



# Park Community School

## NEWSLETTER

Fortnightly Update  
23 September 2024

### Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Welcome to the first newsletter of this academic year. As always, it captures some great moments from the past few weeks.

Our return to school has been strong, with most students maintaining full attendance and arriving ready to learn. The new student planners are an important resource for all students and have been personalised for each year group. Please take time to look at these with your child.

In lessons, all subjects have been focussing on students thinking hard and problem solving. Students have embraced the concept of 'getting stuck' and moving outside of their comfort zone into stretch. This is also a theme we've picked up in assemblies, thinking about how we manage anxiety and being kind to others.

After school clubs have all started and Study Hall for Year 10 and 11 runs every day. If your child has not yet signed up for an after school club, please encourage them to do so. We have 48 on offer every week. Remember, homework is set weekly in all subjects and you can view this on Google Classroom. Please help your child by checking they have completed their homework and supporting where you can.

If you or your child need any support as they adjust to the expectations of a new school year, please contact their tutor who will be able to help.



**Mr Anders**



**Mrs Capaldi**



### Mavericks' Music Fusion Event at The Spring

I was delighted to be invited as a VIP to attend the Mavericks event by Music Fusion on Friday evening at The Spring. The event celebrated local artists and Music Fusion's work with young people over the past year. It was clear that the project helped those involved build confidence, and a strong sense of community. The impact of the charity's work and the wonderful mentoring young people receive, was evidenced in the superb performances and stage presence of everyone involved.

All performers were fantastic. Alfie and Brandon, Year 11 Park students, stole the show with their set. It was good to see some Park Alumni, who all performed brilliantly. Lottie, AJ, Frankie, Kyle and Billy were strutting their talents with confidence and pride.

**Mrs Capaldi**



### Havant Thicket Reservoir's Ground Breaking Event

On Friday 13 September, Park joined students from Warren Park and HSDC to mark the official start to the Havant Thicket Reservoir, the first reservoir to be built in the UK in 30 years. Mr Macfield and Lexie represented Park and talked to guests about how the development of the reservoir in the area has been used as the basis for work in schools.

More than 70 guests gathered on the site of the new reservoir, to watch Chair of Ofwat, Iain Coucher, and Environment Agency Area Director, Simon Moody, mark the start of main construction works by putting spades in the ground.

**Mrs Capaldi**





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## Year 7 Trips

Year 7 had a fantastic two days visiting sites in our local area. Over the two days, all students visited Queen Elizabeth Country Park, Butser Ancient Farm, Leigh Park Gardens and Park Community School's farm.

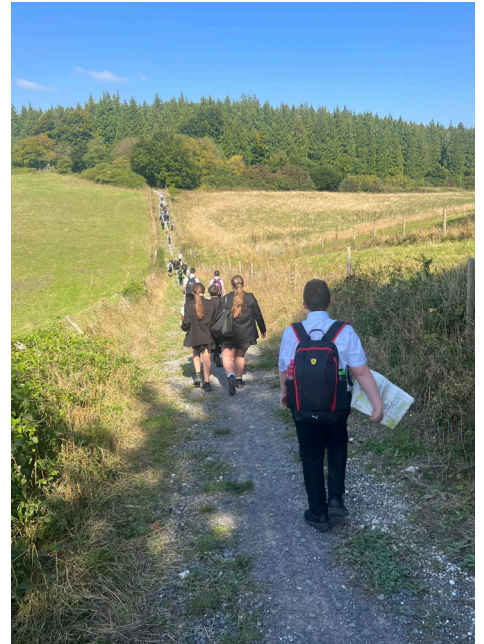
This was an wonderful opportunity for students to build life skills such as resilience and team building and develop their knowledge and skills within the curriculum areas currently being studied.

Exciting opportunities included touring Butser Ancient Farm, chalk carving, fire lighting, orienteering, team games and exploring during a mini hike. The students were very happy that they were able to attend our school farm, meet our piglets and tour the outdoor classroom.

Students were complimented by members of the public for their excellent manners and respect.

Well done Year 7!

**Mrs Pearce**





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## Year 7 - a strong start!

What a brilliant start Year 7 have had to their time at Park! We have been impressed with their attitude to learning, their organisation skills and their teamwork over the past few weeks, culminating in their excellent approach to the team building trips they took part in last week. In Star Curriculum lessons, students have been studying Identity, considering who they are as individuals as well as learning about their place in the local community and the wider world. They have also undertaken their first inter tutor challenge and we saw some emerging leadership skills from all groups - well done Year 7!

### This term:

This term's Star lessons linked to Identity have started with an RE focus, exploring what it means to be human. Students have developed their justification skills and have learnt what it means to be an effective communicator. This week, every student in Year 7 will deliver an individual presentation to their class on the subject 'Who am I?' We can't wait to see their presentation skills!

On the week of 4th November, Year 7 will complete their first Rich Challenge, applying what they have learnt to a real audience and purpose. The challenge involves capturing oral histories of both local people and figures with important links to the local community. These stories will be turned into an exhibition by Year 7.

### Can you help?

We are looking for individuals who are happy to be interviewed by Year 7 students and to have their stories turned into part of an exhibition. We are looking for:

- People who live locally
- People who play a significant role in the local area
- People who have undertaken projects to develop aspects of the local community
- Representatives of local community groups

If you can spare some time to be interviewed on the week of 4th November, please get in touch with Mrs Cavanagh ([l.cavanagh@pcs.hants.sch.uk](mailto:l.cavanagh@pcs.hants.sch.uk)).

### Mrs Harrison





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## OPEN EVENING



Come along to our Open Evening to see our fantastic school and talk to our staff, students and governors.



**Wednesday 25 September**  
**6.00pm to 8.00pm**



### Year 6 at Park

This week we had an exciting few days hosting taster days for Year 6 children from Warren Park, Barncroft, Front Lawn, Sharps Copse, Trosnant and Riders.

We have enjoyed showing them what lessons they may expect when they come to us in Year 7, including art, design technology, computer science, performing arts, science, humanities, maths and English.

The children have also had the opportunity to explore the school site and experience our delicious food.

Mrs Capaldi

*A few comments from primary school colleagues and parents:*

*"Just wanted to let you know my daughter has come back beaming from taster day. She said her and her friends had the best day. Thank you for making the idea of secondary school a little less scary for them."* Year 6 Parent

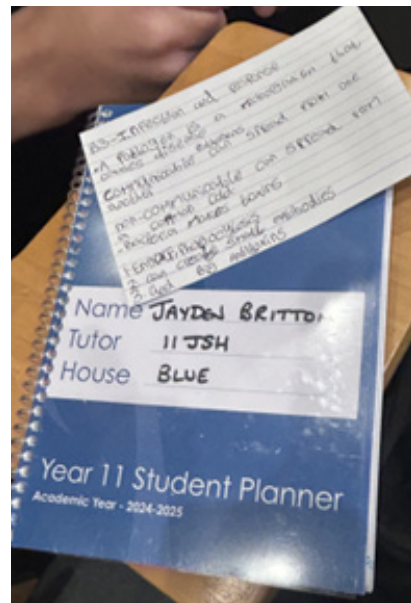
*"She absolutely loved it"*  
Year 6 Parent

*"The children had a good day and were excited to come back and tell us all about their lessons, particularly seeing science experiments"*

*"Thank you so much for hosting our year 6 children, they have come back absolutely buzzing and said that it was really good"*



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## Year 11 2024

Year 11 students have made a strong start to the year. This has included hard work in lessons, attendance at daily Study Hall and weekly revision for all subjects. Alongside this, daily science boosters are held in the lecture theatre.

Last week, 75 families attended the Year 11 Information Evening, where I shared a map of the year ahead and how to be successful in the upcoming GCSEs. All those who attended were provided with a highly important revision resource booklet which includes all topics that should be covered before the October mock exams.

A copy of this can be found on the school website and all students who did not attend the event will have been given this by their tutors. <chrome-extension://efaidnbmninnibpcajpcgclclefindmkaj/https://www.pcs.hants.sch.uk/assets/revision/year%20-11-phase-1-revision-24-25.pdf>  
Only four weeks until the first mocks exams Year 11!

**Mr Cavanagh**

## Study Hall

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2-3					
3-330	Science		Maths	English	
330-4	Geography History Com. Science	Study Hall	RE Psychology Art Photography Technology	Spanish Perf. Arts Photography	Study Hall
4-430					
430-5	Study Hall		Study Hall	Study Hall	

1. Meet in the restaurant at 250pm
2. Collect drink and snack
3. Go up to Yellowstone to start Masterclasses – teachers will meet you there!
4. Either go home or stay in a quiet space to complete more revision, exam papers etc



Every student who passed English and Maths in 2024 had attendance of over 90%



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## Performing Arts Rehearsals

Rehearsals are well under way for our winter production of 'Elf The Musical'. All students are excited about their roles and cannot wait to perform in December. Rehearsals are every Wednesday and Friday from 2.45-4.30pm.

Congratulations to the new Performing Arts ambassadors. Last Friday, we interviewed students to be a part of the Performing Arts ambassadors' team and six students were successful. This week the whole team met for the first time to discuss plans for the year and Year 9 leaders were introduced to the leadership skills award programme they will be taking part in to gain a level 2 qualification in Dance leadership.

**Mrs Marr**

## Year 10 Hair and Beauty



## Park's Greenpower Team at Dunsfold

Last week's race saw the first outing for our new car: Dash. Dash is the first car that we have been able to enter into the 'formula 1' category alongside our other three cars in the 'formula 2' category.

After an eventful week with dodgy wheels on our new car we managed at 5:30pm on Friday to get it working ready for Sunday. A great effort by the team. Dash passed scrutineering with flying colours and went out to practise. A slight wheel imbalance caused a little bouncing but nothing major to worry about.

The other three cars, Chase, Keep Up and TS2, were all ready to go.

A cable issue caused Chase to miss the start of Race One but it made up plenty of places and finished 6th. Keep Up came a brilliant third with TS2 just behind from a field of 50. Dash started well but faded early. We learnt a lot from this race and the team sprung into action and changed a gear ratio, invented motor cooling and engaged a current limiter ready for Race 2.



Race 2: The kits cars were going great and were in the fight for the lead. Chase sadly had a puncture and had to retire. TS2 faded from an old battery, but Keep Up kept going for a great 4th place.

For Dash, the day was about learning, and the half time upgrades worked and increased its race distance by 7 miles from the first race. It covered a total of 32 miles. This gives Dash a chance to qualify for the international final with the other three cars from this season. It will be touch and go but keep everything crossed. We will find out over the next week or so.

Another great day of racing.

**Mr Payne and Mr Davies**

The final is at Goodwood  
on 13th Oct



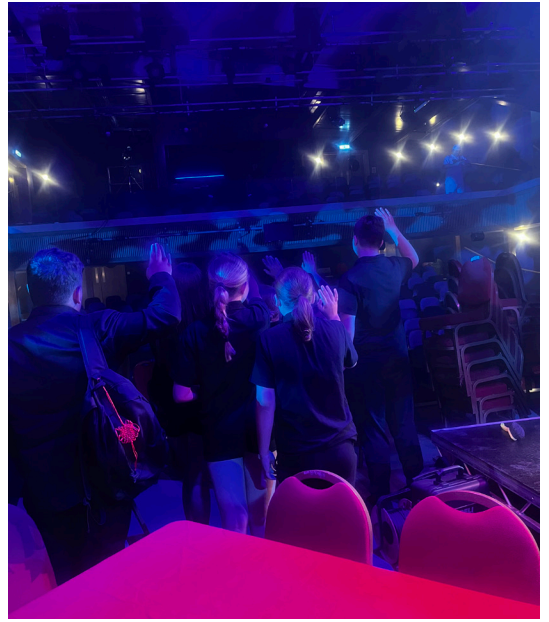
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## Performing Arts at Titchfield Theatre

Last week, I took seven Year 8 students to Titchfield Festival Theatre to start an exciting project where they will be learning the different roles in the performing arts industry as well as learning a variety of different practical skills in varying areas. This will lead to a performance where the students will have designed, not only the show, but the costumes, lighting and sound!

For the first session, the students had a tour of the theatre and all three stages available, including an auditorium that can seat over 460 people! They then took part in a physical theatre workshop based on 'The Curious Incident of a Dog in the Nighttime'. The students represented both the department and school amazingly and are looking forward to learning Westend choreography next week!

**Miss Brown**



## Sports Ambassadors 2024

We spent a brilliant afternoon welcoming our new Year 7s to Sports Ambassadors training for the first time last week. We had 60 students in total, with 35 of them being from our new Year 7 cohort!

This is a brilliant start as we look for our next group of talented sports leaders to go into schools and help run events in the community. Our more experienced ambassadors ran the session introducing the Year 7s to the rules of both handball and football. They then officiated small sided matches in both sports.

We start at Warren Park next week with Curriculum support and have our first half termly multi sports competition on the 1st October.

**Mr Herriot**





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## Attendance Matters

By now you will have all read the letter sent to you at the beginning of term outlining government changes to procedures for school absence. It is linked here.

Regular attendance at school means your children make good progress, are supported to find what they love and are happier. Absence from school often increases anxiety for young people. Whilst we understand absence cannot always be avoided, it is important that all students are in school every day unless they are too ill to attend.

### Attendance Streaks

This week, over 600 students will achieve their 15 day streak of attendance and will be rewarded with a small prizes by their Heads of Year. They are of course working towards the longest streak possible and will get to spin the wheel for every 25 day streak. Bigger prizes are also on offer for the longest streaks and we will share this later this term.

Your child's attendance streaks are tracked in their planner this year. Do check it with them and help them keep track.

### Mrs Capaldi



## Attendance Streaks 2024 - 2025

Autumn Term 2024																														
September	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	October	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	November	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	December	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri							
	1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8	9	10		11	12	13	14	15		16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Longest streak in September:					Longest streak in October:					Longest streak in November:					Longest streak in December:															
Prize:					Prize:					Prize:					Prize:															

Spring Term 2025																														
January	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	February	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	March	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri													
	1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8	9	10		11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Longest streak in January:					Longest streak in February:					Longest streak in March:																				
Prize:					Prize:					Prize:																				

Summer Term 2025																														
April	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	May	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	June	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	July	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri							
	1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8	9	10		11	12	13	14	15		16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Longest streak in April:					Longest streak in May:					Longest streak in June:					Longest streak in July:															
Prize:					Prize:					Prize:					Prize:															







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## Danceathon for Dance Live!

Over 30 students danced for a total of 10 hours last Wednesday to raise money for the costumes for our Dance Live entry. Students went home feeling very proud of themselves. Students also ran a cake sale to raise further funds.

Thank you to everyone who sponsored a dancer and to staff who also supported by covering classes and buying cakes!

**Mrs Marr**



## Community Bowls - Getting Back Into Our Swing

We spent a beautiful afternoon at the bowls club this afternoon and welcomed back Harry, who returned to the club after a while away. Harry was eager to get back and see how everyone was at the club.

However, John from the club was not going to take it easy on Harry upon his return! Harry was a bit rusty as John took the game 12-1.

On the other rink Ryan took part in a coaching session with Alan. We all agreed that Ryan made a dramatic improvement today over the session as he focused on specific technique points with Alan that he found challenging. By the end Ryan was really happy with his performance.

**Mr Herriot**



## Special Educational Needs and Disabilities at Park

### Contacting the school

If you wish to speak to the SEND team about your child please contact:



**Mrs Leach**  
Assistant Headteacher-SENDCo  
e.leach@pcs.hants.sch.uk



**Mrs Shuttle**  
Assistant SENDCo  
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## Rebound & Regulate

# BASKETBALL

## SEND WORKSHOP

**NEW &  
UNIQUE!!**

**FOR CHILDREN WHO FIND COMMUNITY SPORTS  
SESSIONS DIFFICULT TO ATTEND DUE TO:  
SENSORY SENSITIVITIES  
COORDINATION DIFFICULTIES  
ANXIETY  
REDUCED CONFIDENCE  
DIFFICULTY FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS  
STRUGGLE TO FOCUS**

**WEEKLY SESSIONS  
STARTS FRIDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER  
5-6 PM, Highbury College  
SMALL GROUPS - 1:1 SUPPORT  
SILENT BASKETBALLS -  
REGULATING STRATEGIES**

**EMAIL:**

**LAURA@THESOUTHSEAOT.CO.UK OR**

**CHRIS.PORTSMOUTHFORCE@GMAIL.COM**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO BOOK A PLACE**



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**OTR**  
OFF THE RECORD

1-2-1 COUNSELLING  
GROUPWORK  
YOUNG CARERS

YOU TALK,  
WE'LL LISTEN

ARE YOU DEDICATED TO MAKING A DIFFERENCE TO THE MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY?

OR

DO YOU KNOW WHO WOULD BE PERFECT FOR THIS? THEN PLEASE SHARE!

## SESSIONAL GROUP WORK ASSISTANT

To undertake face to face work with young people engaged in emotional health and well-being activities to improve their personal and social development, life skills plus other work developed by Off The Record to support young people or their parents / carers.

- Job Type: Zero hours contract
- Salary: £12.00 per hour

Examples of work patterns:

- Term time during the day – 1.5 to 4 hours shift offered on one or multiple days in the week.
- Term time late afternoon/early evening – 1.5 to 2.5 hours shifts. (Thursday or Friday).
- Half term – day trips when needed. Occasional Weekend work by arrangement.
- Work is likely to be offered in 6 weeks blocks or cover.
- Deadline for application is mid October 2024.
- We will be interviewing progressively.

For further information on how to apply please email us at [enquiries@otr-south.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@otr-south.org.uk)



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