

30 September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 start of year review

I would like to take this opportunity to make you aware of the positive start that Year 9 have made to this academic year.

The year group have made a successful and inspiring start to their options subjects with students embracing exciting opportunities such as Photography, Food Technology and Construction.

In addition to this, our 'Much More Than Just A School' carousel of activities has also restarted which students rotating around the Farm, Media Suite, Apex Centre, Kitchen and Print Shop sampling all what we have to offer.

The JET project has also returned with the team already having had an in-school session and external visit to the Outdoor Water Sports Centre in Portsmouth.

Below are key dates for Year 9 in the coming weeks:

- Year 9 Challenge Day – Thursday 24 October.
- School closed to students – Friday 25 October.

'Finding What You Love' is the principle we apply to our curriculum and wider opportunities at Park. We have an incredible range of activities on offer, with many students already attending these regularly.

- **Much More Than Just A School** – Our carousel of activities runs across the year for students in Years 7-9. Students take part in; activities at our school farm, construction skills at Apex Centre, enterprise activities at our print shop – Park, Design & Print, catering opportunities in our school kitchen, plus filming and recording in our Media Suite.
- **Student Ambassador roles** – Student Ambassadors work across a range of subjects including reading, STEM, MFL, PA and Sport. As ambassadors they work with primary schools, support school events and take part in a range of visits.
- **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. If you have additional questions regarding 'Finding What You Love', please email l.cavanagh@pcs.hants.sch.uk.

I would like to thank you for your continued support. If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate in contacting me at j.crowley@pcs.hants.sch.uk or via Class Charts.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Crowley', is written in a cursive style.

Mr J Crowley
Head of Year 9