



Park Community School

NEWSLETTER

Weekly Update

1st May 2020

Dear Parents and Students,

We hope you're continuing to find new ways of coping as this lockdown period continues. Alongside our assemblies and newsletter, we're making sure we contact you every week through emails or phone calls. Thank you for your positive responses so far - please do respond and let us know how you are and whether you need any help.

Although learning at home is certainly different, it seems most of you have now found a routine that works for you. Keep it up. In this week's newsletter, there are some reminders of what we are doing to keep it simple for you. Your teachers are online, at the end of their emails ready to help you and give feedback - make sure you are making the most of it. Parents can check what is set each week through the INSIGHT app.

We know your home learning timetable will look very different depending on what you and your family are having to juggle - we also know that motivating yourself can be tough when you've been away from school for so long. You'll see some suggested timetables overleaf that you may wish to follow to help you structure your day. Recommended timetables for each full week are also available on our website. Let us know if they're helpful and if there is anything else, we could do to help with this.

If you need support...

Concerns or need urgent help please reach out to Mrs Bannard - s.bannard@pcs.hants.sch.uk or 02392 489800.

Personal wellbeing & development

Every Thursday, your mentor will send you ideas for supporting your wellbeing. Watch the videos and try the activities and let us know how they go.

SOME GREAT MOMENTS

RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS

A parent dropped in a basket of lovely homemade soap, thank you!



We're aware that there are a whole host of resources being shared online, from YouTube PE classes to daily videos from Oak National Academy and BBC Bitesize. There are lots of ways to keep yourself busy and lots of people trying to help! However, we also know that navigating all of these resources can be a little overwhelming. The priority for students is to complete the remote learning that is being set by their class teachers. Please rest assured that teachers are regularly reviewing these additional materials and will guide students towards these resources when appropriate.

Please remember to watch your Friday year group assemblies as well as the SLT ones every Monday.

Stay safe and keep in touch,



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Year 9 Student Fox, shared a beautiful poem for our Poetry Competition:

Grateful for the NHS and each other

G stands for itself and I will too

R dance for each raising sun we see

A is for all alone

T is together

E stands for each day that we go by

F is for faith in the NHS and supporting every way possible we can

U is for our urgency to go outdoors, and see friends and family, having our shopping like normal, and let things be the way that they were

L is the love we have for one another during this time

Student 'Shout Outs'

Sports Ambassadors Ryleigh, Katherine, Peter and Josh are continuing with their video conferencing with Hannah Beharry as part of the Dame Kelly Holmes Trust. Well done for setting this up, shows real initiative!





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Home Learning

Things we're doing to keep it simple:

- Weekly work for each subject is uploaded to the shared area with an email and link via INSIGHT so parents can see.
- Subject teachers email and check in with how you are doing. As you email questions or send work for feedback we are responding.
- Some teachers have been trialing live lessons each week. Lots of you seem to like these and teachers like them too as we can see you and catch up with how you are doing.
- Online quizzes, videos and resources. You can access these when you want to. It's OK to spend 2 hours watching a play or practising a science experiment. We're not expecting you to follow a strict school timetable as being at home is different.
- GCSEpod for Years 9-10 and Reading Plus for all years. Just log in each day and complete some of the activities. This will keep you up to speed and in a routine.

Remember!

- Watch the lead lesson for the week
- Work through the activities you've been set
- Send your teacher any questions

100 Word Story Writing Competition

The English department ran a 100-word story writing competition alongside the national competition for Young Writers. This year the story theme was 'missing'. Our winner was Gracie-Mai from Year 9 and runners up were Niamh from Year 7 and Brooke from Year 8. Well done to all that entered!

Winning Story Gracie-Mai, Year 9

Why couldn't I remember? Why do these random people keep asking me questions? The sound of these voices are driving me mad, it doesn't help that I've got needles poking inside of me and the bleeping machines to tell what's wrong with me. What happened to me? Or what happened to my whole life? I didn't know at this moment my life would change forever well who didn't know? After weeks of being asked: what's your name? what's the date? Do you remember me? Then at that moment I remembered the car-crash on 23/09/19. That was nearly six months ago.

Update On Our Face Shields...

Mr Green and key worker students worked together to produce a further 30 Face Shields that were delivered to local care homes and have modified our design so we can ramp up production! Please email a.green@pcs.hants.sch.uk with your request.



Tyler's Cookies!



Year 7-8
suggested timetable
Have lots of breaks!

Year 9-10
suggested timetable
Remember GCSEpod!

Monday	
Session 1 30-45 minutes	English
BREAK	
Session 2 30-45 minutes	Maths
BREAK	
Session 3 30-45 minutes	Get Creative
BREAK	
Session 4 30-45 minutes	Science
BREAK	
Session 5 30-45 minutes	Reading Plus
Session 6	Daily Exercise

Monday
English
BREAK
Option 1 or 2
BREAK
Science
BREAK
Option 3 or 4
BREAK
Read everyday for 20 mins
Daily Exercise