

December 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing at the end of a very busy term to wish you a great Christmas.

Along with this letter there are a number of key documents for you to share with your child. Within this mailing you will find:

- **Your child's report** - please take some time over Christmas to discuss this with your child so they have a chance to reflect on their successes and areas for development ready for the New Year
- **Park Post** - this summarises just some of the fantastic moments from this term. In lessons and assemblies we have had a huge focus on memory and revision; students have been creating their own revision resources and using retrieval practice and dual coding to revisit their learning. Links to these resources are available on our website.

As part of our broader curriculum, we have had students participating in a wealth of activities including visits to the farm, swimming, cooking classes, trips to London, university visits and inspirational talks from some great role models, including World Boxing Champion Hannah Beharry and Lord Sir Robert Winston!

- **Years 10 and 11 exam timetables for their January mock exams** - these are full mock exams for all subjects that are completed in the summer of 2019. Students have already brought a copy of their timetables home and should be well under way with their revision. If they need any further guidance, there are lots of resources in the revision section of the school website. All students have also been given an overview of topics to revise in preparation for their final exams.
- **Cultural Capital booklet** - Cultural Capital refers to an individual's cultural currency - their understanding of the wider world and its impact on us. All subjects have contributed to a Cultural Capital booklet which outlines great things you and your children can do together to develop their broader understanding of subjects. These include experiences, visits, books to read, films to watch and websites to use.

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## **CHRUNCH**

Some of you will also have heard about the great opportunity we have had to work with the FatFace Foundation to develop a Christmas version of MUNCH. Hundreds of food boxes are being given away to local families in need this Christmas and Park Community School students in Year 7 have had a chance to be involved in preparing these for the local community.

## **Revision**

Thank you to all parents who attended the parent GCSE revision evenings across Years 9,10 and 11. Attendance at these has been our best ever. In addition, our discounted revision guides have been selling well, reflecting students' focus on developing their independence and doing their very best to prepare for exams. Due to popular demand, further revision sessions for parents and students will be offered next term.

## **Key dates for your diary for next term**

- Term starts on Monday, 7 January
- Years 10 and 11 mock exams fortnight begins Monday, 14 January
- Years 7, 8 and 9 testing week begins Monday, 14 January
- Years 10 and 11 Humanities revision evening – Monday, 4 February
- Student Review Day is Thursday, 14 February
- Inset day on Friday, 15 February
- Half-term – Monday, 18 to Friday, 22 February
- Year 8 Options and Futures evening – Thursday 7 March
- Year 11 parent and child revision evening – Thursday, 21 March
- Race at Our Place – Friday, 5 April
- Easter break – Monday, 8 April to Monday, 22 April

Thank you once again for your on-going support this term and we look forward to working with you again in the New Year. On behalf of everyone at Park Community School we would like to wish you and your family a wonderful Christmas.

Yours faithfully

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Head of School