



much more than just a school



30 September 2024



Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the second half of this half term, I would like to take this opportunity to update you on all things Year 10!



I have thoroughly enjoyed continuing to lead this group of students from last year into this one. Year 10 students have exceeded my expectations in stepping up to the task of GCSE subjects. Our weekly assemblies have been full of good news and a wide range of students have been celebrated for their hard work and efforts. For example, each week English teachers are delivering postcards for me to hand out to students excelling in the GCSE English lessons. Furthermore, students now have access to a wider variety of subjects than ever before and everyone is finding what they love. Below I have shared an example of weekly emails I receive from Mrs Challinor praising students in Hair and Beauty:



The girls again were brilliant, P3 theory of plaiting and twisting- different techniques, looking at skin conditions, client consultations and salon expectations.

Miss Jervis, our Careers Leader, has organised an additional parents evening for Year 10 on Wednesday, 9 October 2024. We invite you to join us between 5.00pm and 6.00pm for further information about Work Experience. On Friday afternoon students in Year 10 compete in a tournament between tutor groups. Miss Gray has been hosting a table tennis tournament. We all eagerly await the winner!



Our year group read is 'Black Flamingo' and every week in assembly we have a 'pause point' where we ask students to answer questions about the book. Please ask your child to tell you about their reading.



Trips – Students can attend a variety of trips, including subject specific trips, our annual trips to New York, Barcelona, Disneyland Paris and Poland, YES! trips on Saturdays, and university and college visits. Last Friday, Miss Firbank and Mr Harden took a group of twelve Year 10 students to Winchester College for an ecology workshop.



'Finding What You Love' is the principle we apply to our curriculum and wider opportunities at Park, including our extra-curricular clubs.



Extra-curricular clubs run daily at Park. We encourage all students to attend at least one after school activity each week. Our weekly clubs include activities such as chess, robotics, fitness and geology. In addition, students can join or Greenpower team, participate in school performances and sports.



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If your son/daughter would like to attend a club on offer they are free, and no pre-booking is required. Staff look forward to welcoming them. Please see the attached timetable.

If you have additional questions regarding 'Finding What You Love', please email l.cavanagh@pcs.hants.sch.uk

Thank you for your continued support. If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate in contacting me at t.penlington@pcs.hants.sch.uk or via Class Charts.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T Penlington".

Mr Penlington
Head of Year 10