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## Park Community Team shortlisted for TES Award

We are delighted to announce that Park Community School have been shortlisted for a national award, Community and Collaboration award by the (TES).

The award recognises how we support our local community and collaborate with other schools, businesses, universities and colleges.

The Community and Innovations Team are committed to creating new ways to make a difference within the community and to ensure that Park Community School is always 'Much More than Just a School'. The team consists of staff from Community, Facilities and Catering Teams and Park Community Enterprises staff who together provide a wide range of services which run through the community like a golden thread, not simply bolting on services.

The TES have recognised initiatives that are unique To Park Community School including:

### MUNCH

Our food scheme to provide students who normally receive Free School Meals with a free meal in the holidays. Everyone is welcome; ALL children attending preschools, primary or local secondary schools are invited.

### STUDENT RECRUITMENT

We listened to students and parents about the difficulties in finding Saturday paid work, so we developed our own Student Recruitment Agency and to date we have employed 65 students.

### OPENING HOURS

Over the last decade, the school has been rebuilt to inspire and enable success. Park Community School is open 51 weeks a year, 8am to 10pm Monday-Friday with a minimum of 9am to 6pm at weekends. We provide a safe haven for students and also generate much needed income by being the hub of our community.

### PCE

In 2013, we established our own not for profit limited company Park Community Enterprises Ltd to give young people work experience and education in a real life working environment away from an educational establishment, where students can experience what it is like to work among adults doing their day job.

As a result, we now have:

Our printing and design business, Park Design and Print Limited;  
A small holding on a local farm;  
Apex Construction Skills Centre.

We are extremely proud of our innovative approach that makes Park Community School unique.



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## What Park Parents Say...

Each year we conduct a survey of parents' views. This year nearly 200 parents took the time to give us feedback on what we are doing really well and what we could continue to improve. Parent feedback matters to us. The feedback this year is more positive than ever.

Nine out of ten agreed

that their child 'Feels happy and safe at Park.' and that their children were 'Well looked after' and had been given 'Good support to help them settle in when they started at Park.'

A similar proportion said that

'Park's values were having a positive effect on my child' and that we were 'Good at encouraging students to support their community as active, helpful citizens.' They also believed that 'Park ensures that its students are well behaved.'

More than four out of five

said they would be very happy to 'Recommend Park to other parents.'

Comments about the best things about Park included:

- 'A very modern school. Good values.' 'Great meals.'
- 'A really good school with lots of opportunities.' 'Great facilities.'
- 'Staff look after the children and are really understanding when there are problems.'
- The best thing about Park is, 'Its commitment to its students.' 'Community services and participation.'
- 'My child is happy,' at Park. 'Teachers are lovely and supportive.'

Two things for us to continue to improve were identified by several respondents. These include looking at how we arrange parents' evenings to reduce queues and to continue to develop our communication. We will therefore:

- a) Work hard to stick to 5-minute slots for parents' evenings
- b) Introduce a flip card system for teachers to show which appointment slot they are currently on.
- c) Continue to try to improve the layout of the seating so that everyone can be as comfortable as possible.
- d) Redesign some of our paper work such as the registration, medical and consent forms so that they are clearer.

Thank you for your continued support.

## MILK Homework App

Milk is an online student planner system designed to boost your child's performance at school and is



accessible via a web browser or any Android or Apple mobile device. It puts you in control of your homework diary with messaging features, a data rich student achievement dashboard and homework analytics.

## MyEd App

Parental Engagement for the Smartphone generation. MyEd incorporates a unique school



branded mobile parent app, free in-app messaging, text messaging, email and the ability to distribute documents and digital forms via the app. It also provides parents with a clear view of student attendance and performance.

## Year 11: The Final Countdown

The exam season is now in full swing and our Year 11s have been coping with the challenges of the new GCSEs admirably. Students have been taking advantage of free breakfast on the mornings of exams, period 6 study sessions and the opportunity to come in early for extra tuition. Students were also boosted by the 'Good Luck postcards' they received from parents and teachers. Study clubs are running throughout half term for Year 11s (a copy of the timetable is available on our Facebook page). We are so proud of Year 11, their efforts and attitude so far have been exceptional. We look forward to seeing them well rested and ready to do brilliantly in the exams after half term.



## Year 10

Also, a huge well done to all Year 10 students who all sat their English Literature GCSE this week! Once again, they did us proud and demonstrated maturity, hard work and a great attitude. Well done all.

## Tucasi Online Payments

Did you know that we have an online payment system which allows you to make payments for school trips and can be used to top up students' dinner money allowance rather than them having to bring loose change into school? If you don't remember your log in details please contact school reception and we can arrange for a welcome letter to be sent to you. There are links from the catering and trip pages on the school website to the Tucasi online log in screen <https://www.scopay.com/pcs>





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## Alexandra Care Home

Mrs Chuter took students from Performing Arts to perform to the residents at Alexandra Rose Care Home following a request for them to perform again.

The students were amazing and we had some great feedback.



## Big Bang Fair



More than 150 Year 7 students had a fantastic morning at the EBP Big Bang event, one of the biggest STEM fairs on the South Coast. Our students were inspired by 60 businesses to consider a career in STEM industries. They interacted with businesses and education providers through activities they had designed to help young people get a taster for their business, industry or job roles.

By allowing young people to try the activities it gave them an understanding of the different job roles in STEM industries and dis-spell the stereotypes.

Some of the interactive activities provided by the companies included:

- \* Students using a T Hotbox to remove dents from a car panel with Apollo
- \* Experiments showing the science behind the Exxon Mobil
- \* Real time hacking event and password cracking competition with Kingfisher IT Services
- \* Taking selfies with a thermal imaging camera with Leonardo
- \* Balloon powered cars with Matchtech
- \* Activities that demonstrate Air Traffic Management with NATS
- \* Building a lighting circuit with SETA
- \* Extracting DNA from fruit with University of Portsmouth Faculty of Science



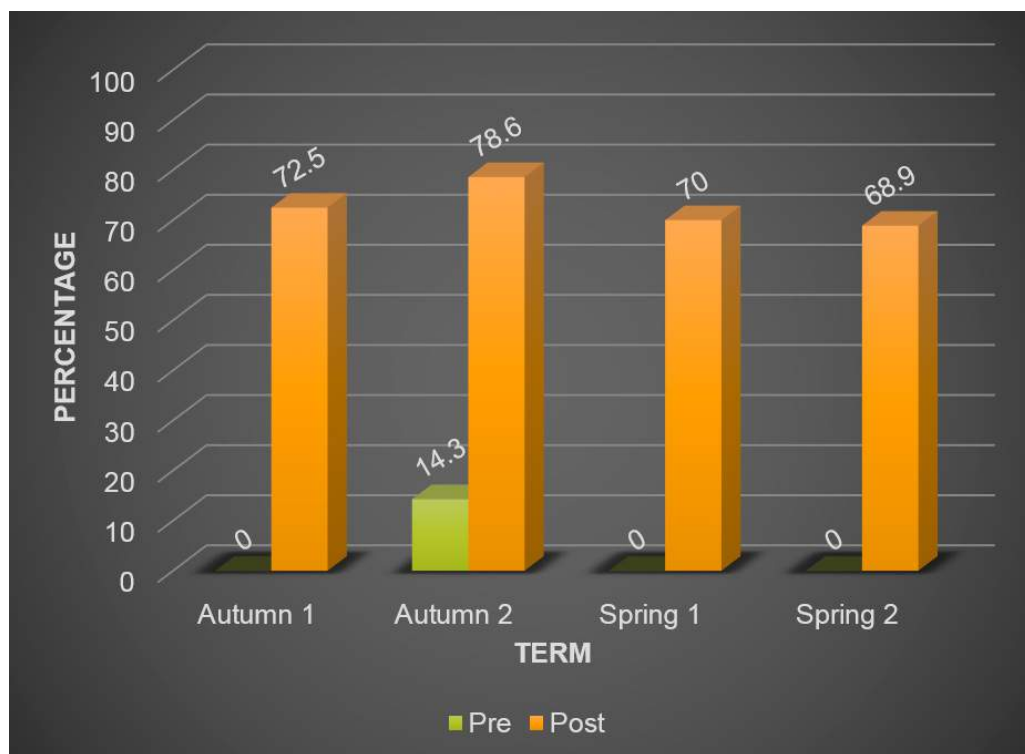
## Period 6 Mathematics - Mr Murphy

The chart opposite represents the kind of improvements made during Period 6 Mathematics sessions throughout the year.

In most instances students begin Period 6 with an average score of zero percent on certain topics. After the 4-week cycle of Period 6 lessons, this average in many cases rises to +70%. Across the year the average percentage improvement between pre and post assessments is 68.9%.

This is a great achievement by all those students who have attended Period 6 Mathematics throughout the year. Well done!

Please support us by encouraging your sons and daughters to attend their Period 6 sessions when invited.



## National Chemistry Masterclass at Southampton University

On Wednesday, 28 March, 15 of our Year 10 students went to Southampton University to take part in a Natural Chemistry Masterclass.

The main aim of the afternoon was to extract caffeine from tea. The Year 10 students had to follow a given method using skills from class and a totally new set of skills. They were very lucky to use some of the amazing equipment the university has. This included an infra-red spectrometer which would test whether the samples of caffeine were pure, and they then got to carry out a thin layer chromatography and use a UV light to view the results.





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## Wave of Poppies - by Year 8 students - Josh, Nicky & Taylan

Miss McIntosh and Ms Shuttle took 13 students to Fort Nelson to see the Wave of Poppies. This was both a reward trip and enrichment activity.

The poppies are ceramic and are in memory of every British life lost at the front during the first world war. As we entered there were security guards who checked our bags for anything suspicious. Staff at the fort showed us the way to the display of poppies and they were really pretty even though they were fake. Nicky had taken his sketch book and was able to stand and draw the poppies as it was a quiet day.

We then had the opportunity to look around the fort and spent time in the tunnels and the museum. There were many weapons that had been used during WW1 and WW2 from guns to cannons.

Deep in the tunnels were rooms full of gunpowder and instead of electric lighting there were lamp rooms.

All of the students enjoyed the afternoon especially as the sun was shining. We were glad to get the chance to see them as they are only at Fort Nelson until 24 June. If you get the chance, you should go!





# Tuppenny Barn visit





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## Family Affairs

Reward points so far for academic attainment and effort:

**Austen: 12707/Dickens: 10139/Brunel: 10475/Nelson: 9703**

A massive well done to Austen family, who won Race at Our Place (well done Cain!) and have also won the rounders, so taking a massive points lead and two more places on the trophy!

Who will win Sports Day and another 100 points? Watch this space for results.

### Mr Pennington – Dickens

Dickens Family is named after the Portsmouth born Victorian writer, Charles Dickens and it has been my pleasure to lead the house for the past 12 months. During that time students from the family have been heavily involved in devising and promoting the school's Reward Scheme, which has resulted in those students who get it right receiving recognition for their good behaviour, academic achievement and general attitude. Other highlights of the past 12 months have included Dickens family winning the inter-family football challenge and the "virtual" cross channel rowing competition. We are currently 3rd in the Family Points leader board and are hoping for big wins in the school sports day on 4 July.

### Mr Crowley - Nelson

Park Community School's Tanzania team have been continuing their fundraising campaign on behalf of non profit charity The Grassroots Trust. The team have taken part in a sponsored walk and organised a very successful Easter raffle.

### Miss Wingham - Austen

We have had an amazing last two terms through being the winner of the Race at our Place and of the rounders competition , which has gained us two more places on the trophy plus extra family points!

Austen family has also been inspired by one of our assembly topics. We have been looking at role models and people who inspire us to do well. We are planning on showing these on our family notice board with something from each Austen mentor group.

### Miss Hopkins - Brunel

Brunel are currently second in the Family Points leader board which is a fantastic achievement. I am so proud of the young people within the Brunel family. We have sports day coming up on 4 July, where I am looking forward to seeing excellent sportsmanship, whatever the outcome. It was recently teacher appreciation day, our family celebrated the work our various members of staff do to make it 'More than Just a School'. I would like to take this final opportunity to wish our Year 11 students good luck in their exams and we wish them every success in what comes after.



## Sports Ambassador Cricket Skills Festival

Our Year 8 and 9 Sports Ambassadors officiated at Springwood School on Tuesday, 22 May where they ran a Year 2 and 3 Cricket Festival. Our students have adapted the skills and used their Leadership skills to organise this event which, as always, was amazing.

Well done to all the students that took part.

## Visit to Women's FA Cup Final

Lily, a Year 10 Student from Park, and members of Widbrook Football Team had an amazing day at Wembley Stadium courtesy of Park Community School who had been gifted the tickets by SSE to the Women's FA final. Fifteen young people with a passion for football all attended.

They had an amazing day and evening Cheering Chelsea ladies on who went on to win the match against Arsenal 3-1.



## 1851 Trust Roadshow on the Camber

Mr Shearn took a group of Year 7-9 Students to the 1851 Trust on the Camber in Old Portsmouth as a reward for good effort in completing science homework this year. Students enjoyed a range of team workshops including a competition to see who could make the most efficient wind turbine, testing the strength of different materials used in boatbuilding, making model boats and testing their stability and load capacity.

The students were lucky enough to get out on the water and learnt to sail!





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# MUNCH

## 2018

**MUNCH Lunch Dates 2018**  
**12pm - 1.30pm**

Providing a two course meal without charge for children attending ANY school in Leigh Park who are in receipt of free school meals. All are welcome, including Grans and Grandads. To enable us to continue MUNCH could we ask for a donation towards your meal? We will also be providing Breakfast from 9.00am - 9.30am during holidays. A selection of cereal, toast, fruit, yogurt and even a bacon sandwich will be available.

**Summer Holiday**

**Tuesday 24th July - Friday 31st August**

**MUNCH Thursday Dinner and Sunday Lunch**

**Join us for dinner on Thursdays**

Park Community School, 5.30pm - 6.30pm

**Join us for lunch on The last Sunday of the month**

A traditional Sunday Lunch and a pudding

Park Community School 12.00pm - 1.00pm

This has all been made possible by generous funding from various organisations including; Postcode Publications Ltd, Havant Borough Council and Park Community School.



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## Park Sports

### Year 7 Swimming Lessons

For the past six weeks twelve Year 7 students have been having swimming lessons with resident sports coach and double Olympic swimmer - Katy Sexton MBE.

They have learnt water skills and gained more water confidence each session. Working on frontcrawl, backstroke and breaststroke with the majority of them being able to complete 25m competently as well as treadwater for 60 seconds, all important life skills.

Well done to the Year 7s! It would be great to hear from you that you're keeping up this important life skill.

We are looking forward to welcoming the Year 8 students for their course of swimming lessons after half term.



### Work Experience at Park

My name is Cameron Mitchell and I am an ex-Park and GCSE PE student. I am currently at college studying Sports and Excellence and Football Academy level 3 extended diploma. I really enjoy the football aspects of the course structure and the theory elements are very interesting, linking well to the units of study I covered at Park.

I really enjoyed examination PE at Park. The practical was fun but stretched you to improve and the theory was really relevant and interesting. After college I plan to go to university, as I have a strong interest in studying to be a Sports Physiotherapist or a Sports Analyst.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my placement back with the PE department at Park. I have shadowed many team members and experienced a variety of year groups both theory and practical. I have learnt different methods of teaching and how to take control of a lesson to develop performance and improve outcomes.

### Coming Soon... Festival of Sport aka Sports Day

On 4 July staff and students will take part in track and field events for their family. Last year Nelson won overall. Points will begin to be gained on the two week lead up to Sports Day with alternative competitions within PE lessons and staff fitness challenges.

Currently Year 7 and 8 are working hard to improve their athletics sports performance in events such as javelin, shot putt, discus, long jump, 100m sprint, 800m and relay. They are all fighting for the opportunity to represent the school at the Year 7/8 area athletics championships on 26 June.



## Year 11 BTEC Stunning Results - Congratulations!

The year has seen the largest number of students complete BTEC or examination sport at Park. With all 154 students completing units looking at rules, regulations and performance analysis, energy systems in relation to sport and exercise, training for person fitness and an exam in elements of fitness testing and improvement.

The PE department are extremely proud of the year group's mature response to this challenge. They fully deserve their amazing results - WELL DONE! We wish you every luck for the future.

**\* 63 - distinction stars (A\*)      \* 16 - distinctions (A)      \*55 - merits (B)      \*20 - pass (C)**

### BTEC Stars

For their impressive application in theory lessons, where we have been studying energy systems (ATP, ATP/PC, glycolysis and the aerobic systems) and for their consistent drive to improve in practical within rounders and athletics, Miss Smith and Mrs Cavanagh have chosen the following three students as their BTEC stars for the term.

Well done to Year 9 Students Brooke & Kai and Year 10 Student Liam.

### My Football Life - Bailey, Year 11

I have played football since about the age of 8 at club level. My first team was Bosmere Rangers. I still play as centre mid mostly. I really enjoy this position as I feel highly involved in play and linking passes so am able to influence the game.

The under 16 inter county trophy was held on Friday 11th May at Stoke City's BET365 ground and we travelled up the night before. We had a gym session that evening and some free time before bed ready for an early wake up call.

Next morning started with a team breakfast, then training to practice set pieces and to work through game tactics followed by lunch. After lunch we were off to the 'The Dome', Stoke city's training ground, where we had our first look at the opposition. Heading to the venue at 5pm, we were allocated the home teams changing rooms. Going out onto the pitch was surreal at a ground that you see on TV.

The game was end to end stuff, it was great to know so many people, friends, family and staff, were back at home watching the game streamed on YouTube. It was an amazing experience to play at such a good ground, give a good performance and an outstanding victory, Hampshire being named the best county in England for under 16 football.

I plan to continue to play football after Park and am going onto a two year football course with Portsmouth in the Community. I am also about to sign for Petersfield reserves where I hope to push into the first team next season.



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## South East Hants Schools' Athletics Championships

Miss Smith, Mrs Cavanagh and Mr Redman took 48 Year 9 and 10 students to the Mountbatten Centre in Portsmouth, on a very sunny day in May, to compete in the South East Hants Schools' Athletics Championships.

All students performed amazingly, representing Park brilliantly and showed real sportsmanship.

Full results will follow, when we get sent them, but below are some of the track event results:

### Year 9 Girls

100m - Kaci & Faye - both 4th in heats

200m - Brooke - 1st in heats and 1ST IN FINAL

Relay - 2nd place

### Year 9 Boys

800m - Shane - 2ND IN FINAL

### Year 10 Boys

100m - Mitchell - 2nd in heat, 5TH IN FINAL

100m - Joel - 1st in heat, 3RD IN FINAL

200m - Mitchell - 3rd in heat

400m - Declan - 3RD IN FINAL

400m - Tyler - 5TH IN FINAL

Those students that were successful in their heats have been selected by the South East Hants Athletics Selection Committee to represent SE Hants at the 2018 HSAA Track and Field Championships, which will be held at The Down Grange Sports Centre, Basingstoke on Saturday, 9 June 2018!

Good luck to Joel, Mitchell, Brooke & Shane!



## Essential Trip & Event Payment Deadlines...

- **Monday 4 June - Deposit due for New York 2019 trip**
- **Friday 8 June - Final Payment for Prom, June 2018**
- **Friday 8 June - Payment deadline for Sports Ambassador trips to Butlins & Thorpe Park**
- **Friday 29 June - Deposit due for Disney 2019 trip**



# Park in the Community

## Artscape

Artscape is a small local charity that has received funding to run some FREE art and music based sessions in the Dickinson Centre at Park Community School.

The sessions were launched at MUNCH over Easter and continue running from 1pm - 2.30pm during the summer term.

The music sessions are also fun, so if you've ever fancied learning to play a Ukulele and/or sing come along and we'll get you started. If you like it (or can already play) you are welcome to stay on for the Spacerats Jam session between 6.30pm – 8.00pm.

All the sessions are fun, social and open to anyone over the age of 18.  
For more information, please call Mandie on 07452955626

## Walking Football Festival

On Sunday 22nd April the Many Shades of Grey, Havant and Waterloo FC's walking football team for the over-50s, hosted a Walking Football Festival for the over 60 age group at Park Community School. Local teams were invited along from Pompey ITC, Emsworth & Hayling, Mountbatten Centre, Fleet, and Bognor Regis. The day wasn't just about playing football, as afterwards the teams were invited to return to West Leigh Park for a buffet and quiz night, where a total of over £340 was raised to support Southampton University's Cancer Immunology Research. This cause was chosen as the Festival was held in memory of Richard Bonsey, one of the Many Shades' players who had passed away from cancer almost a year earlier aged just 66.

The event was played in excellent spirit, and for the first time in nineteen such festivals that the Many Shades of Grey had organised, they actually won it! The quiz was won by Mountbatten. We appreciate the support of Park Community School in providing the facilities for us, which are always been there when we need them. You can also support the Many Shades of Grey through the Havant Borough Lottery, especially if you are over 16 and can buy tickets through the Many Shades' dedicated webpage at <https://www.havantlottery.co.uk/support/the-many-shades-of-grey>

## Essential Dates for your diary...

- **Monday 28 May - Friday 1 June - Half-Term**
- **Monday 4 June - School re-opens**
- **Monday 4 June - Year 11 - GCSE Exam & reduced Timetable**
- **Thursday 21 June - Year 11 Leavers' Assembly & Prom**
- **Friday 20 July - Break up for Summer Holidays**



## Recipe by Steven Cross, Head Chef

### Pea, Broad Bean, and Pecorino Bruschetta

For me, nothing says summer is just around the corner more than fresh peas and broad beans straight from the pod. The sweetness of the two work wonders with salty pecorino cheese and a little fresh mint.

### Ingredients

- 300g fresh or defrosted peas
- 300g fresh or defrosted baby broad beans
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 100g Pecorino cheese, grated
- 1 tbsp mint leaves, chopped
- 1 clove of garlic, crushed
- Juice and zest of a lemon
- Salt & ground black pepper
- 6 slices of rustic bread

### Method

1. Place all of the ingredients, leaving the bread aside, into a food processor and pulse until you have reached a chunky paste. If you have the time, or inclination, you can pop the broad beans from their skins for a greener dip.

2. Toast the bread or grill in a dry, hot pan as an alternative. Whilst still hot, spread your freshly blended dip onto the toast then finish with a sprinkle of cheese and a drizzle of oil.



### What's coming up next term...

- Year 8 Swimming Lessons
- LAMDA Dance Exams
- Year 11 Leavers Assembly & Prom
- Work Experience Fortnight
- Year 10 College Taster Days - Chichester College & Havant & South Downs College
- Years 7-10 Awards Evening
- Year 9 Learn, Excel, Aspire Program at SSE Greenpower Race
- Apple Pi Trip to Normandy
- Freshers Week
- Transition Evening
- Family Reward Trips
- Sports Day

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