



# Park Community School

## NEWSLETTER

### Fortnightly Update

1st July 2022

#### Dear Parents, Carers and Students

As we approach the final three weeks of term there is much to celebrate and also to look forward to.

This week we said goodbye to Year 11 students. Their experience of secondary school has been unlike any other, but they have risen to the challenge and made it to the end with smiles on their faces. Our Leavers' assembly and Leavers' ball were wonderful reminders of what it means to be part of Park. Thank you to everyone who came out to support last night. As our Year 11 class of 2022 leave us to go on to new adventures, we wish them lots of luck

Our Year 10 students have made a strong start to their two weeks of work experience. We have students embarking on a variety of placements including a solicitors, engineering companies and the Mary Rose museum. Staff have been visiting some students to see how they are getting on and have been very happy to hear about their hard work and maturity. We look forward to welcoming them back to school on 4 July to hear about their experiences.

Our Year 7, 8 and 9 students have had exams this week. These are important end of year tests to allow them to apply all they have been learning about independently. Students have approached the exams with a positive attitude and a good work ethic. Well done.

Next week we welcome Year 6 to school for Freshers' Week. Our new students will be part of Park for the whole week and parents will join us for the Freshers' BBQ on the Wednesday evening.

Finally, we have been working with staff and students to review our behaviour and reward policies at Park. We will share the plans for September with you before the end of term. Students and staff are positive about the changes we are making, especially the ways in which we will be celebrating all students who always arrive ready to learn, are respectful and work hard.

Thank you as always for your support.



### Year 7 Science Trip



A group of Year 7 students visited the Winchester Science Centre and Planetarium on Friday 24 June for a whole day of hands on science and workshops. We were lucky enough to participate in some star gazing, engineering workshops and discovered how to build a bridge. Our students were fantastic, asking some brilliant questions and getting fully immersed in science. Well done Year 7!

### Year 8 Science Fair



Tuesday 12 July

2pm - 3pm

Parents, Carers & Family

are more than welcome to join!



### National Schools Sports Week



Thank you to all staff and students who took part in National Schools Sports Week. A highlight was boules on the North Terrace.



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## Community Bowls

Our bowls club continues to develop. This week we had a mixed doubles match with Megan and Harry who teamed up with Lynn and John from the club. It was amazing to see the relationships that have been building with the students and members at the club coming to fruition in a competitive match. A close draw was the outcome.

**Congratulations Alfie!**

Congratulations to Alfie who has made it through to Junior Singles Bowls Finals at Bannister Park on 13 August! Alfie will also be playing at the Nationals at Leamington Spa (Home of the World Championships) on the 2/3 September. Well done Alfie, this is such a great achievement.

**Mr Herriot**



## Park at Wimbledon!

Miss Sexton and Mr Redman took students to the tennis at Wimbledon this week. They saw three amazing matches, including a three and a half hour closely fought match between Stefanos Tsitsipas and Alexander Ritschard. Students also got to see Great Britain's Heather Watson in action. Students and staff loved the experience.





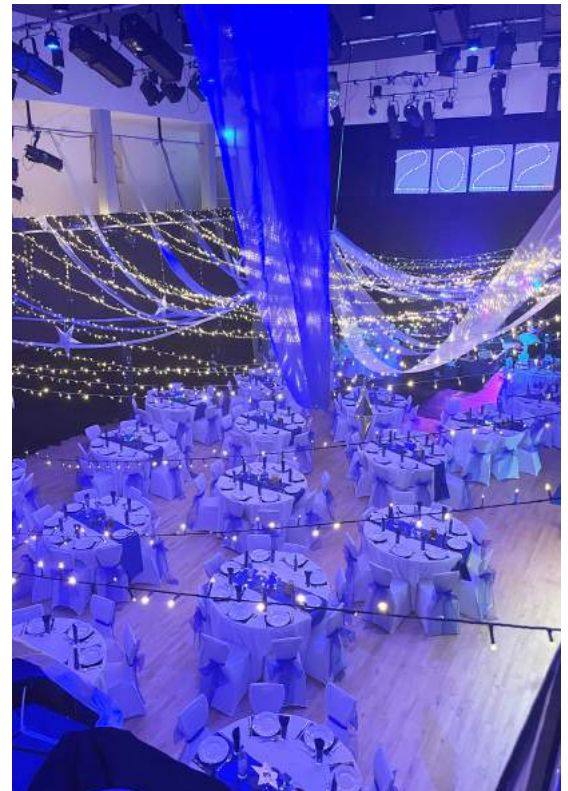
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Farewell Year 11!



## Leavers' Ball

On Thursday 30 June we said our official farewell to Year 11 students with their Leavers' assembly and Leavers' ball. Mr Cavanagh led the proceedings celebrating students' time at Park and wishing them every success in the future. Our focus was on making memories, reflecting on time at Park and the choices students will go on to make in the future. It was a truly wonderful celebration of students' time at Park and a reminder of the power of relationships and support that make us all proud to be part of Park. Thank you to our site, community and catering teams for making the Leavers' ball such a memorable event and to all staff who volunteered.



*We are certainly much more than just a school*

## End Of Year Exams

Well done to all students for their excellent efforts in their end of year exams. They all rose to the challenge brilliantly.

**WELL DONE!**





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## Park students help with Sports Days!



Miss Norman and our Sports Ambassadors have been supporting our local primary schools with their sports days. Last week they went to Sharps Copse and Warren Park and this week they were at Riders. As always, our Sports Ambassadors were great ambassadors for Park and demonstrated many of the reasons we are proud of our school. Mr England, Headteacher of Riders sent us this message:

**'Your Sports Ambassadors were just amazing today, so good with our infant children, modelled the activities brilliantly, were great role models and our parents and relatives really noticed it.'**

## Girls' Network Farewells

This week our Year 11 girls met with their Girls' Network mentors for final farewells. The girls have benefited from regular mentoring from women in business throughout the year and have been supported to study hard, build their confidence and dream big. Thank you to Miss Norman for her brilliant coordination of the programme at Park.



## Rap Project Performance

Year 10 students have had the fantastic experience of working alongside rappers and poets to explore the joy of language. The evening was a celebration of the work they produced, with students performing their own pieces alongside some collaborative performances by the rappers. The students have worked incredibly hard on creating some very emotive and well-crafted pieces.

Alongside this, Year 10 Drama students had the pleasure of working with Liz Weston from Portsmouth Poetry to perfect some classical and contemporary performances for the show.

