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Newsletter

May 2026

GOOD LUCK YEAR 11 & YEAR 10
IN YOUR EXAMS!



Park students Join Jamie Oliver to Judge Good School Food Awards

In April, Mr Cross and I had the opportunity to take two students to Jamie Oliver HQ to shortlist the nominees for this year's Good School Food Awards.

The day began with an inspiring speech from Jamie Oliver, followed by a healthy school lunch where students networked with representatives from the London Marathon and the Youth Movement Bite Back. A highlight for the group was meeting Jamie personally, who took the time to chat and take photos with each student.

During the afternoon, the team tackled the difficult task of shortlisting award nominees. The students concluded the day with a creative craft session, decorating plates with slogans to advocate for better school food policies.

Both students were exceptional ambassadors for the school, please congratulate them if you see them!

Mr Moody



DEAR PARENTS, CARERS AND STUDENTS,

This newsletter has a decidedly international theme as we celebrate the experiences of our travellers to India and China. As a school we have now welcomed students from overseas for 3 years, learning about different cultures, creating friendships without borders, and inspiring each other to explore the world.

Our International Student Ambassador programme has allowed everyone at Park to learn first-hand about other parts of the world. The programme matches Year 8s with Chinese buddies, allows Years 9, 10 and 11 to apply to study in India or China and now includes on-line learning programmes with India and China and our after-school Mandarin lessons. We hope you enjoy reading about our most recent international adventures.

Year 11 have now begun their final GCSE exams. They have worked hard, taken advantage of after school and holiday study sessions and are ready to apply this in their final exams. Daily exam boosters are now in place every afternoon, please encourage your child to attend. We wish them all lots of luck in the exams!

Thank you for supporting your children to maintain their attendance streak. Students have enjoyed the daily draws and themed prizes linked to 'Active for April'. It has been great to see winners making good use of their water bottles, sports equipment and PE quarter zips.

A reminder that students are permitted to replace their shirt and tie with a summer polo shirt if they wish to do so. These should include their house logo and can be purchased from Skoolkit.



Mr Anders



Mrs Capaldi

An Unforgettable China Adventure



FRIDAY 13 MAY

Non uniform day to
support Off The Record &
mental health awareness

WEAR SOMETHING
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Year 7 Rich Challenge

This term, Year 7 students successfully completed their fourth Rich Challenge in STAR lessons, taking part in an exciting “campaign for change” project.

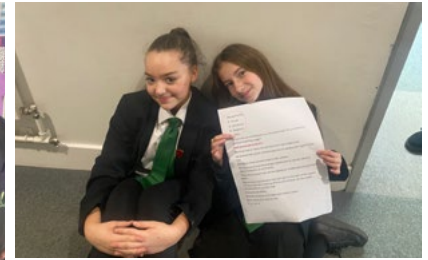
As part of the challenge, students worked collaboratively to form their own political parties, developing creative and thoughtful manifestos that addressed issues important to them within the school community. Throughout the process, they demonstrated excellent teamwork, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills, while also building confidence in presenting and defending their ideas.

Students impressed staff with their enthusiasm and maturity, showcasing their ability to communicate effectively and engage as responsible, active citizens. The quality of discussion and debate was particularly noteworthy, with many groups showing a strong understanding of how to bring about positive change.

Congratulations go to the winning team from Mr Banting’s group. They delivered a compelling and passionate campaign centred on active learning. Their innovative ideas and confident presentation set them apart.

We look forward to seeing the next stage of their journey, as they pitch their ideas to Mrs Capaldi—watch this space!

Miss Privett and the STAR team

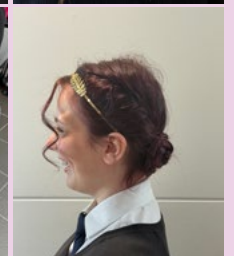
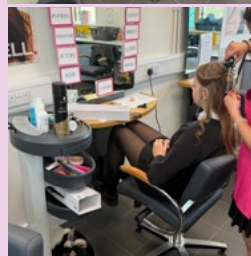
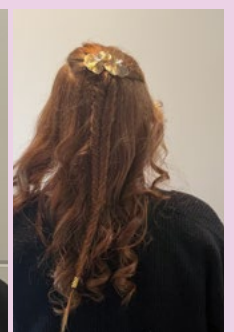
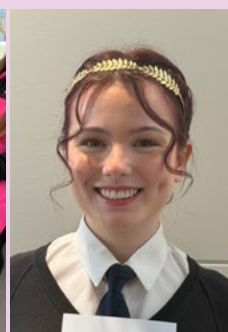


Hair and Beauty Students Shine in Exams

It has been an incredible two days for our Hair and Beauty students, who recently completed their practical exams with flying colours. From the initial concepts to the final polished looks, the level of skill and dedication on display was nothing short of inspiring. The first day of the exam set a high bar for creativity. The atmosphere was buzzing with energy, and the research put into the various themes was evident across the board.

Brooke and Charley’s work, effort, and meticulous research into the Greek theme was truly fantastic. The level of effort, creativity, and professionalism shown by every student was outstanding. Whether it was intricate hair styling or flawless makeup application, the attention to detail on display was truly impressive.

Mrs Challinor



Beauty and Wellness Tuck Shop

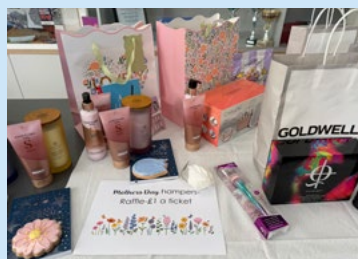
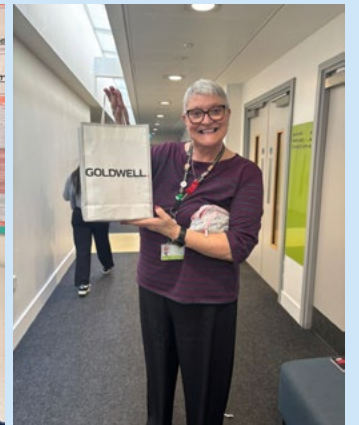
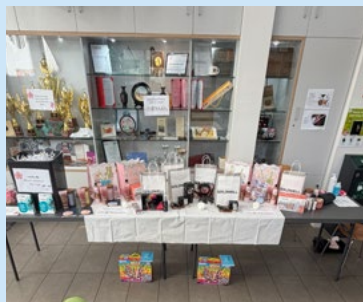
We are thrilled to announce that we have raised just over £50 so far! We still have some funds coming in for hair pieces, and any remaining nail art supplies will be used to support our after-school clubs and upcoming exams. This is a fantastic boost for our practical sessions.

We would like to extend a massive thank you to Tesco and Next Charity. Their generosity has been incredible, providing wonderful donations for our raffle prizes as well as essential supplies for our practical lessons. We couldn't have done it without them!

Thank you to Paula, Daisy, Ella and Annabelle for their help-along with some of the Hub students doing some organising.



Mrs Challinor



Park Students Win People's Choice at Portsmouth Guildhall

On Wednesday 22 April our amazing Dance Live cast performed at the grand finals at Portsmouth Guildhall against seven other winners from across the competition and it was in no doubt a very tough final.

Our students, as always performed their hearts out and came away with People's Choice Award meaning the audience voted our performance as their favourite. We didn't make top 3, however, we are extremely proud of what they have achieved including winning our heat. They demonstrated excellent team work skills and resilience as always.



Mrs Chuter



From Ancient Towns to Neon Lights: An Unforgettable China Adventure



Our students recently returned from an incredible journey across China, a life-changing experience filled with cultural immersion, academic challenges, and lasting friendships. From the historic streets of ancient towns to the bustling metropolis of Shanghai, here is a look back at their six-day adventure.

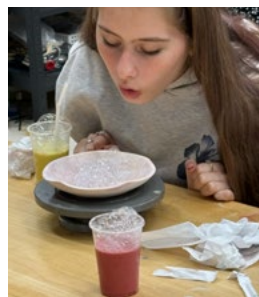
Mr Bryce

Days 1 & 2: First Impressions and Life in Shanghai

The journey began at Shanghai Hongrun Bouyuan High School after a long 21-hour journey. Students didn't waste a moment, immediately exploring a 1,000-year-old ancient town and testing their culinary bravery with jellyfish and chopsticks.

The academic immersion was instant. Students attended "AP/Honours" level classes, ranging from Macroeconomics to American Literature. A standout moment occurred during the whole-school assembly when Summer shocked the crowd by introducing herself in fluent Mandarin!

Outside the classroom, the group tried their hand at Tai Chi, traditional dance, and ceramics. Hagen even picked up a golf club for the first time, successfully hitting the ball with guidance from his Chinese buddy. Before leaving for Zhangjiagang, Liam was recognized for his outstanding contributions to a World Government lesson.



Days 3 & 4: Celebrity Status and Cultural Mastery

At Lianfeng Middle School, our students were treated like absolute celebrities. The welcome was overwhelming, with local students eager to take photos and chat.

The exchange was truly "hands-on":

Culinary Arts: Students learned to make spring rolls and dumplings from the school's Vice Principal. Lawan and Marley proved to be natural chefs!

Traditional Crafts: From paper cutting to carving custom stamps for printing, our students created beautiful keepsakes.

Music & Art: Frankie impressed everyone with a solo performance on the Guzheng (a traditional stringed instrument) after just 30 minutes of practice, while Marley excelled in copper-beating artwork.

One of the most impactful experiences was the "home-stay" evening. Students like Thomas, Hagen, Millie, and Marley overcame their nerves to join their buddies' families for dinner, building confidence and international bonds over a shared meal.



Day 5: Craftsmanship and Skyscrapers

The group visited the massive 30-acre Lianfeng International High School for sports and team-building. While Fletcher received a humble lesson in the high standard of Chinese badminton, the group found success in a specialized workshop. Under the guidance of a Master, every student hand-carved their own set of chopsticks, learning the "heaven and earth" symbolism behind their design.

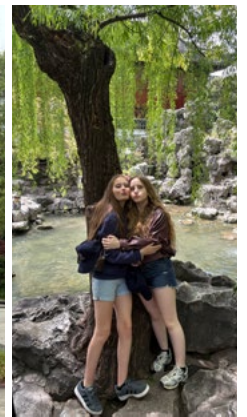
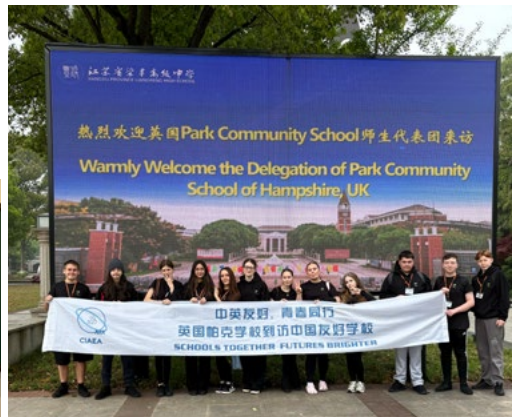
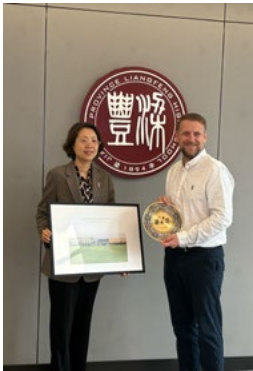
The day concluded with a private concert at the Guqin Arts Centre and an elaborate hotpot dinner on the banks of the Yangtze River as they transitioned back to the bright lights of Shanghai.

Day 6: The Grand Finale

The trip wrapped up with a day of sightseeing and “retail therapy.” At the beautiful Yu Gardens, our Year 11s took a moment to pray to the God of Wisdom for success in their upcoming exams. This was followed by a shopping spree on Nanjing Road and a final photo opportunity at The Bund, overlooking Shanghai’s iconic skyline.

We finished our journey with a celebratory dinner for Miss Conner’s birthday, reflecting on a week of resilience, teamwork, and cultural discovery.

We are incredibly proud of how our students represented the school. They dived into every challenge—from 12-hour school days to speaking new languages—with enthusiasm and respect. It was truly a trip of a lifetime!



JET trip to Babcock site at HMS Collingwood

10 of our lovely JET students visited the Babcock International site at HMS Collingwood in April. This brought back many great memories from the past for me! The students were; Kaci, Katrina, Leo, Leon, Chloe, Ernie, Liam, Harry, Harry and Dakota.

All students were brilliantly behaved and showed Park at its best by all getting involved in the tasks wherever possible, including all standing in front of the group and staff to give a brief outline of themselves and their ambitions for the future. This was a great achievement for each of them, as there was very little warning and all of the staff were new to them!

We were shown around the Babcock facilities which included the mines and counter measures training areas, this also included a 'yellow' submarine drone, which got mine and the students attention! Especially when staff described how it carried mine disabling bombs!

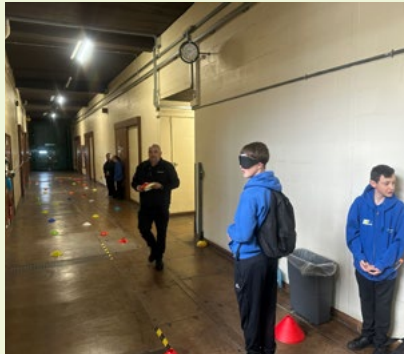
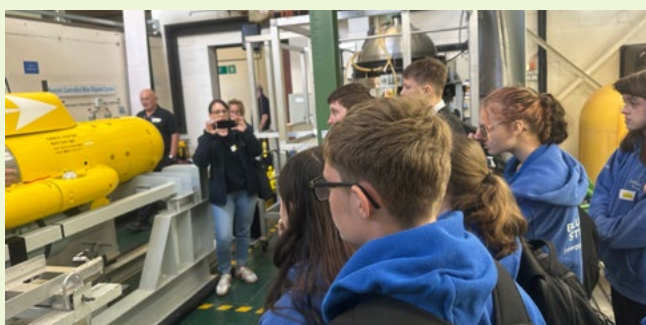
After completing some tasks to show the importance of communication during the act of disabling a bomb or mine, we had lunch which was a banquet! We were spoilt for choice!

In the afternoon we went across to experience a bomb disposal training facility. This included a simulated plane where there was a fake bomb in the hold. We then entered an area simulating below decks of a ship which had sustained damage after an attack. This was quite dramatic but no one used the 'safe word' to stop the proceedings, but there were some tears of relief when it was all over from Dakota!

All the staff were ex forces and were amazing. All in all a great day out and different experiences for the students in very stressful scenarios, and understanding the importance of good communication and leadership at these moments.

We all received a lovely gift bag and went home with smiles on our faces!

Mr Grant





Jet Project

After three fantastic years, the Year 10 Jet students graduated with 1st class honours! 15 students started the course when they were in Year 8 with the aim to improve their teamwork, resilience and leadership skills. Students have undertaken countless in school and out of school sessions at local and international partners learning and then applying these skills!



The transformation has been incredible with students demonstrating these at their graduation having to present to a room full of people including parents/carers, business partners and SLT!

Not only has the programme been a huge success but also a whole lot of fun. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all involved.

Mr Crowley



Year 8 Architects of the Future: Building New Nations

Some of our Year 8 students took part in an engaging and creative session centred on designing their own "new nation."

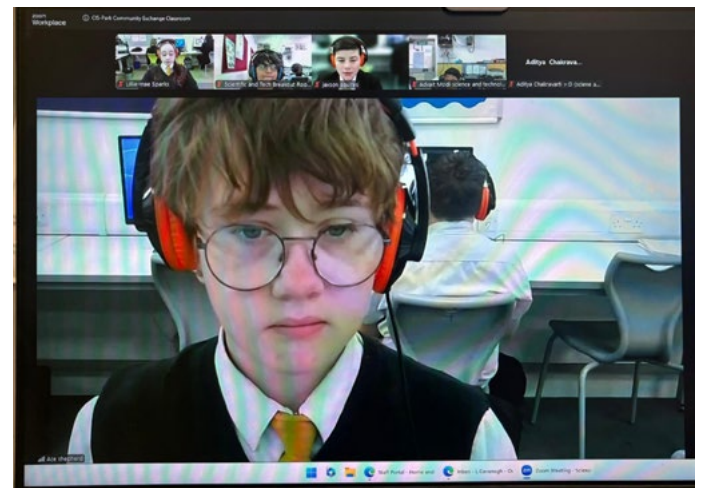


They explored key aspects of nation-building, including government structures, political systems, economic planning, education, and developments in science and technology.

Working collaboratively with a partner school, students shared ideas and perspectives, strengthening their teamwork and global awareness. Each group began shaping a unique national identity, including composing an original anthem and designing plans for a national monument.

Looking ahead, each team will continue developing their nation by creating a physical model and producing an online newsletter to showcase their ideas and progress for next weeks presentations, in our final lesson

Mrs Cavanagh



A Journey of Learning, Culture and Connection: Our School Exchange Trip to India

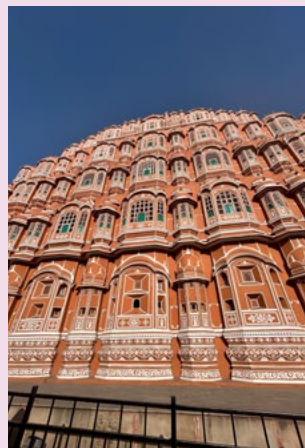
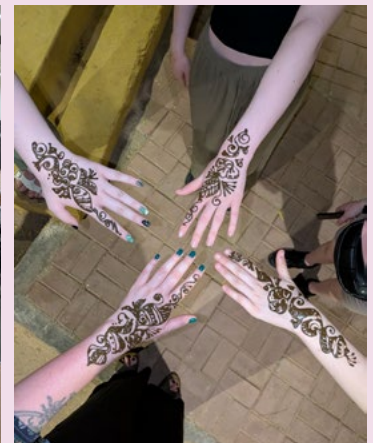
In April, myself, Miss Nuttall and a group of ten Year 10 and 11 girls' had the incredible opportunity to take part in a school exchange trip to India — an experience that will stay with them for a lifetime. More than just a visit, the exchange was a chance to immerse ourselves in a different culture, build international friendships and see first-hand how learning connects us across the world.

We flew into Delhi airport and were transported by coach to our partner school, Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya (SKV) in Gwalior. SKV is ranked the no.1 girls' residential school in India. From the moment we arrived, we were welcomed with warmth and generosity by our partner school. Students experienced daily school life in India, attending lessons alongside their buddies and taking part in a wide range of school activities. Whilst we were staying, SKV were hosting a festival called Dharohar—celebrating all things Parsi heritage. This included workshops in cooking dancing and art and ending with the Principals dinner where we all got to dress in traditional saris. This offered a fascinating comparison between education systems and highlighted just how universal curiosity, creativity and kindness are — no matter where you learn.

Following our stay in the school, we explored local towns and cities, visited cultural and historical landmarks, and experienced the sights, sounds and flavours of India. Our first stop was to the city of Agra where we visited an ancient site called Fatehpur Sikri before stopping at the amazing site of the Taj Mahal. For many, trying new foods, navigating busy streets and engaging with local traditions were memorable highlights. These moments encouraged independence, adaptability and confidence — skills that are invaluable both in and beyond school.



SCINDIA KANYA VIDYALAYA



From Agra, we travelled to the city of Jaipur which is renowned as the “Pink City” for its distinctive, historically significant building colour. Whilst here we visited iconic landmarks: drove in a jeep to the hilltop Amber Fort and posed in front of the central City Palace.

After Jaipur, we travelled by early morning train back to Delhi. Watching the sparse countryside landscapes merge into the bustle of the city. In Delhi, we got to experience shopping in Delhi Haat and have our final buffet lunch together as a group. One of the most powerful aspects of the trip was how the students learned the importance of listening, understanding different perspectives and appreciating diversity. Students reflected on how quickly their initial nerves turned into excitement and connection once they realised how much they had in common with their hosts.

We hope our students returned with a deeper awareness of the wider world and a greater appreciation for their own opportunities. There were many individual chances for students to feel inspired — not only academically, but personally — by the resilience, enthusiasm and sense of community they encountered by bonding together and trying things out of their comfort zone.

As a school, we are proud of how our students represented us throughout the trip. They showed curiosity, respect and maturity, and embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm. The memories made, lessons learned and friendships formed will continue to shape them long after the journey has ended. We look forward to building on this partnership and hope it is just the beginning of many more international opportunities for our school community. We look forward to welcoming SKV students to Park Community School in July.

Mrs Leach and Miss Nuttal



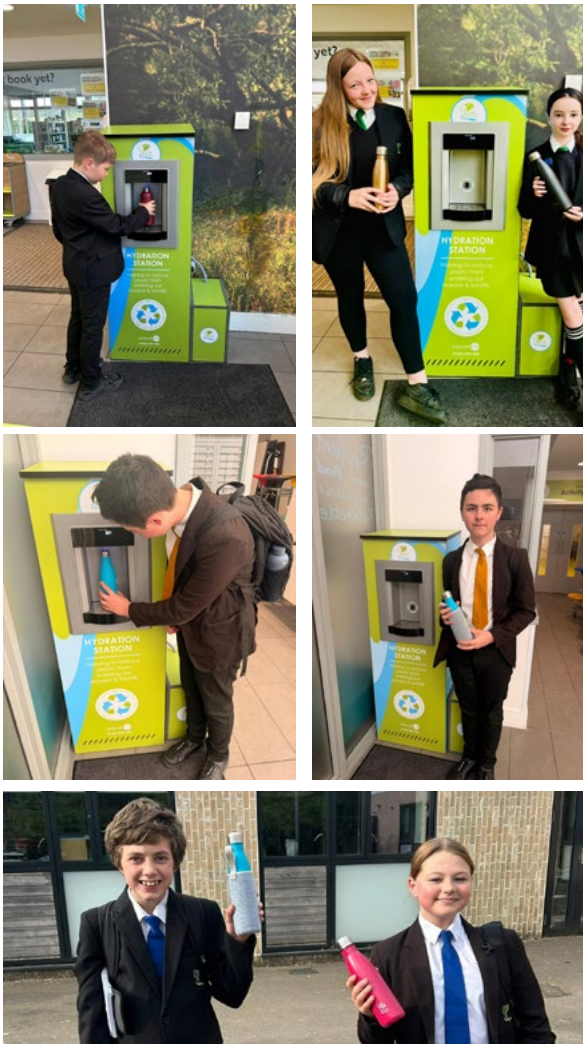
Hydrating for Success: New Rewards and Sustainable Initiatives

Attendance streak prizes were recently awarded in the form of reusable water bottles, providing winners with the perfect tool to utilise the new hydration stations situated in the restaurant.

The installation of these stations came about following a request from Student Voice, as part of a dedicated effort to reduce school waste and move away from single-use plastic bottles. This initiative highlighted the school's commitment to sustainability while ensuring that students had easy access to fresh water throughout the day.

By making use of these facilities, the community successfully worked together to lower its environmental impact and promote healthier habits across the campus. Congratulations were extended to all the winners who maintained their streaks and supported this positive change.

Mrs Capaldi



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19 MAY 10:00	Ordinarily Available Provision and SEN Support Looking at support available for those who do not have an EHCP	28 MAY 10:30	Responding to a draft EHCP If you are in that critical time frame having received your draft

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