



Park Community School

Newsletter

Monthly Update
7 July 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

This half term has been jam-packed with fantastic opportunities for our students within the classroom and beyond. Much of this is captured in this newsletter.

On Thursday 26 June, we bid farewell to Year 11, we look forward to seeing them on Thursday 21 August to collect their GCSE results. As always with farewells there are also new beginnings. Last week we welcomed 215 Year 6s to Park for their Freshers' week. It was great to meet our new Year 7 cohort and help prepare them and their families for a strong start in September. The week culminated in our annual Festival of Sport.

Today our Year 10s return from their two week work experience placements. We are excited to hear about the skills and confidence they have developed and are grateful to the employers who gave their time, resource and care to them over the two weeks.

We will be mobile phone-free from September 2025. You will be aware that we have spent the last few months exploring the impact of smart phones in schools and trialling phone pouches. We can now confirm that these will be part of school policy for ALL students from September 2025. This aims to support students to focus on their learning, improve wellbeing and support families in breaking the addiction to screens for those affected. Details of the approach will follow in a letter.

We are aware this will be a challenge for some students and we are keen to work with you to identify all potential barriers and support in removing them. We would appreciate it if you could complete an initial survey linked here <https://forms.office.com/e/9fxgpiqKsq>. You are also invited to attend a parent workshop on Monday 14 July, this will be open from 3.30-5.00pm. The workshop will share the research, the strategy in detail and listen to any concerns or ideas you have regarding the implementation of this.

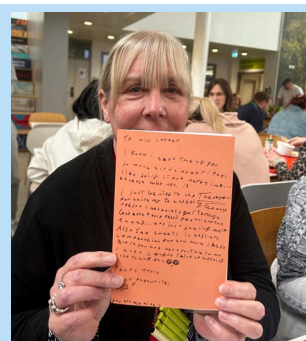
Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter.



Mr Anders



Mrs Capaldi



Thank you and Good Luck to Mrs Couper

Mrs Couper leaves us today after 23 years at Park! She was also once a student. We wish her every success in her move to Devon.



Our Head chef, Mr Moody crowned national winner of Jamie Oliver Good School Food 'Kindness Hero' Award

The Good School Food Awards celebrate catering teams, canteens, holiday programmes, campaigners and unsung heroes who go the extra mile every day to make sure Britain's school children are well nourished.

From the Jamie Oliver School Food Awards website:

Chef Alex and the team at Park Community Secondary are a shining example of how powerful food can be in creating incredible connections and bringing people together.

Alex caters for a busy secondary school, where he and his kitchen team manage to create affordable, delicious and nutritious meals for both students and teachers, despite rising costs. They offer a wide range of cuisines, to ensure they're as inclusive as possible. But their catering goes well beyond the school gates.

"Alex shows us what great school food is all about – community, care and proper nourishment. What he's done with Munch is nothing short of incredible. He's brought people together through food, made sure no one's left behind, and proved how powerful a school kitchen can be when it opens its doors to the whole community." Jamie Oliver

Read the full article at: <https://www.jamieoliver.com/schoolfoodawards/winner/alex-moody/>

LAST DAY OF TERM - 18TH JULY

Awards **EVENING** 2025

10th July 2025



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STEM students operate Mars Rover

Our budding STEM engineers enjoyed a fascinating trip to Airbus in Portsmouth. Year 7 and Year 8 students had the opportunity to operate a model of the Mars Rover using a complicated computer coding programme. Teamwork was tested and a module landing was attempted. Everyone had lots of fun and learnt a lot about the making and deployment of the Mars Rover to our neighbouring planet. As usual, Park students were fantastic and impressed our Airbus colleagues with their insightful questions and enthusiasm during the session.

Ms Gregory



'CTRL' Visit Park to Talk About Bullying

We were extremely lucky to have 'CTRL' come to Park Community to perform their brand new songs to all of Year 7,8,9. The band spoke to our students about bullying, cyber bullying and how to deal with it, relating to their own experiences at school. They also talked about the importance of speaking up if this is happening to you or if you are struggling with your mental health. The band discussed the importance of healthy relationships and respect within all kinds of relationships, whether this be family, friendships or romantic. They also discussed the characteristics of healthy and unhealthy relationships highlighting the importance of respect and tolerance, and why diversity should be celebrated between us all. Finally they highlighted the importance of working hard at school and the options after school. The talk was very interactive and it was safe to say, all of our students really enjoyed the experience.

Mrs Chuter





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Year 10 Trip to Havant and South Downs College – A Fantastic Experience!

On 18 June, our Year 10 students had the exciting opportunity to visit Havant and South Downs College, and the experience was nothing short of outstanding. The day offered a valuable glimpse into college life and was filled with engaging activities that truly inspired our students.

Throughout the day, students demonstrated a fantastic level of independence, navigating the campus confidently and making the most of the sessions on offer. Their maturity and enthusiasm were clear to see, as they fully immersed themselves in a wide range of workshops designed to challenge and excite them.

Two clear highlights of the trip were the Air Cabin Crew course and the Music sessions. The Air Cabin Crew workshop was both professional and hands-on, giving students a real taste of the training and responsibilities involved in a career in aviation. From safety demonstrations to customer service scenarios, it was an unforgettable insight into the travel industry.

Equally impressive was the Music session, where students were encouraged to express themselves creatively while developing new skills. The energy, talent and focus displayed were truly inspiring, and several students left with a renewed passion for pursuing music further.

Overall, the trip was a resounding success. Students returned not only more informed about their post-16 options but also more motivated and excited for their futures. Their engagement, positive attitude and willingness to embrace new challenges made us incredibly proud. Havant and South Downs College provided a welcoming and enriching environment, and we're certain this visit will have a lasting impact.

Mr Penlington





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A Delicious YES Trip!

In June the YES trips team took 25 students for a delicious meal at Spoon World restaurant in Portsmouth. There was a lot of excitement as we boarded the train with some young people saying that they were a little nervous about their very first train ride. One student wore her favourite sparkly dress as it was such a special occasion for her.

Upon arriving at the restaurant, our young people were keen to try new foods. Sushi was a big hit! Inevitably there was an incredible amount of ice cream and pancakes eaten and now, full of sugar, we made our way home on the train.

We had lots of new students experiencing a YES trip for the first time and they were perfect ambassadors for Park Community School. Our host at the restaurant commented that we are always welcome back with our "well behaved" youngsters.

Quotes of the day :

"Mr Shearn would love it here"

"This is my favourite dress and I wore it because this is a special trip"

"I didn't think i'd like Sushi but it's really nice. I'm going to ask my mum if I can have it at home sometimes"

"Can I come on the next trip?"

Grateful thanks to the team who staff the trips with energy and enthusiasm. The next YES trip will be to Arundel Castle in July.

Mrs Seaman



Al Fresco cooking experience

Year 9 students spent a morning making their own pizzas and preparing a choice to toppings. They then spent some time cooking them 'al fresco' with the new stone baked pizza ovens - an authentic experience for them.

A massive thank you to Mr Moody for setting up and helping.

Mr Payne





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Performing Arts Students Inspired by Workshops

A group of Year 9 Performing Arts students were lucky enough to take part in a series of workshops run by professionals, which took place at Crookhorn and Warblington schools. The dance event was run by Wade Lewin, who is a professional dancer from the Lion King, and students were taught choreography from the show as well as some commercial dance which they really enjoyed. The workshop also focussed on performance skills and techniques.

The Drama students took part in an inspiring workshop led by The Paper Birds Theatre Company, who are known for their powerful use of movement in storytelling. The session focused on developing devising techniques and introduced students to verbatim theatre, encouraging them to create impactful, non-naturalistic scenes based on real-life experiences. Our students were a credit to Park Community School, demonstrating creativity, focus and enthusiasm throughout. They thoroughly enjoyed learning new skills and left feeling inspired and confident in their performance work.

The Music students attended a songwriting workshop in Warblington. This was a fantastic opportunity for them to work with an industry professional from New York's Tisch School of the Arts. The students managed to collaborate with other music students from other schools to produce their own original songs which were then performed at the end of the workshop. They really enjoyed the day, taking away some useful knowledge and fantastic experiences towards songwriting for the future.

Mrs Chuter



University Residential Awards

I attended the celebration evening for students who completed their Portsmouth University residential.

Students were awarded a certificate and had the opportunity to take a picture with an iconic hat throw! Well done to Jason, Kobi, Amarpreet, Ella, Noku, Daniel, Mikey.

Students were excellent representatives of Park and got the loudest cheer of the night, a testament to relationships they built with staff and other students. Whilst there, they took part in course taster sessions from PE to chemistry. They also played board games and had a disco. All students were so positive about the residential and grateful for the opportunity.

Mr Penlington





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We Will Rock You!

Our recent production of 'We Will Rock You' was a massive success, leaving audiences thrilled and the cast and crew buzzing with excitement. The energy in the auditorium was electric as the students brought Queen's iconic music and the show's powerful story to life on stage. From the show-stopping vocals to the dynamic dance numbers, every moment was filled with passion and talent.

For many students, this production was more than just a performance; it was a transformative experience. Many students discovered a new-found love for musical theatre. The collaborative environment, the thrill of performing and the sense of accomplishment after each show ignited a passion that will stay with them for years to come. Several cast members shared stories of how being part of 'We Will Rock You' helped them step out of their comfort zones, build confidence and form lasting friendships.

'We Will Rock You' is a testament to the hard work, dedication and talent of our students and staff. It was an unforgettable experience that not only entertained but also inspired a deeper appreciation for the arts within our school community. A massive thank you to all the cast, band and crew for bringing the show to life. You all rock!

Keep a look out for our next production coming up in December!

Mrs Chuter



Park's Sail into Summer Attendance Streaks competition

Monday 7th July is the start of Sail into Summer Attendance Streaks competition. Every day of attendance will mean entry into the daily prize draw to win summer themed prizes of hats, sunglasses, beach towels and summer fun games. Attendance every day of the two weeks will grant entry to win an iPad!

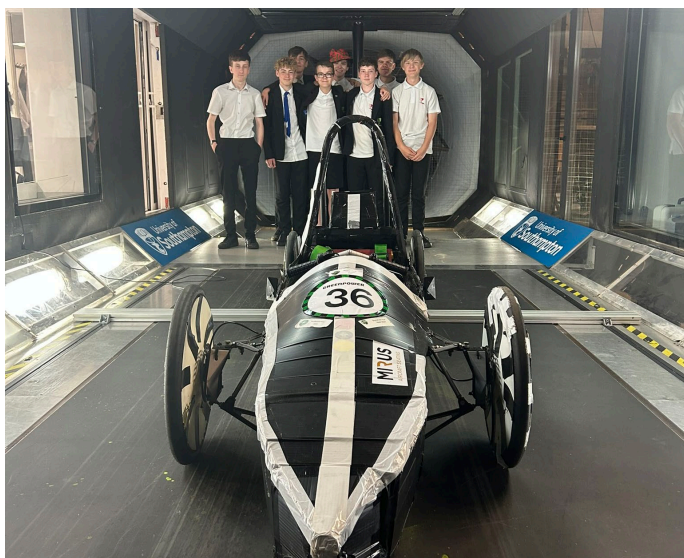
Alongside this we will also hold the draw to win a mountain bike and accessories for those students who have built up their streaks across the term.

Mr Bryce





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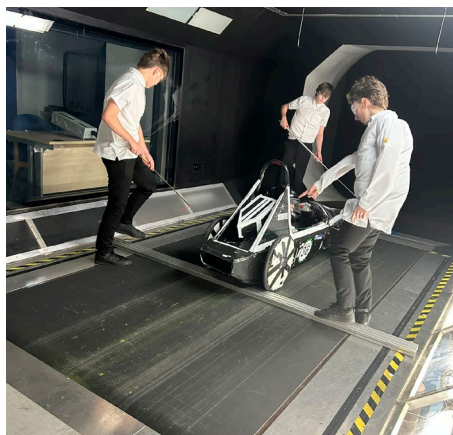
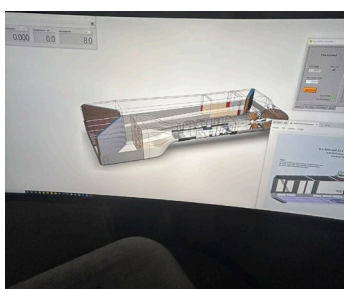
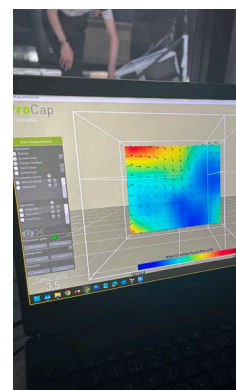
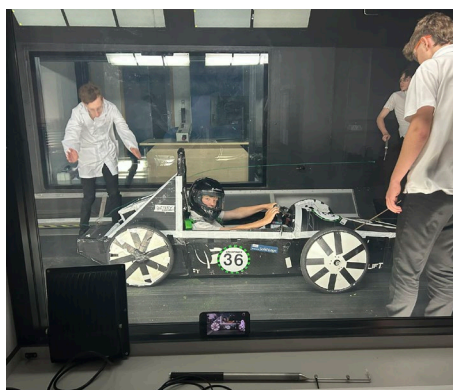
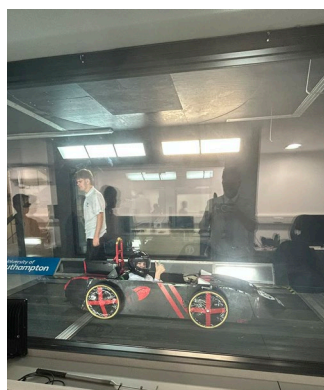
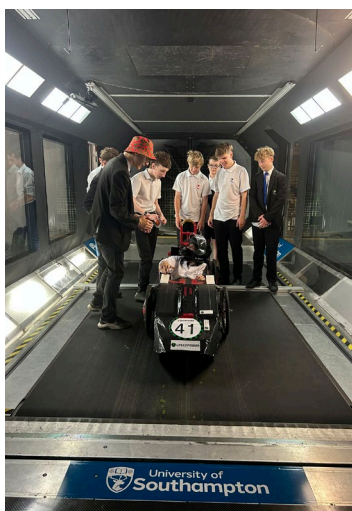


Wind Tunnel Experience

An absolutely brilliant learning experience at Southampton University Wind Tunnel was had. Students spent three hours in the tunnel testing different components of our car including using VR headsets and sensors that cost over £20,000 pounds!

We have learnt so much and have a busy few weeks ahead of us redesigning the weaker areas of the cars. Exciting times!

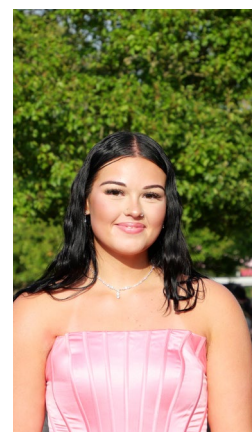
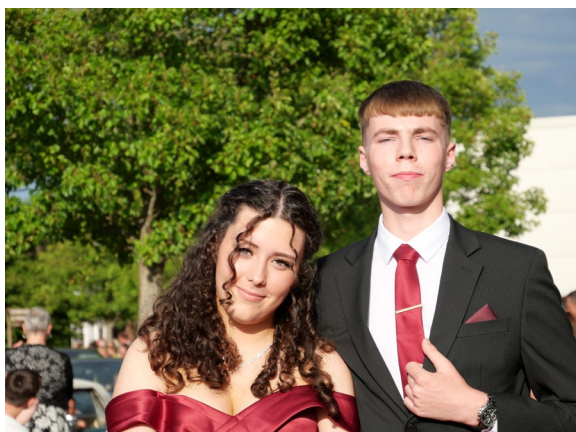
Mr Payne





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LEAVERS' BALL 2025



Leavers' Ball 2025 allowed Park Community School to celebrate the fantastic journey Year 11 have been on.

Following all the hard work and efforts involved with the GCSE exams, the theatre was transformed into a stunning venue by the site and community teams with a Hollywood/Oscars theme.

The menu had an American Diner theme and was followed by a live band and entertainments in the Lecture theatre featuring casino tables, arcade machines, sweet stall and chocolate fountains.

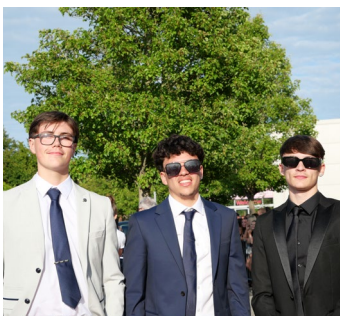
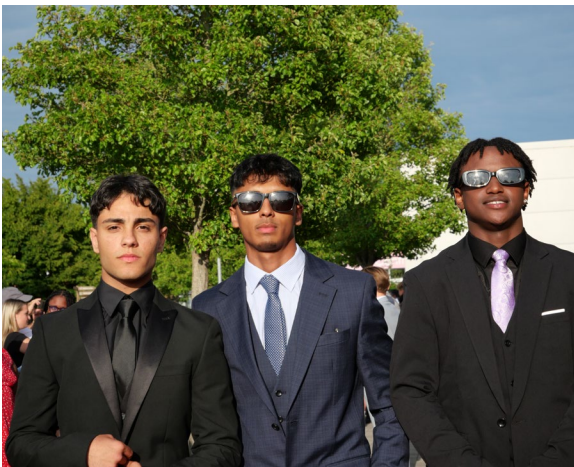
A great night was had by all who attended!

Mr Cavanagh





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GOODBYE TO YEAR 11





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Power of the Beat

Over the Summer term, a group of our Year 9 students has been taking part in an exciting project called Power of the Beat, working with real-life rap artists and spoken word poets to create their own original pieces.

The project has bridged the gap between contemporary rap and traditional poetry, allowing students to experiment with rhythm, rhyme and voice in a way that feels both relevant and empowering. Not only have they developed their creative writing skills, but also refined their performance abilities—gaining confidence, collaboration skills and a strong sense of self-expression.

We are inviting friends, family and members of the school community to come along and celebrate all they have achieved in a special live performance. It will be held in our school theatre on the 7th July, starting at 5:30pm.

We would love for you to come and support our amazing students as they perform the pieces they have worked so hard on. Expect music, rhythm, poetry, passion—and a lot of talent! We hope to see you there!

Miss Manning



Help us shape the future of health visiting and school nursing services in Hampshire and IOW

The Hampshire Public Health Team need your help to shape the future of Hampshire's health visiting and school nursing services.

These vital services support all pregnant women, babies, children, young people, and families across the county. To ensure they continue to meet families' needs, we're asking parents and carers to share their experiences — and we would especially appreciate hearing the views of fathers and partners.

- The survey takes under 10 minutes. Open until 8th July
- Share your views: <https://hampshirecc.welcomesyourfeedback.net/s/PHNfeedback>

Thank you for helping us make a difference!



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Armed Forces Day Munch a Moving Success at Park Community School

Park Community School proudly hosted its first Armed Forces Day Community Munch on Thursday 27 June, as part of its long-running Munch programme. The event brought together students, families, veterans and serving soldiers for an evening of remembrance, gratitude and community spirit.

The evening honoured the region's strong Armed Forces legacy. Highlights included student performances, shared stories from WWII veterans—thanks to Project 71—and a special 101st birthday celebration for one of our most remarkable guests.

In the lead-up to the event, students across the school wrote heartfelt Armed Forces Day postcards, which will be sent to serving personnel as a gesture of appreciation and thanks. This simple but powerful act allowed students to reflect on the value of service and show their respect in a personal way. Serving soldiers joined the event, connecting with students and adding a powerful perspective on modern military service.

"This is about more than inviting our veterans," said organiser and History Teacher Mrs Trickett. "It's about helping our students understand sacrifice, service and respect for those who protect our freedoms."

Mrs Trickett



Sarah Standing/The News, Portsmouth



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Sports Ambassadors



Hampshire Outdoor Adventurous Activity Day

We were invited to support the OAA Activity day at Staunton Park. Here students designed and delivered team building activities to groups of primary students. Our Park students were absolutely superb, organised and comfortable delivering the sessions.

Hampshire Primary School Cricket Festival

A group of students attended a festival at Emsworth Primary School, to run drills for primary school children. The students were introduced to the drills by a coach from Hampshire Cricket Club and independently led these for large groups of students. They were all incredibly confident in leading the groups, demonstrating their coaching skills.

Riders and Front Lawn Sports Days

Three groups of students attended sports days to lead activities, score games and organise activities. They were very hot days and the groups were amazing at adapting quickly and taking responsibility to organise large groups. Thank you to Mr Wood for supporting.

Hampshire School Games

We were invited to support at the Hampshire School Games; this is an event at Winchester University that involves over 1000 primary children from all over the county. The group had an opportunity to learn and lead fencing sessions. They also had the opportunity to support students participating in a silent disco. They were all amazing at getting involved in dancing and encouraging the children to dance and take part.

Sports Ambassadors Training

Training has continued on Tuesdays, with a regular attendance of 30+ students. In the last couple of weeks students have coached each other in rounders, football and dodgeball. We have had a significant increase in Y7 students, and I look forward to getting them involved in the external events next year.

The Sports Ambassadors have all been brilliant at all these events. Their ability to adapt and quickly pick up new skills, as well as support each other, has been great.

Heroes of Park

John	Jayden	Alexia	Aiyden
Fletcher	Ryan	Barbara	Travis
Ruby	Alfie	James	
Leon	AJ	Darcie	

Mr Pollard





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