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High seas adventures

Plus

**Olympics & Paralympics • STEM • Trips around this country and abroad
• Visits to see and meet inspirational people ... and lots more**

A summer of commitment and achievement

The school has a focus on three areas of success for students – Attainment, Resilience and Autonomy. We want students not only to achieve in GCSE exams, but also to leave school well-prepared for life. Students who are able to be independent, self-motivated and pick themselves up when life knocks them down. As an outstanding school the staff are able to help the children develop these attributes alongside making great progress in their studies during their time here.

I had the good fortune to be able to go to the Olympics this summer. I was struck by the commitment of the competitors, especially the Paralympians. The personal drive and determination to compete, never mind the challenge, were most striking. These are characteristics I want us to try to develop further through the education we provide at Park.

Another part of the Olympic experience which was so noticeable and has received a lot of comment was the volunteers – the 'Games Makers' – who had given their time to make the Olympic experience so memorable and ensured that a visit to the games



was safe, happy and as free from stress as possible. They were individuals who came together to make the whole experience wonderful. I think they are a good example of the African concept of 'Ubuntu'. Ubuntu is the belief that I am a person through other people – "I am because we are". That is to say we are more fulfilled as people when we can interact and care for others. This is another area in which we will be looking for ways to teach and learn from this year.

Finally, I would like to say congratulations to all our students who took exams in the summer and those of you who supported them. Overall the results were a fantastic achievement. Well done!

Christopher Anders, Headteacher

Park pirates!

"Shiver me timbers and hoist the main sail." These were the first orders ringing in the ears of two Park Community School students - William Gemmell and Robert Tolhurst - as they sailed out of Southampton aboard a Challenger 4 yacht and headed into the English Channel for a week on the high seas.

The 72 foot yacht belongs to the Tall Ships Youth Trust and has a crew of 18, twelve of which are young volunteers seeking a challenge and adventure. Despite having no previous sailing experience they soon found their 'sea legs' and became an important part of the yacht's crew and were awarded their Royal Yachting Association's Start Yachting certificates.

Although they worked hard to gain the award there was plenty of time for fun. The sailors had the opportunity for 'runs ashore' (visits) to Cowes, Weymouth, Lulworth, Poole and Thorness Bay. However there was more to this voyage than sailing. The main focus was personal development and the crew were asked to



William working aboard

award themselves before and after marks on how the experience improved their confidence, teamwork, capacity to learn new skills and ability to integrate into a team and get on with people. Both William and Robert scored themselves notably higher at the end of the voyage. The Captain commented that Robert was capable, committed, funny and William was smart, very keen and always happy. Both are welcome to sail aboard any time.

As well as having a fantastic time both students were great ambassadors for Park Community School. Their key message is if you are given the opportunity to sail with the Tall Ships, grab it with both hands and do not miss the chance of an adventure you will never forget!



Robert and William ready to sail

Guess who?

This 13 year old with Mr Watson is pictured at Feltham Community School where he was placed in Mr Watson's group for students who needed to improve their behaviour or social skills. You may recognise him from the photograph on page 2 because it is none other than Mo Farah, one of our Olympic heroes!



Mr Watson remembers Mo as a friendly and cheeky student who loved his football and cross-country racing, and was always ready for fun and games. "He was on the wing for our Year 8 football team and always beat his man for pace, but often had to come back for the ball!" said Mr Watson, who was so proud of Mo's achievements at the London 2012 Olympic Games.



Mo Farah wins his second Gold medal in the 5000m final

A unforgettable day of wonder and colour

When it was announced in June that the Dalai Lama was paying a visit to the unlikely venue of Aldershot Football Club in Hampshire, it was an opportunity not to be missed. Some of our students were lucky enough to go along to Aldershot to see and hear the Tibetan Buddhist spiritual leader. Here is Kendal Pitman's account of this remarkable event:

As soon as we arrived at the stadium we were hit by the atmosphere of culture and diversity. A huge stage sat at the top of the pitch decorated in an impressive array of colours. A major thing about the day was the outfits, but they were more than just outfits – they were the sort of clothes that make your jaw drop - so intricate, laced with culture and steeped in tradition.

There were many performances, with dancers from across the world portraying stories and events in a beautiful mixture of colour and music. I had the opportunity to interview some of the dancers from Nepal, who were happy to explain their performance to me, "It's a marital dance called Chyabsung, a big part of our culture. We're from the Limbu community, an eastern part of Nepal."

As soon as the announcement was made that His Holiness had arrived, silence fell throughout the stadium and everyone rose in unison - it was as if all present had taken a deep breath. Soft music began to play and then he



appeared. The music continued as he made his way across the pitch and took his place on the stage. Silence resumed as he prayed and when he was finished a symphony of applause greeted him.

The Dalai Lama began his speech with "Dear brothers and sisters, I am extremely happy to be here with you" and it struck me how humble he was. He continued to talk about English traditions and laughed heartily, which warmed you to hear and I began to understand why he is known for his happiness. He talked



about the Buddhist teachings and emphasised that "We all have the potential to achieve." He continued by saying that Buddha was not the creator but the teacher, that in all Buddhist tradition the messages of love, compassion, tolerance and forgiveness were significant. He talked of respect as the basis for harmony and advised us to pay more attention to the quest for knowledge through study. Finally he said that he had appreciated his visit here.



And then he did something most 76 years olds wouldn't, he walked around the pitch waving and smiling and though surrounded by camera men and reporters we were able to see him in all his greatness not two metres away from us!

This day was phenomenal. Other students on the trip described the day as "Inspirational!" (Jody Thompsett), "Amazing!" (Niamh Oldham) and "Fun!" (Rebecca Horne). It was a once in a lifetime chance that so many people wish for but never get and yet we had been lucky to experience it - it was unforgettable!

We'd like to express our thanks to Mr Anders, Mr May, Mr Bye and Mr Watson without whom we wouldn't have been able to experience such an event that will stay with us forever!

Butterflies

by the Emerald Nintendo group

In May this year our Emerald Nintendo group hatched some butterflies. We first put them in a special incubator which Mrs Trigg had bought for us and then fed them with different leaves. We had to leave them in there for over ten days until they had turned into butterflies.

Mrs Young took us outside to let them go. Each one of us (Jamie Hodgkins, Katie Hawnt, Aiden Foulstone, Katherine Jarman, Lewis Bowles and Bradley Connors) let our butterflies go in the garden area by the bungalow.

All of us were sad to see them go but it was great fun learning how butterflies develop and how long their life cycle is.

The Emerald Nintendo group of students hatched and released butterflies



Owl encounter at Overlord show

A group of our students were invited by the organisers to attend this year's Overlord military show at the showground in Denmead. Here is Tony Fenech getting to grips with a rather serious-looking owl at the event!



Governor Profile - Tracy Aler

I am a parent governor and joined the governing body of Park Community School earlier this year. At first I wasn't sure what I'd let myself in for or what I could offer the school but soon got the gist of it and found that I really like being involved in the governing of the school. I look forward to the termly meetings where I get to learn about what all the children have been up to and what is planned for their future.

As I am quite new to Park's governing body I have only attended a few meetings, but my favourite so far has been a Curriculum Monitoring

presentation to Governors where two young lads from Year 10 told us about their experiences on a challenge day; their presentation was truly impressive.

I became a governor to be involved in education and chose Park Community as this is where my daughter goes to school.

Interested in becoming a governor? We would like to hear from you. Please contact Jane Alder, Clerk to the Governors, at school.



Access 2 Nature

The Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust held an open day at Canoe Lake, Southsea, and our students were on hand to provide demonstrations to the general public and assist in the smooth running of the show, as well as helping younger children with many of the activities.

Thank you to students Daniel Aquilina, Bradley Pinnock and Martin Hunter.

Park students demonstrate their skills to the public



Prince's Trust

Our Prince's Trust group finished the year with two events where their practical skills were put to use in quite different ways. 'Made by Me' in Lee-on-Solent invited the students to design and make some commemorative plates and they were able to present one with the school logo to Mr Anders.



Above: Presenting Mr Anders with a specially-produced plate
Right: Getting to grips with the London A to Z



The Prince's Trust group also had to travel to London and independently navigate to a pre-arranged destination. Pedestrian maps, London A to Zs, phone apps and good old-fashioned 'asking the way' all ensured they arrived at their destination with a full complement of students!

Bull's Eye on reward trip

In May Mr Watson accompanied six of our Year 8 students to Fort Purbrook for a reward trip in recognition of their progress made in literacy.

They were joined by students from five other Havant Federation schools and had to work in teams to complete an assault course, archery, initiative tests and climbing wall activities.

For Park student Robbie Hawes it was a memorable day as, in his first ever archery competition, he scored a bull's eye. Quite an achievement!



A day of competition, activity and reward



Earlier this year a group of Year 11 students approached the Headteacher with a plan to walk over 20 miles in order to raise money for the charity 'Help for Heroes'. Having been given the go-ahead, Mark Nicholls single-handedly started to fundraise, plot routes and contact the charity concerned as well as the local newspapers.

As a result on Tuesday 26 June a group of seven students duly completed their trek from Portsmouth to



Hayling Island and back to school, raising hundreds of pounds.

Well done to Mark, Jacob Barron, Jack Spencer, Lee Meredith, Connor Saunderson, Ayesha Nel and Steven Nicholls.

Student Profile - Enterprise teams

In this edition we talk to three groups of students who are exploring the world of business and enterprise. We ask them about their enterprise schemes and dreams!



These group of students have some interesting projects 'up their sleeves', which they are progressing under the guidance of Mr Dickens, Enterprise Co-ordinator. Some projects are still at the planning stage, but many are close to hitting the market, once consumer research has taken place. We let the Enterprise groups explain what it is all about:

Taste Inspiration by JACKP

Team members: Amy Aquilina, Jasmine Blofield, Paige East, Crystal O'Donnell and Kerry Young (pictured top right)

JACKP aim to cater for in-school events, such as meetings. Their focus is on exotic food, to satisfy those with a spicy palette. Samosas will soon be trialled with staff and other students. JACKP all agree that enterprise is fun and they particularly enjoy working as a team. Amy has ambitions to be a drama teacher or baker, whilst Paige has dreams of running her own business. Jasmine hopes that in future there will be a JACKP shop in every high street!

Crazy Tastebuds

Team members: Jessica Chambers, Shanice Cowlin, Alfie Desmond, Amber Howlett and Jordan Talman (pictured bottom right)

Crazy Tastebuds also wish to cater for in-school events, but realising that the spicy-end of their customer-base may already have been catered for, they are going to specialise in satisfying the sweet tooth. The Crazy Tastebuds all look forward to Wednesday afternoons when they get together and discuss their enterprise project. Amber's future dreams involve getting to a good university to study Art, whilst Alfie is looking forwards to making lots of money!

B-Random

Team members: Brighton Alner, Niamh Ashcroft-Coe, Hannah Fletcher and Matthew Garty (pictured top left)

B-Random is a web-based infotainment magazine designed for the 8-18 years age-group. The B-Random team are ambitious in their plans and their simple aim is to get the nation to "be random"!

Great Trip Horrible Food!

by Kacey Church and Lauren Townsend

Some students in Mr Waterfield's Art class were successful and our reward was to go on a trip to the submarine museum in Gosport. While we were on the trip we had a tour of HMS Alliance and we were surprised at how long the submarine was when we were inside it.

While we were there we saw a Horrible Science exhibition which was really gory and also got to draw cartoons which we were taught to do step by step. Some drawings were brilliant and looked really real.

We weren't the only school there, but we were the only secondary school there. We had a contest to see who could make the most disgusting meal ever, but some boys from a different school beat us because their recipe was tinned cat food, tinned dog food and rice pudding mixed together. Yuck!

It was fun day and everyone wanted to go again!



Above: Fun at the museum
Right: The most disgusting meal ever!



Stampedes and Shocks

In June, Year 8 Geography students enjoyed a hands-on visit to Longdown Dairy Farm in the New Forest as a reward for their effort, attainment and behaviour this year. This trip complemented the summer term topic work of economic geography enhancing their knowledge and understanding of sustainable farming and the workings of a real farm.

The students were treated to a special guided tour where they got involved in all sorts of farm tasks, including mucking in with the pigs, chasing chickens, bottle feeding baby goats, and having a stand-off with a stampede of hungry teenage goats. They even had the opportunity to experience how an electric

fence feels to animals if they touch it – a truly hair-raising experience!

Everyone had a great day out, with the tour guides commending our students for their motivation and engagement. The students agreed that the farm visit would make them think twice in future about where our food comes from and how the animals are treated. Well done Year 8 geographers!



Animal encounters (and avoidance!) at Longdown Farm

STEM Challenge

by Shannon Fuller

In reception waiting to leave to go to Crawley, with a big day ahead of us. As we jump in the minibus with excitement we all agreed it's going to be a fun day. On the way there I sat next to Chloe with Victoria in front of me and Mr Bird, Mrs Young and Mr Ermisz in the front. Then we decided to listen to music and we couldn't resist singing along. As the signs flew past I knew we were getting closer to our destination.

When we arrived the first thing that took my eye was a Rolls Royce I couldn't resist looking at. Then I

realised how many people were actually at the venue which shocked me. When we got in the building we walked up the stairs and set up our stand for our presentation. Then I and Chloe started to explore and we found a stand where we had to guess what gases were in the tubes. Then I went over to another stand and made a torch with Paige.



Soon it was time to get back to our stand and make a script for our presentation, then it was a matter of waiting for judges to come round and judge our work and ask us important questions.

As the day went by we all went freebie hunting and I found a lot. Then I went down the stairs and outside to realise that I could sit in the Rolls Royce. I went and sat in the car and it was stunning! I wish I could have it as the interior blew my mind.

Then we had lunch and after this we had a show by Professor Hal which I really enjoyed. After the show he announced the winners and when he called us up for the national finals I could not believe it. We had won! Then we had to go and somehow I bagged a lot of balloons which I took home as a souvenir.

When we got back to school and told Mr May we had won he did not believe us. The day ended up being a great day.

Images from a great day out, including the the specially adapted drawing board which takes the Park team to the national finals in the spring

The STEM Challenge winning team are Shanice Cowlin, Victoria Edwards, Paige Plant, Chloe Bolton and Shannon Fuller

Hands-on Science

Years 7 & 9 enjoyed visits to science exhibitis in London and Winchester

As a start to the Culture and Arts unit of work, Year 7 visited the Natural History and Science Museums in London. The Science Museum is very high tech and has hands-on experience in the Launch Pad. Everywhere you look there is something fascinating and remarkable!

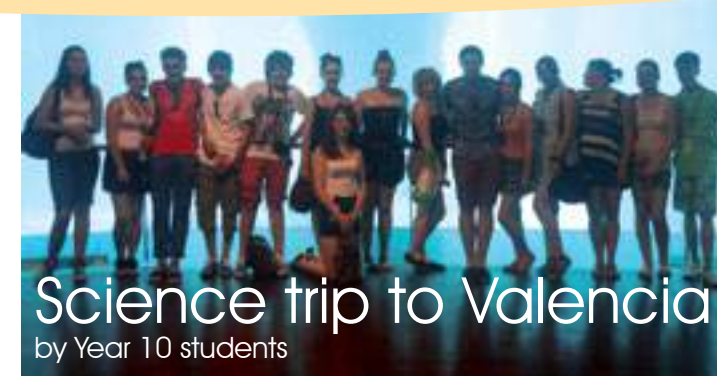
The Natural History Museum has many exhibits including a biology section to explain how the body works, cells and how the mind works. Also there is a section on dinosaurs it has everything from an Aardonyx to a Zupaysaurus. With a robotic life size T-Rex it shows you how (back in the pre-historic ages) these amazing creatures hunted and fed! by Hannah Fletcher



The Year 9 challenge day saw the whole year group visit Intech in Winchester. The students enjoyed two breath-taking 3D shows in the planetarium about the solar system and whether any moon or other planets could sustain alien life.

In the afternoon, the students were let loose in the over 100 exhibits to investigate and explore. These included a massive crane, parachutes and the impact of recycling.

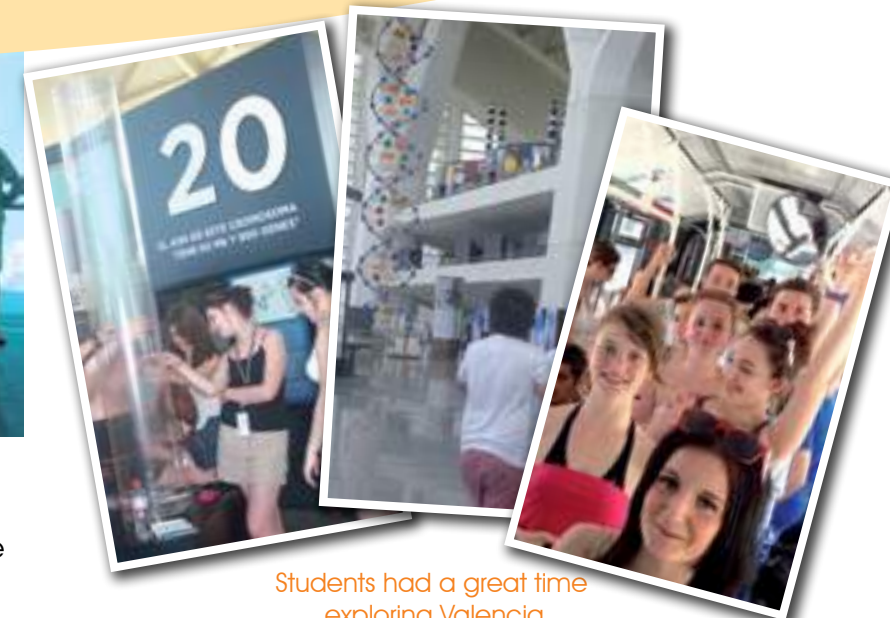
Hands-on at Intech



Science trip to Valencia
by Year 10 students

In July, fifteen Year 10 students went on a trip to Valencia in Spain to explore the city and visit the Oceanography Centre and Science Museum. At the Oceanography Centre we found out about many different types of marine life around the world. There were tunnels below aquariums which allowed stingrays and sharks to swim above us, as well as looking at Beluga whales. By far the highlight of the centre was the amazing dolphin show!

The Science Museum was interactive and we completed challenges such as building a pyramid out of four different shaped wooden blocks, testing our blood pressure, finding how much water is in different people's bodies and seeing live chicks hatch. There



Students had a great time exploring Valencia

was a huge model of DNA and a big forest of chromosomes which explained genetic code.

The weather was beautiful while we were there. We got to use the Spanish that we had practiced at school and, whilst some people stuck to the food they knew, people did try paella!

Things to look out for this October Half Term

Halloween Activities

Free pumpkin carving – design your own pumpkin
Monday 29 October 1-3 pm

Free Halloween Crafts and games
Wednesday 31 October 10am-12 noon

Halloween Disco
Thursday, 1 November 6-8pm 8-13 yrs £2 ticket

PLUS! October Half-Term Holiday Club
Monday - Tuesday - Wednesday 9am-4pm
Cookery, Crafts and Games - only £10 (8-13 years)

Mushcraft
Thursday, 1 November, 10am-2pm, 11-16 yrs (£10)

All courses must be pre-booked on 02392 489836

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Wish you could benefit our students, but too short of time?
Do you have money-raising ideas, but no-one to share them with?

Then join our PTA group - Park Community Ventures!

Park Community Ventures
Parent Teacher Association

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FREE Induction, £3 per session. £15 for a monthly pass
Ask your GP about our exercise referral scheme!

- Legs, Bums and Turns** Monday 6.30pm – 7.30pm
- Zumba** Thursday 6.00pm – 7.00pm
- Yoga** Thursday 6.00pm – 7.30pm
- Circuits** Thursday 6.00pm-7.00pm



NEW Parent & Toddler Group!

Every Friday, starting 14 September at the Dickinson Centre
9.30 am to 11.30 am

Just £1 for a cup of coffee, a chat and use of our soft play toys!

The Dickinson Centre
Park Community School
Middle Park Way Leigh Park PO9 4DQ
023 92 489836

Children's Activities

Cookery Club 8 – 13 years
Saturday 9.30am – 11.30am
£2 per session includes all ingredients
Please bring a container

Fun Dance Classes 8 – 13years

Thursday 5.00pm – 6.00pm
£2 per session
A child registration form must be completed by an adult on the child's first session for all children's activities.

Drop In

Monday to Wednesday 5.00pm – 7.00pm
Pool, games, Wii, football table

Birthday Parties

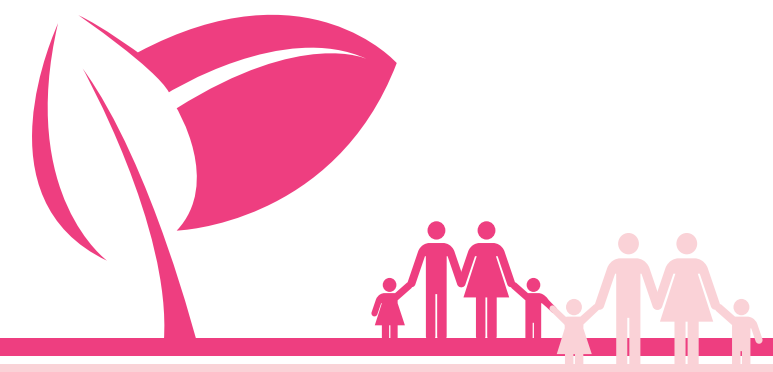
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For more information visit us at:
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Bloomin' Marvellous Media Group

Park boasts home to the Park Media Group, a small film production company run by students and ex-students with a passion for filmmaking and business. This summer, they took on their biggest set of projects to date, including filming and photographing a gardening competition in and around the local community. They have filmed live performances, promotional films and family fun events too.

The group recently saw great success with the premiere of their latest film, "Fair Play?" which was produced for Havant Borough Council to raise awareness of the disruption caused by playing football in the streets.

If you are out and about at local events it is likely that Park Media Group will be there, putting to use the skills they have developed over their busy first two years.

Park Media Group is open to students of the school who enjoy film-making and learning new skills. If you would like to find out more about the group, or how you can join, contact them through www.parkmediagroup.co.uk.



Park Media Group filming in the local community

A unique Jubilee celebration

When a group of local residents wanted help to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in style, they knew who to approach.

The ladies were clear that they did not want off-the-shelf bunting for their street party, but were not quite sure how they could achieve this. Through a specially commissioned Adult and Family Learning course at the Dickinson Centre, they were given expert guidance in producing individually stencilled bunting.

In all they produced 52 metres of stunning bunting and had a great time doing it too!



The local residents had fun producing 52 metres of unique bunting

Our school, our news

The Millionaires' Club

The Millionaires' Club celebrates students who have read more than a million words as part of the Accelerated Reading programme. Previously only one student achieved this but now we have five members. Altogether, Jamie Butters, Harry Green, Tamara Mason, Ellie-Jo Regan and Paige Simmons have read a phenomenal 11 million words! The students each received a goody bag at the end of term (including an exclusive membership badge) and there will be a special Millionaires' Club treat this term.



Between them the club members have read 11 million words!

Double Club double win

by Lauren Hitchins, Tyler Devlin and Daniel Phillips

As part of Double Club we went to Fratton Park and we walked around the stadium and learned about its history. We even got to sit in the managers' seats. We went into the changing rooms which were really big and had lots of lockers. They had showers, baths and an ice-bath for the team to use after a match.

We then went to the Study Centre at Fratton Park and made comic strips using computers. The pictures we had taken could be used to make our comics. The trip was good because we got to spend the afternoon seeing Fratton Park when nobody else was there.

We also had an enjoyable day at Goals Soccer Centre playing crossbar challenges, hardest shot and a tournament against other schools. Our school had two teams. One team came last and the other team came first. It was funny because we were sandwiching the other teams. It was awesome. Tyler Devlin was the captain and helped us to win.

We really enjoyed Double Club because we improved two things - our literacy thanks to Miss Tonks and our football thanks to Mr Watson and the coaches.

Right: Britney Gray won player of the tournament



Below: Success for all at Double Club



Amazing Art

In this edition of Park Post we let the students' amazing art speak for itself



Year 7



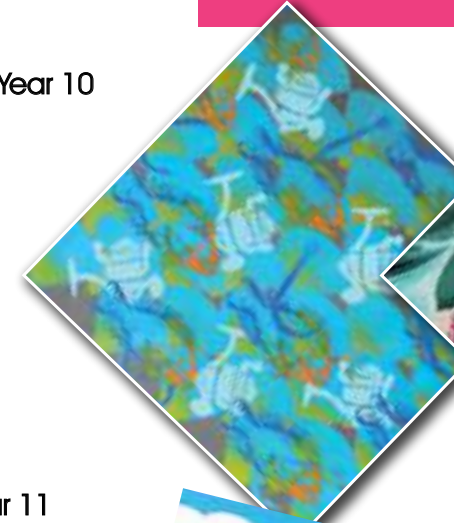
Year 8



Year 9



Year 10



Year 11



Insight into college life

All Year 10 students got a taste of college life when they visited Havant, Highbury, South Downs and Chichester Colleges to experience a variety of courses ranging from motor mechanics to hair and beauty, with a bit of forensic science in between.

Paige Roberts said "It helped me to decide which college is the best" and Lauren McGiffen enjoyed the range of courses commenting "it gave me an insight into a new course of photography".



Farewell Year 11

This year's Year 11 leavers' events saw a memorable 'last' and 'first'. After a farewell assembly and group photo, this year group were the last to have the traditional balloon release on the banks of the school field, which nows make way for the builders' compound for our new school.

And for the first time Park's prom was held in the Boathouse at the Historic Dockyard, where the students wowed everyone by arriving in style - a fire engine, motorbike calvalcade and vintage cars were among the novel ways of getting to the prestigious venue - and looking stunning in their prom outfits.



Good luck Year 11 in everything you do in the future!

Paralympics visits

Reward trips don't get much better than this! Two groups of students went to the Paralympics on the final Saturday of this momentous event. The first group, in the company of Mr Bedford, Mr Rose and Mr Shearn, attended the blind football 5-a-side bronze and final medal matches at the Riverbank arena and commemorated the visit with their own group tribute to Mo Farah - the Mobot!

The second group went into the Olympic stadium with Miss Binns and Mrs Fehrenbach, where they saw a range of athletics and rendezvoused with Miss Rodaway.

All agreed that they were inspired by the exceptional athletes.



Images from a great Paralympics visit



Olympic and Paralympic Spirit



Jodie Rodaway, our Dance Teacher, had a once in a lifetime experience this summer as she volunteered at London 2012.

During the Olympics, as well as dancing in the opening

Jodie (left) took part in Victory Ceremonies

section of the Closing Ceremony, she fulfilled the role of an Athlete Escort for the Victory Ceremonies team at the Olympic Stadium for the Athletics events. She was fortunate enough to be close at hand when British athletes Greg Rutherford and Mo Farah were presented with their gold medals.



Students met up with Jodie at the Olympic stadium

In the Paralympics, Miss Rodaway took on the same role for the Sitting Volleyball at the Excel arena and the Marathons on the Mall by Buckingham Palace.

On the final Saturday of the Paralympics, she was able to share the amazing atmosphere of the Olympic Spirit with Park students who were on a reward trip. Jodie met up with the lucky students in the Olympic stadium just before her penultimate medal ceremony shift, which she described as a fantastic experience.

A gallery of sporting winners



Under 13 Girls - Silver Medal Winners during National Schools Sports Week



Indoor event Sports Day medallists



Ryan Livett was presented with 'Young Official of the Year' at Havant and Waterlooville schools awards evening

Havant Rotary Games

At the end of the summer term Park PE staff and students took part in the planning, delivery and competition that was the Havant Rotary Club School Games. This ran for a week and involved over a 1000 pupils across the Havant Federation each day. Students took part in activities such as football, curling, Boccia (a type of bowls), athletics, climbing, cycling and much more.

Park students performed fantastically and came away with an array of medals.



Park's medal winners at the Havant Rotary Games

Chateau du Tertre

A total of 27 Year 7 and 8 students enjoyed an activity trip to Chateau du Tertre in Normandy in May. In an action-packed four days the students travelled by Fastcat across the channel and visited the French market town of Fougères and the island commune of Mont St Michel. Not only did the students take in the famous sights, they also experienced French culture and language, learned a lot about the shared history between France and England and, perhaps most importantly of all, undertook personal and team challenges.



Personal and Team Challenges and an exploration of French history and culture



A Sparkling Summer

Funding from the government enabled Park to provide the students due to join us in September with a summer school with a difference! Named 'SparkS', the scheme combined fun lessons for Year 6/7 students with a wide variety of activities, new experiences and trips out. Miss Tonks said "We had some brilliant activities for them in the morning such as ice skating and bushcraft. Lots of things to keep them busy over the summer."

Breakfast and lunches were provided every day in the dining room, which proved an ideal setting for the students to make friends and to share their experiences ranging from falconry to laser quest! Nicholas Foote, a transition student, said "It's fun. I've made loads of new friends."

