are worried about children being able to contact home during the day and we will address this concern. This week's workshop was an opportunity to see the pouches in action and share your views also.

We say goodbye to a number of staff this week: Miss Peplow and Mr Bond (teaching assistants), Mr Green (Humanities), Mr Wood (PE), Mr Pycroft (History), Mrs Last (History and Star), Mrs Alder (Headteacher's PA) and Mr Bye (Horticulture). Some of these staff leave us after many many years of service. Mrs Last started in 2009 as an English teacher, Mrs Alder has been at Park since 2002 and, amongst many other things, always ensures this newsletter reaches you regularly to celebrate your children and their hard work. Mr Bye leaves us after 27 years as a teacher at Park, but also as an original student. The difference they have made to so many over the years is impossible to quantify, but we know you will joining us in saying thank you and wishing them well for the future.



Mr Anders



Mrs Capaldi

RETURN TO SCHOOL 4 SEPT
YEARS 8, 9, 10 & 11 FOR STUDENT REVIEW DAY APPOINTMENTS
YEAR 7 ALL DAY

Goodbye to Miss Peplow, Mr Bond, Mr Green, Mr Wood, Mr Pycroft, Mrs Last, Mrs Alder and Mr Bye



Year 7

Subject Awards

As we come to the end of the school year, naturally we all begin to reflect upon our achievements, the challenges we have overcome and the progress we have made. All students should be proud of what they have achieved this year, ready to build upon this in September. Alongside our Awards Evening, we also hosted Student Subject Awards for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 within their Year Assemblies.

Each subject identified two students from each year group they felt had shown brilliant effort and attainment throughout the year. Well done to all!

Mrs Cavanagh



Year 8



Year 9



Year 10



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Park's Got Pride!

We took a whopping 21 students down to our 4th annual trip to Portsmouth Pride to celebrate amongst our LGBTQ+ community. It was a fantastic (albeit a bit wet and windy) day out for all who attended! We took part in the parade, proudly marching alongside thousands of others down the seafront before making our way into the main site at Southsea Common. Students were able to explore the stalls, go on rides, watch performers such as drag queens and local choirs, and to meet likeminded individuals in the LGBTQ+ community.

Students from all year groups attended and it was wonderful to see many of our KS4 students looking out for the younger ones, making sure they felt included and safe throughout the day. We also had the chance to see an amazing community art project that some of our students helped in creating before half-term, alongside the group Seekers Create, which is proudly on display at South Parade Pier.

It was an absolutely amazing event which has left staff and students still reeling with pride. We hope to take even more students next year and make an even bigger stand as proud Parkies at Pride!

Miss Turp



Girls Solve: Year 8 Students Tackle Anxiety and Support Younger Peers

Students at Park Community School recently took part in a BeWell survey. As a result of the feedback from this survey, a group of Year 8 girls were formed to focus on the areas that have an impact on school and the lives of young people.

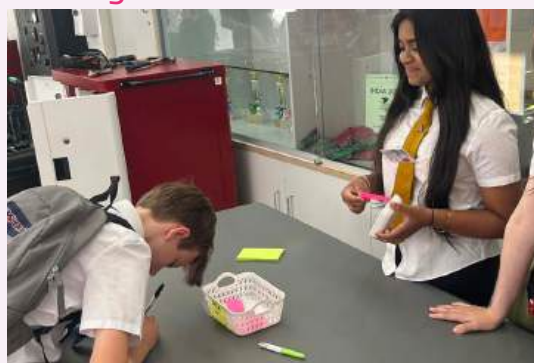
The Girls Solve project has completed 9 sessions working with Girlguiding to gain an understanding of the key areas and develop ways in which these challenges can be overcome.

The girls chose to present a project on 'No Fear - Tackling Anxiety', and Year 6 students were the audience during Freshers' week. The girls worked together to plan and present an interactive assembly covering scenarios in preparation for secondary school and all Year 6 students left with a goody bag with hints and tips of how to tackle anxiety.

It has been a pleasure to work with Girlguiding and the girls have worked extremely hard as a team in an attempt to make a difference to the wider community.

'The sessions have been really valuable. We have worked with people from outside of our school, built positive relationships and shown great teamwork with students in school that we would not usually work with. We are proud to have made a difference to the Year 6 students.' Girls Solve 2025

Mrs Pearce





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Talk the Talk

On Tuesday 8th July, Year 9 students took part in an exciting oracy workshop led by expert trainers from Talk The Talk. The aim was to boost confidence, improve public speaking skills and help students find their voice – and they did exactly that!

Over the course of the half-day session, students were guided through a series of fun and practical activities that focused on verbal, vocal and visual communication. They learnt how to structure a speech, use body language effectively and keep an audience engaged – all while building the confidence to stand up and speak in front of their peers.

At first, many students admitted they felt nervous about speaking aloud. But by the end of the session, they were delivering powerful and persuasive speeches, supporting each other and stepping well outside of their comfort zones.

The workshop not only played a key role in developing students' self-confidence, but also provided valuable preparation for their GCSE Speaking and Listening assessments in Year 10. More importantly, it highlighted the power of effective communication – both within the classroom and in wider life.

It was wonderful to see so many of our students rising to the challenge and genuinely enjoying the experience.

Miss Manning





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Power of the Beat

On Monday 7th July, students took to the stage in our school theatre to showcase the incredible work they've created as part of the Power of the Beat project. Funded by the Arts Council, this exciting programme saw students working with professional rap artists and poets to explore the power of language, rhythm and self-expression.

Over the term, students developed original pieces that blended rap, poetry and performance—stepping well outside of their comfort zones to produce something truly special. The final celebration performance was a fantastic success, with every student bringing energy, confidence and creativity to the stage.

From thought-provoking spoken word pieces to powerful lyrical performances, the audience was blown away by the honesty, talent and passion shown throughout. It was clear just how much work had gone into each piece, and the pride students felt as they performed was undeniable.

The evening was a true celebration—not just of the brilliant work produced, but of the confidence and growth the students have shown along the way. A huge well done to everyone involved!

Miss Manning





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Future Ready: Year 10 Gain Invaluable Work Experience

Over ten days, our Year 10 students took part in an incredible work experience programme, gaining valuable insights into the world of work and developing key skills that will serve them well in the future. We are extremely proud of their professionalism, enthusiasm and willingness to embrace new challenges.

Students were placed in a wide range of settings, giving them a taste of various industries and career paths. Several students had the unique opportunity to work with Serco at the Navy Dockyard in Portsmouth, exploring roles in engineering and operations while experiencing life in a historic and high-security environment. Others gained hands-on experience at Riders School, where they supported staff and engaged with younger pupils, showing great maturity and leadership.

At Barncroft and Shooting Star Pre-School, students showed exceptional care and commitment, working alongside early years professionals to help nurture and support young children. Their dedication and energy made a real difference and was greatly appreciated by staff.

We were also thrilled to see students making a positive impact here at Park Community School. Some supported Mr Roberson and the Site Team, assisting with a variety of practical tasks, including the exciting preparations for the Year 11 Prom. Others worked in the Dickinson Centre, contributing to community projects and helping to run services that benefit local families. Meanwhile, a number of students joined Mr Forder in the Media Suite, gaining creative experience in digital media and production.

This work experience journey has been an outstanding success, with students returning full of stories, confidence, and a clearer vision for their future careers. We'd like to extend a huge thank you to all the organisations and staff members who hosted and supported our students, your guidance has been invaluable.

Well done Year 10, you've made us proud!

Mr Penlington





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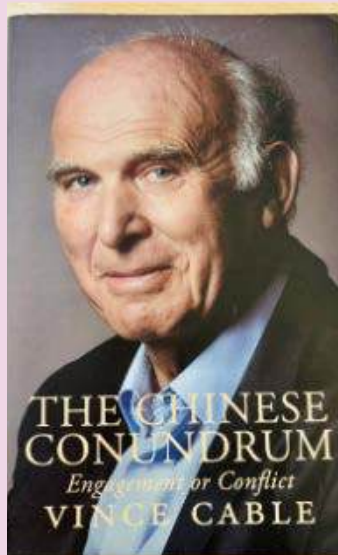
From Parliament to Park Community School: Sir Vince Cable's Engaging Visit

Through our connection with Speakers for Schools we were privileged to be chosen to host a visit from Sir Vince Cable. Sir Vince Cable is a British politician who was Leader of the Liberal Democrats from 2017 to 2019. He was Member of Parliament for Twickenham from 1997 to 2015 and from 2017 to 2019. He also served in the Cabinet as Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills.

Students from both Years 9 and 10 were invited to hear his reflections of his careers, his travels and what made the difference to him whilst at school. Students were then also invited to ask questions, which they did with confidence, maturity and consideration.



Mrs Cavanagh



Wisley Reward Trip

We took a group of Year 7 and 8 students to the wonderful Wisley Gardens. The weather was great and we all had a fantastic time. Everyone was amazed to see the difference in the gardens between winter/spring and summer. As usual, our students were amazing and we all brought back some great ideas for next year's projects.

Ms Gregory





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Educational Journey to Krakow: Students Explore History and Culture

We had a fantastic trip to Krakow, Poland last week. After a slight detour on the flight when we were diverted back to Gatwick, we were soon touching down in rainy Poland. On the first day students toured the old medieval town in Krakow before an early night after a long day of travelling.

On Day 2 we toured the beautiful Wawel Hill seeing the royal castle and cathedral. In the afternoon, we visited the Galicia Jewish Museum and met the daughter of a Holocaust survivor. Afterwards we walked through the old Jewish quarter of Krakow and visited a beautiful church before going to a street food square which served a variety of Polish foods. Later in the day we visited the Schindler Factory, the factory which is the subject of the famous film, Schindler's List, which is now a very interesting museum on World War II and the Holocaust.

On day 3 we visited the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp where students saw first hand the atrocities the Nazis committed during the Holocaust, a sombre and moving experience for all visitors. Later in the afternoon we visited the Galicia Salt Mines, a UNESCO heritage site with beautiful underground caves, tunnels, churches and restaurants around 100 metres underground where salt has historically been mined. Students enjoyed licking the walls!

Students and staff had a brilliant time and made profound connections to their learning on the Holocaust and World War II, as well as experiencing Polish food and culture and enjoying the excitement of international travel.

Mr Pycroft





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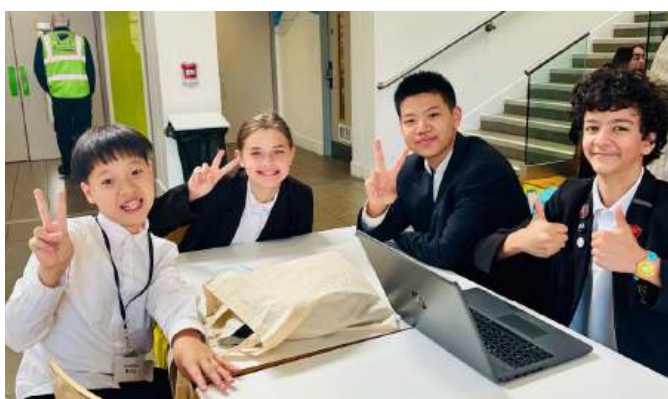


UK China Immersion Programme

Park Community School's international connections have continued to develop during the last two weeks of this term. We have the pleasure to host two groups of students from China, 55 guests in total.

Park students were again invited to volunteer to be a buddy to our guests, with over 60 students requesting to be part of the experience from Years 8 and 9. Our students guided their Chinese partners through tutor time, lessons, Finding What You Love activities/clubs, Much More Than Just A School Carousel opportunities, school productions, performance showcases, sports events, assemblies, motivational talks, English and Maths masterclasses, inflatables and much more.

Each week ended with a celebration assembly. During these assemblies not only did Park students present reflections of their experiences, but also several of the visiting students chose to present. Each guest commented on how struck they were by the warm welcome they had received from staff and students at Park, the wide range of alternative activities they had experienced, and how the lessons were exciting and allowed them to be active in their learning. Lifelong memories and friendships have, without doubt, been made throughout this fortnight and we look forward to hosting more overseas guests in November.



Mrs Cavanagh





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FESTIVAL OF SPORT 2025

On the 4 July Park students showed that we are Much More Than Just A School. Our Festival of Sport was yet another reminder of how fantastic Park Community School is.

The week leading up to the festival consisted of a range of sports, games and activities for students to gain points for their Houses. Students showed outstanding hard work, effort and enthusiasm throughout every further, fitter, faster, stronger challenge.

On the day of the festival, we had perfect weather conditions for our track and field events. All students in Years 6, 7, 8, 9 and the nursery took part. Students poured onto the STP dressed in their House colours. They were greeted by music and performances during a wonderful opening ceremony. Performance, talent and skill levels were high throughout the competitions, matched by the displays of sportsmanship, encouragement and celebration.

Mrs Cavanagh





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NURSERY RESULTS

Position	Points	House
1 st	190	Blue
2 nd	190	Red
3 rd	160	Green



YEAR 6 RESULTS

Position	Points	House
1 st	120	Blue
2 nd	80	Red
3 rd	60	Green



YEAR 7 RESULTS

Position	Points	House
1 st	1010	Red
2 nd	955	Blue
3 rd	825	Green



YEAR 8 RESULTS

Position	Points	House
1 st	1685	Blue
2 nd	1420	Green
3 rd	1360	Red



YEAR 9 RESULTS

Position	Points	House
1 st	800	Red
2 nd	640	Green
3 rd	475	Blue



OVERALL RESULTS

Position	Points	House
1 st	3535	Red
2 nd	3505	Blue
3 rd	3170	Green



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Year 7's Unplugged Adventure at Abbey Home Farm

Three staff and ten Year 7 students went to Abbey Home Farm in Cirencester for a residential working holiday. On the way we had a walk through Savername Forest near Swindon which is home to the oldest oak and beech trees in Europe. We stayed in a horseshoe of cabins facing out onto a beautiful view of the Gloucestershire countryside. Each morning we were dressed and ready at 7:30 to go out and feed the pigs and calves, harvest in the market garden or prepare breakfast for everyone. The rest of the day was full of farm activities such as collecting and sorting eggs (we broke the farm record with 284), gardening, horse grooming, fire lighting, log splitting, water fighting and standing under sprinklers. We also prepared vegetarian meals together, ate at a massive table together and had to talk to each other during the meal because our mobile phones had been put into the new pouches as soon as we got there.

There wasn't a TV so in the evenings we visited Bibury, the 'prettiest village in England', played sports, card and board games, read books, opened a hair salon and Mr Redman cunningly made a competition where he got to hide for an hour while we looked for him in the woods.

On the way back we stopped off at the world's busiest pub, The Farmer's Dog, so Mr Redman could queue for 40 minutes to buy some apple juice with Jeremy Clarkson's face on it. We didn't mind though, despite the constant wasp attacks while waiting for him in the world's biggest pub garden, because we'd all had such a fantastic time making new friends and getting healthier eating lots of fresh, organic vegetables, doing physical work, breathing lots of fresh air, getting plenty of sleep and avoiding social media. We all plan to continue to make at least three of that list weekly habits.

Mr Shearn





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Performance at the Spring

Ten of our Year 9 dancers performed with Lila dance company in their piece "Fault lines" at The Spring. They only had seven hours to learn the choreography and they were truly amazing.

The company was blown away by their performance and sheer determination to perfect the choreography and perform to such a high standard.

Mrs Chuter



The Power of Music Year 2 Finale!

A fantastic concert was held to mark the end of The Power of Music Year 2 with Hampshire Music Service. A great project focussed on creating sustained music provision across Leigh Park schools to impact confidence, resilience and attendance. Great to welcome the Mayor of Havant Munazza Faiz, to the performance too.

Mrs Capaldi





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Discover Your Leigh Park



Aged between 10-16?

Looking for a fun way to start the summer holidays? Join us for free activities, food and games throughout the community!

Thursday 31st
JULY
1pm-4pm

Activities available:

- Football
- Pickleball
- Boxing
- Music
- Pool
- Rowing challenge
- Crafts
- Smoothie making
- Bike marking and maintenance

Claim your free slice of Papa Johns pizza by completing activities!



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at the junction with Greywell



Free Summer Youth Activities

For 11-16
year olds
TO ATTEND ALONE



Thursday 24th July
The Spring Arts Centre Workshop

Friday 25th July
Hair and Beauty Glow-Up Day

Monday 28th July
The Spring Arts Centre Workshop

Tuesday 29th July
Street Safe, Brain Smart Activity Day

Wednesday 30th July
Creative Day with Making Space

Thursday 31st July
Trip to Rock Up, Whiteley

Monday 4th August
Homemade Oven fired Pizzas, Coleslaw,
Wildberry Crumble

Tuesday 5th August
Bounce Fitness and Karaoke

Wednesday 6th August
Game Design with ComputerXplorers

Thursday 7th August
Trip to Luna Acrobatics and Aerial Arts

Monday 11th August
Cooking: Ultimate fakeaway feast!

Tuesday 12th August
Woodwork

Wednesday 13th August
Build It: Bricklaying & Plastering Basics

Thursday 14th August
Trip to Chichester Aqua Park

Monday 18th August
The Spring Arts Centre Workshop

Tuesday 19th August
Trip to Tenpin, Chichester - Bowling
and Escape Room

Location: **Park Community School, Middle Park Way; Havant; PO9 4BU**

FREE lunch everyday!

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Primary
school aged
children

WITH PARENT/CARERS

10.30am
-2.30pm

Thursday 24th and
Friday 25th July
Monday 28th to
Thursday 31st July
Monday 4th to
Thursday 7th August
Monday 11th to
Thursday 14th August
Monday 18th and
Tuesday 19th August

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Thursday 7th August - **Farm Animals**
Thursday 14th August - **Climbing Wall**

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Year 10 Travel and Tourism Trip to Solent Airport

Travel and Tourism students visited Solent Airport to explore how a small scale airport operates and understand the security required at an airport.

Mr Redman





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