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newsletter

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## SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER

Students from Years 7 through to Year 10 enjoyed a well-deserved reward trip at the end of term. Year 7 went to Snowtrax in Christchurch, Year 8 went to the Sealife Centre in Brighton, Year 9 went to London Dungeons and Year 10 enjoyed a day out at Thorpe Park. Long lasting memories made!



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### End of Year 'Round Up' from Mr Anders, Headteacher & Mrs Capaldi, Head of School

This school year has been yet another that has been full of exciting developments at Park. We have continued to find new ways to deliver the school curriculum and celebrate with established activities and trips. The Race at Our Place was a highlight for many, our Christmas lunch was equally memorable. Interest from other schools in our wider curriculum and other facilities grows. Year 7 and 8 children have had a chance to visit the small holding and been on an enterprise activity at our industrial unit, where PDP our printing business is based; many have been to the Apex construction skills centre too.

Trips to New York and Tanzania have allowed some students to visit other continents and find out about different cultures. Many trips have run around this country adding to students' knowledge and building 'cultural capital' which is so important in the new GCSEs. YES! trips have run on many weekends to London and Brighton - these are supported by Post Code Publications.

This summer most Year 11 students leave us with between 9 and 11 GCSEs or similar qualifications. A record number of GCSE qualifications will be gained as a result. Groups of students have been on university visits to Oxford, Cambridge, Portsmouth and Southampton. 150 Sports Ambassadors worked in many local primary schools helping to run sports activities and sports days. Havant Rotary have again been generous in their support of the school and our team won the Rotary debating competition. Students have benefited from mentoring programmes such as the Dame Kelly Holmes' 'Unlocking Potential' scheme and the Girls Network of business mentors, some being offered work and apprenticeships as a result.

Generous support for Munch means each week day in the school holidays we can offer a free lunch and a Thursday evening meal. The BBC featured this in a documentary last October and on a news programme this month. On Thursday afternoons, before Munch, Munch-a-cise is an hour of exercise for parents and children offered as a result of a grant from Persimmon Homes. Matt Paine, Persimmon Homes' Managing Director, spoke at our wonderful awards evening this month.

Over 2000 Chunch food parcels, were paid for by the FatFace Foundation, in December. This experience allowed the school to bid for funds as part of a national pilot running holiday activities and providing healthy food through the summer holidays. Together with another school we are overseeing four weeks of activities through Connect4Summer in more than 20 centres across Hampshire. Connect4Summer was recently featured by the BBC in the local news and also on their Sunday Politics show. Through Magic Breakfast we have been able to offer a free healthy breakfast to all children since January. Our school meals continue to set the standard with Steven Cross, our head chef, winning the LACA national School Chef of the Year competition.

Congratulations to all our students who pushed themselves this year, in small or big ways, to attain, achieve and keep on going. Thank you to families for supporting us and our students as we educate, encourage and care for our young people.

## Mighty Oaks from Little Acorns Grow...

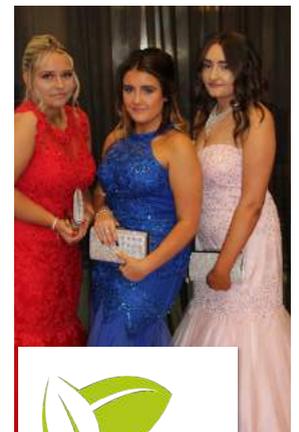
There was a real buzz of excitement as the students took their seats for their final farewells! This year there seemed to be more Mentors and Staff than normal, which really does show what a fantastic year group they were! Mr Anders waited patiently for the chatter to die down before he addressed the students as working the hardest he's ever known a year group to work and no matter how challenging times were, we knew that as a year group, they would get there – Mr Anders reminisced over teaching some of the students in Year 8 and 9, and said even then he knew what they were capable of achieving, as individuals and as a collective when working together.

Mrs Wilson read out a message from Mrs Norman for her Girls Network group and Sports Ambassadors, thanking them for their extra commitment shown and although she feels sad about them leaving the process, she is equally as excited to see them receive the results they deserve – Mrs Norman said her door is always open and she wished all students every happiness.

Students were showered in confetti cannons as a final moment in the theatre and then headed out to the school field to release butterflies into the wild to signify the next chapter in their lives.



They also had the opportunity to add soil to a new oak tree that has been planted on top of a time capsule full of messages, such as 'I hope to be famous and be on Broadway!', 'To get a PhD', 'To give the children in less fortunate countries an education and to help children who need a home'. Students attended their Prom at the Marriott Hotel, where they enjoyed one last sit down meal with their friends and teachers and a night full of dancing and photobooth fun! We really do wish them all the very best for their future.



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A once in a lifetime trip to Tanzania...



Year 10 Students took a once in a lifetime trip to Tanzania in June. This trip gave students an opportunity to see part of a country that is much less fortunate than ours, and it was certainly a big eye opener!

### **An article from Year 10 student Maisie...**

It was an amazing experience and made a big impact on the children we met in need in Mbeya. Although the children had very little they appreciated the tiniest things and were just grateful to have someone there to play with. Seeing the children and hearing their stories made it very emotional and made a lot of us think about how grateful we really should be and to not take things for granted. The children live their lives to the fullest, no matter what's going on at home and mostly just wanted attention and company, which we feel made the biggest difference because we were there to play with them and to give them that attention that maybe their families couldn't give them. Spending 10 days with the children and helping the community was the best part, which made leaving them the hardest part! We had become so attached to them all and felt so much love for them, knowing how much they needed us and our help was heart-wrenching.

Grassroots is an amazing trust, they support families with a feeding programme, so they don't have to wonder when their next meal will be, ensuring that each child gets the help they need and are properly fed. Grassroots make sure the sick children are well looked after and any children with HIV or malaria receive the right medicine and the right nutrition to keep them healthy.



The trip really has changed all of us, we've all learnt so much and it's really opened our eyes and made us realise how much we have compared to others; it's so sad for all of us to acknowledge the fact that most of them don't have electricity, food or even a comfy bed to sleep on. I think all of us can say that, hands down, we have left a piece of our heart there and we will cherish and keep the memories we made there forever.

A big thank you to everyone that helped us get to our fundraising target and all of the support we received, we wouldn't have got there without them.



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### Girls Network visit HMS Sultan

Students involved with Girls Network visited HMS Sultan for an inspirational session with Royal Navy women across the site. The students spent time with those involved with Marine and Air Engineering Training at HMS Sultan and the many different roles being successfully performed by females across the Royal Navy and went to see women in the workplace at the establishment's Medical Centre and Police security section. In addition, they also learnt about how the establishment operates day-to-day from the Executive Officer Commander - Kim Mehta.

Year 11 student, Rachel, said: "Today has been amazing, I've learnt so much from it all and it's really opened up my opinion of what the military is about. There are so many different opportunities out there that I could see myself doing, so there's lots to go out and research further."



Lieutenant Commander Jen Kedge, who organised the visit and mentors for the Girls Network, said: "It's so rewarding to see how visits like today encourage the girls to think differently about themselves and build their confidence in their own ability. There are so many women performing important roles out there and this is about showing them nothing is beyond their reach if they put their minds to it."

### Dame Kelly Holmes - Unlocking Potential Program - DONE!

Well done to Park students Alfie, Lilli, Ethan and Jasmine for receiving their prestigious award from the Dame Kelly Holmes Trust. The students completed a Social Action project called "Against All Odds" which they delivered to local primary schools. This was a project which looked at being resilient and not letting barriers stop you from achieving your dreams.

They worked alongside Hannah Beharry, Olympic Gold Medallist Boxer. Amazing students, who worked on their project diligently and with total commitment ... very proud of them!



## Girls Network Graduate!

Congratulations to all students who graduated from the Girls Network programme this term. We are very proud of them and wish them all good luck for the future lives!

They celebrated the completion of the programme at Portsmouth University. Twelve girls attended (many more than other schools) and all were smart, proud and confident. It was lovely to see them networking with business women, asking challenging questions to the panel and being genuinely confident and happy in the fairly formal environment.

There were lots of positive comments from the mentors about our students and school, which many of them forging longer term links. *Highlights included:*

1. Beth - her mentor used her to photograph some of the shots for her promotional magazine.
2. Chloe – her mentor is taking her to a London show (as arranged with her mum). Chloe doesn't know yet!
3. Sophie - her mentor is keen to give Sophie opportunities to work with her.
4. Chardnay - her mentor's business donated Oscar style goodie bags to the 90 girls who took part - contents chosen by Chardnay. Chardnay also kicked off the questioning of the panel.



5. Ruby - her mentor has given her summer work experience and potential apprenticeship at her legal firm.
- 6 Beth - made her own way there, had to walk into a large lecture 15 minutes late but did so confidently as she was so keen to be there.
7. Lilli and Jasmine - arrived late too as they had to rush from London after receiving Releasing Potential award from Dame Kelly Holmes!
8. Mrs Norman constantly making further links with the women there to get our students the best possible mentors and to further build the wonderful reputation of our students and school.

*Thank you to Mrs Norman for keeping the girls on track with the Girls Network and ensuring they have made the most of it.*

## Student Voice

Park Student Voice attended the Student Voice SE Hants Summit and did a sterling job on presenting the Rewards system from Park Community School. They did us proud once again!



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## iSTEM Ambassadors - Inter Schools STEM Day

The Year 7 Ambassadors had a great day at the Inter Schools STEM Day, learning about engineering. They were a credit to Park throughout the day and received some great feedback from the staff running the event!



## iSTEM Ambassadors - Pen Holders!

The iSTEM Ambassadors have been busy over the past few weeks making pen/pencil holders. These went on sale to the staff at Park and all money raised went towards covering the cost of materials and an end of year treat for the iSTEM Ambassadors.



## Fairtrade Ambassadors

The Fairtrade Ambassadors, along with Miss Sykes, visited Bosmere, Trosnant and St Alban's Primary Schools this term on a mission to spread the word about Fairtrade. The students talked about why Fairtrade is important to them, as well as running a mini quiz about Fairtrade products and answering any questions the primary pupils had. They were a credit to the school.

All the hard work the Fairtrade Ambassadors have put in this year means the school is very close to gaining the third and final award, 'Fair Achiever', issued by the Fairtrade Foundation.



## Greenpower

The first trip to Castle Combe for Park's Greenpower team was very enjoyable. Both 'Chase' and 'Keep Up' were maintaining good pace and sat in 4th and 5th kit car position but didn't manage to stay there for long enough. A combination of battery life and gear ratios being the cause. We took a risk on gear ratios and it didn't quite pay off this time. Both races we ended up further down the list as we could not maintain that pace. Team Spirit 2 trundled on as always and finished both races well - coming 14th kit car of 31.

We had a much better day when the team visited Ford Dunton. We were much more competitive. A breakdown during practice put Team Spirit 2 out of race 1. 'Chase' and 'Keep Up' were flying and were jostling for top 5. 'Keep Up' faded too early but 'Chase' ploughed on. Sadly, we missed out on a top 3 place and qualification for Silverstone by 20 seconds from a 90 minute race. Never-mind!



We had other issues - race 2 with a crash and wiring problems but we managed to fix the car's wiring with chewing gum! We came 4th for the day, just missing out on a top 3 place, but were awarded the 'Spirit of Greenpower' trophy for our sheer effort!

## Derek Lamont Award



Jake Reeve was outstanding in his presentation on 'Advantages and Disadvantages of Gaming'. He completely blew his audience away with his knowledge and skills in public speaking. Everyone at the Havant Rotary meeting couldn't speak any more highly of Park!

Fantastic evening! Very proud to be part of Park.



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## MFL - Where languages can take you...

Modern Foreign Language Students attended an assembly about why languages are important and how languages are linked to employability.

Students were empowered by a visit from Ms Gloria Vessey, a multi-lingual Lawyer and Barrister, who gave a talk about where languages can take you and who you can meet along the way.



## BAR Sailing

Good fun lively interested students! Year 9 student Jacob excelled himself in answering questions at the Ben Ainsley Tech Deck and Year 9 student Dylan was outstanding on the sailing grinder machine beating all the local sixth form college times!

Lots of capsizing and just a fabulous day!



Please drive carefully around school - remember there is a 20mph speed limit.



## Sports Ambassadors at Thorpe Park

A group of 65 students, who deserved a reward trip for their excellent effort and work in the primary schools, were invited to attend a day out at Thorpe Park. As always, the students were funny, grateful and a delight to be with!

We had a wonderful day and we are looking forward to next year!



## Diversity Week

During the week of 1–5 July at Park we were excited to celebrate School Diversity Week.

This is an initiative from the Just Like Us LGBT+ charity to empower school students and teachers to take ownership of celebrating LGBT+ equality in their own schools and colleges.

Just Like Us is a charity for young people, founded for a simple reason: growing up LGBT+ is still one of the most challenging experiences young people can face. During the week we had LGBT+ alliance students giving out rainbow ribbons and manning our stall to give leaflets to anyone who was curious about the event.

Staff and students wore ribbons, we flew the rainbow flag and there was an LGBT+ display on the library.



Assemblies, presentations and LGBT+ themed lessons were used during the week and we even had the catering team make rainbow biscuits to mark the occasion.



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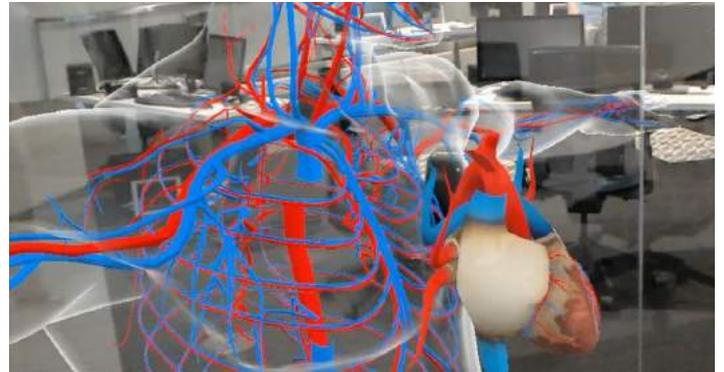
## Microsoft Technology Experience

On 28 May, ten Computer Scientists from Year 9 visited Microsoft Training and Development Centre in Reading. The event was organised by Microsoft to provide school age students the opportunity to discuss technology and future careers.

When we arrived at Microsoft our students were taken to the Azure Theatre to mix with another school from Bristol. As an ice breaker the students competed in a light-hearted game of Kahoot, which saw Year 9 student Maddison winning a prize for one of her answers and Year 9 student Emily winning the overall prize for highest score during Kahoot.

Future Workplace Technology - our students were able to experience a mixed reality environment which uses AI to generate images, video and text to support learning. The equipment is capable of presenting a wide variety of situations. The app being used on the HoloLens in our session was all about human anatomy.

Careers and Pathways - Apprentices at Microsoft discussed their journey to Microsoft and were really keen to explain that you didn't need a computing background as there are so many different jobs within the tech company, that it was more important to secure soft skills, like communication, teamwork and a strong work ethic characterised by resilience.



We learnt that the next version of PowerPoint will incorporate a speech to text translator which can cope with 140 Languages and dialects so that an audience can use their smart phones to link directly with a presentation and be fully involved so that the spoken word is not a barrier to learning.

In the afternoon activities included, developing a storage unit for a desktop mouse, word puzzles and riddles and Microsoft's version of The Chase. Everyone had a great time and although the weather wasn't the greatest it was a fun way to engage in the soft skills valued by industry.

Desert Island Challenge - At the end of the Desert Island Challenge the overall winners for the day were announced and it was Park's team of six whose name was read out! A great achievement against some tough competition from our boys and the other three teams from Bristol. The winners were given an exclusive Microsoft pen and all attendees were given a goody bag.



## Students experienced life on the farm...



Selected students from Park were invited to take part in a residential opportunity at Abbey Home Farm, a working farm in Cirencester, Gloucestershire. The aim of the trip was for students to learn and understand where food comes through hands-on growing, harvesting and cooking, to build an appreciation of the natural world through working with livestock and spending time in the woods and to develop skills, such as communication and teamwork, and qualities, such as self-confidence, by learning outside a traditional classroom. It was a brilliant week, and despite the changeable weather, as in real-life, work continued! Year 9 student Fox kept a wonderfully in-depth diary for his time at the farm, here are a few highlights;

*'Upon arrival we had a lovely introduction from the members of staff at the farm it was lovely! So far, we've viewed the farm, I saw a variety of plants and why they are grown in specific conditions, we were not allowed to enter the tomato greenhouse as it would be a risk of contamination.'*

*'We held some chickens today and collected eggs, it was amazing, I had to walk for quite a considerable time and I was pretty tired, the chicken farm held lots of types of chickens and egg laying, I really enjoyed this. This had to be one of my favourite activities that I participated in. We organised the eggs afterwards to match sizes, I was matching extra-large and large most of the time but there was a bit of a change in shift and the machine worked as if measuring the mass rather than the size.'*

*'We met up at the Orchids in the morning to review what we were doing again, first off will be feeding pigs, I'm really excited to see one again as they really surprisingly cute, apparently they've got different types of pigs and I'm kind of excited. Its worth mentioning that pigs were in fact of very hairy and rough! I saw a pig called Sid. Sid the pig. Brilliant!'*



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## What's going on in English...

**In Year 7 English**, we have been learning about different cultures through poetry. We have looked at *Island Man* by Grace Nichols; *The British* and *No Problem* by Benjamin Zephaniah; and the poem *Blessing* by Imtiaz Dharker.

We have been analysing them by looking at the structure, the meaning, the connotations and the hidden metaphors found within each.

Additionally, we had the opportunity to create our own poems in many different styles. Below are a few examples of the poetry written by Year 7 students:

### **Alfie – My Experience**

*Bullying is not cool,  
Under my skin, it hurts and is cruel.  
Lying when you are accused,  
Lying again makes the teachers confused.  
Yes, I am strong.  
In your mind you know it is wrong.  
No, that doesn't matter, you just keep on.  
Go on, do it, I will just carry on.  
It hurts me, you know it,  
Still never going to show it,  
Never going to stop,  
Ongoing... feeling like I have been shot.  
Teachers interrogate for more information,  
Cuts and bruises to hide the frustration,  
Over and over there's rips in my shirt,  
Over and on it hurts and it hurts.  
Leave me alone... please don't throw me on  
the dirt.*

### **Mary-Kate - Deforestation**

*Tree  
Green, Big  
Blowing, Growing, Climbing  
Leaves, Branches, Roots  
Cutting, Chopping, Sawing  
Blank, Thin  
Paper*

### **Lexi – Depression**

*Deep thoughts won't leave your mind,  
Endangering yourself because you're not  
happy with life,  
Pressuring yourself to always do better,  
Restless sleeping because you don't want the  
next day to come.  
Expressing your feelings? Impossible.  
Suspicious parents trying to help,  
Sending you to counselling to stop it all.  
"I don't like my life," you tell your parents.  
On your mind all day, all night, is the anger of  
your thoughts,  
Never ending thoughts of how to end it all.*

**In Year 8 English**, we have been exploring varieties of speeches and rants. We were discussing with one another, saying and giving ideas about what we can do to improve and protect the environment in and out of school.

We also planned a speech to deliver to Mr Anders and we will be presenting it soon. We also looked at many famous speeches presented by celebrities. For example: Leonardo DiCaprio, who spoke about the rainforest and seas and that our planet is dying.

Overall, we have learned the importance of using our voices to make a difference in the world.

## What's going on in English continued...

**In Year 9 English** students have sat mock exams this term. English Literature Paper Two, tested their knowledge of their modern novel, poems studied in the power and conflict anthology and their ability to explore unseen poems. One example of brilliance was from Tom in Miss Dyer's class, who demonstrated highly critical and sophisticated understanding of the novel *The Lord of The Flies*. Here is an excerpt from Tom's exam to share the fantastic standard our students are already demonstrating when answering GCSE level questions:

*It is clear that Golding uses 'the beast' as a metaphor of how evil lives inside humans and not as an external being.*

*'The beast' is reacted to differently by many characters in the novel in order to portray the effects of evil on the boys and different people within society.*

*'The beast' is described to be a creature of serpent origin, hiding in the trees growing fruit and consequently scaring the 'littlun's'. An idea of how this could link to society and evil within it is through religion. 'The beast' can be linked to the biblical story of Adam and Eve, where a serpent tempts them to eat fruit from the Tree of Knowledge, a clear link to 'the beast' tempting the boys into demonstrating anger and fear which in turn leads to their display of violence and evil.*

Finally, a reminder that Year 9 students should be aiming to re-read the texts studied in class this year over the summer holidays and ensure they are maintaining revision of these in order to secure fantastic results in their Year 10 English Literature GCSE. Many of these are available freely to read online or can be purchased from school reception.

## Sacre Youth Voice Conference

Eight Year 8 students had the opportunity to represent Park at the SACRE Youth Voice Conference. The key question for the day was *'How do we know what is right and wrong in society: when might that change?'* Students selected workshops to explore this question from a number of perspectives including Buddhist, Baha'i, Christian, and non-religious traditions as well as through drama.

They had the chance to work with students from a range of different schools to develop their own collaborative response in light of the workshops they attended. They showed off their ability to think about some really important issues facing our society, from mental health and social media to the use of plastics threatening the environment.



As always, Park students showed themselves to be amazing ambassadors for the school and able to consider challenging issues with real insight and understanding. Well done to all who represented us!



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## Annual Awards Evening

We were delighted to welcome over 200 parents on Monday 15 July to our Annual Awards evening.

The top 20 students in each year group, measured on overall attitude to learning and students throughout the school with 100% attendance, were awarded vouchers and books along with certificates.

Parents and guests including the Mayor of Havant, Councillor Diana Patrick, enjoyed performances from Kaitlin, Maddi and Mya as well as food in our Watering Hole restaurant to round off the evening.

We would like to thank Matt Paine, Managing Director of Persimmon Homes South Coast, for delivering an inspiring speech to our students and parents and congratulate all our wonderful students for their continued efforts.

## Year 11 Exit Survey 2019: The Results Are In!

At the end of the last big GCSE examination, Year 11 students were asked to complete an exit survey based upon the five years they spent at Park.

We are pleased to announce that the survey results were overwhelmingly positive. We were particularly impressed with the detailed and thoughtful comments written by students.

So, it's official! According to Year 11, 96% of students surveyed agreed that Park is a great school. Furthermore, 99% of students stated that they had been taught well over the last five years.

Amongst the highlights, Year 11 students singled out the following 'stand out' moments from their time at Park: Race at Our Place, trips to New York, Thorpe Park and Disneyland Paris.



According to students, the best things about Park are, in rank order, the teachers, the facilities, friends, food and school trips!

Meanwhile, we've taken note that the school needs to find further ways to reward hard work and good effort.

We would like to thank Year 11 students for the time and care they took in completing these surveys and also to wish them all the best of luck for the future!

## Cambridge Residential

Four Year 11 students from Park applied to take part in the Cambridge Residential 2019 – they were shortlisted from 2000 applicants, how amazing! The students gained invaluable experience during their stay, not only about living away from home, but the visit really showed the students how high they should be aiming. The students experienced a Cambridge style of teaching, with a mixture of lectures, seminars and supervisions. The students excelled at working with the other students and were willing to try anything new, the Cambridge Student Ambassadors were incredibly impressed with the hard work of the Park students.



## More & Most Able Students get a taste of College life

More and Most Able Students from Years 7-9 recently completed a three-stage project with Portsmouth College.

This was an excellent opportunity for the students to learn about how college life works, what subjects they could study and to think about how they will use their experiences at Park Community School in their future. They also had the chance to interact with Student Ambassadors at the college.

## Magic Maths!

Year 9 Students had a great time taking part in a Magic Maths session with Ben Sparks, an internationally renowned mathematics speaker. Students were entertained by some magic and later learnt the mathematics which make the magic work.

Maddie W: *"Loved it but can't get my head around the cards trick!"*

Josh L: *"It was great, wished it was longer."*

Maddie H: *"It was really fun to do because it wasn't just the magic side of it, it was the maths too."*



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## Park Festival of Sports

A real scorcher of a day in July saw the whole school take part in the Festival of Sport. Students volunteered to compete for their families in a range of different events including endball, rounders, shot putt, javelin, discus, middle distance running, sprints, relay and tug of war. Nelson were in the lead early on with Austen following close behind. After some highly competitive sporting performances, nail biting relays and a thrilling tug of war, Austen were crowned the winners for the first time EVER, knocking Mr Crowley and Nelson off the top spot.

We could hear the disappointing cries from Mr Crowley from Tanzania.

Well done to everyone who took part, but a special well done goes to Miss Wingham and Austen.

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	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Staff relay	Tug of War	Total	Position
<b>Austen</b>	1135	1300	1170	100	25	3730	1
<b>Brunel</b>	1125	1145	540	25	75	2910	4
<b>Dickens</b>	1100	1065	785	50	50	3050	3
<b>Nelson</b>	1190	880	1275	75	100	3420	2

## Athletics Competitions

On Tuesday 21 June fifty students went to the Mountbatten Centre for the Year 9 and 10 South East Hants Schools Athletics Championships. All were a credit to the school, taking part in a range of athletics events. We had some outstanding performances, one being from Year 10 student Alfie who won his 200m heat race and qualified for the final. Alfie looked like he was going to come 2nd, but unfortunately he injured his hamstring and ended up 5th overall. Year 10 student Kaci came 2nd in her 100m heat and we had lots of high-performance throws in javelin, shot and discus!

On Tuesday 2 July, we took students to the Mountbatten Centre for the Year 7 and 8 South East Hants Schools Athletics Championships. All performed to their best and were resilient and supportive. Our best performances came from Year 8 student Alyssa who was 2nd in 100m heat and 6th in the final, Year 8 student Blake was 2nd in 200m heat and 6th in the final, Year 7 student Anthony signed up for long jump at the last minute and came 4th (out of 20), if his last jump had counted he would have finished 2nd.

## Armada Kite Festival

On the 21 June Mr Bryce and Mrs Bearpark took a group of Year 7 students to the Armada Kitesurfing Festival. It was a beautiful hot summer's day and the students got to listen to a talk by kite surfing professional Lewis Crathern. They then got to see him in action in the water, however unfortunately and uncharacteristically for Hayling Island, there was not enough wind to see any tricks. The students then went on to watch a professional BMX rider and Parkour performer perform some breath-taking stunts. One of which almost left student Harlee without his nose, had he not had lightning fast reactions to get out of the way.



The best performance came from Year 7 student Olivia who threw amazingly well in the shot putt, finishing 1st with a throw of 7metres and 18cm, and is now is the South East Hants record holder for U13 girls!

Olivia also qualified to represent South East Hants at the Hampshire Schools Athletics Championships at Southampton Sports Centre. She managed to throw a personal best of 7metres 33cm with her opening throw in the competition which put her comfortably in 2nd for the majority of the competition until the last round when two more experience girls pushed her down into 4th place. Olivia missed out on going on to represent Hampshire Schools by 10 cm. So close!



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### Much More than Just a Clock

We have created much excitement and intrigue using old pieces of furniture to create miniature libraries to encourage reading by children in our 'Much More Than Just a Clock' project. Thanks to monies received from the Foyle Foundation, we have purchased grandfather clocks that were no longer working, put shelves inside them and put a range of books for all ages in them. We have also used old school desks and created little libraries. Children pick a book and take it away to read, encouraging reading. It has also encouraged others to donate books.

We have formed relationships with five community hubs and will continue to maintain and encourage use of the clocks. Let us know if you have seen them around the Leigh Park area!



### Year 10 Work Experience

Year 10 students have finished another important step in their education, 96% of our students took the opportunity to be part of the working world during their Work Experience fortnight.



### Freshers' Week

The week beginning 1 July was a very busy week for Park as it was the week that we welcomed Year 6 students who are joining us in September.

Freshers' week gives students the opportunity to spend a week at Park participating in lessons and normal school events and generally getting to know how things work.

We recognise that there is a lot of difference between the primary and secondary settings

so it is a way of ensuring the transition process is as smooth as possible.

In the middle of the week we held our Freshers' barbecue which was the chance for parents to find out what the students had been doing at Park as well as finding out some of the necessary information they might need before September.

**Are you a graduate? Interested in teaching?**



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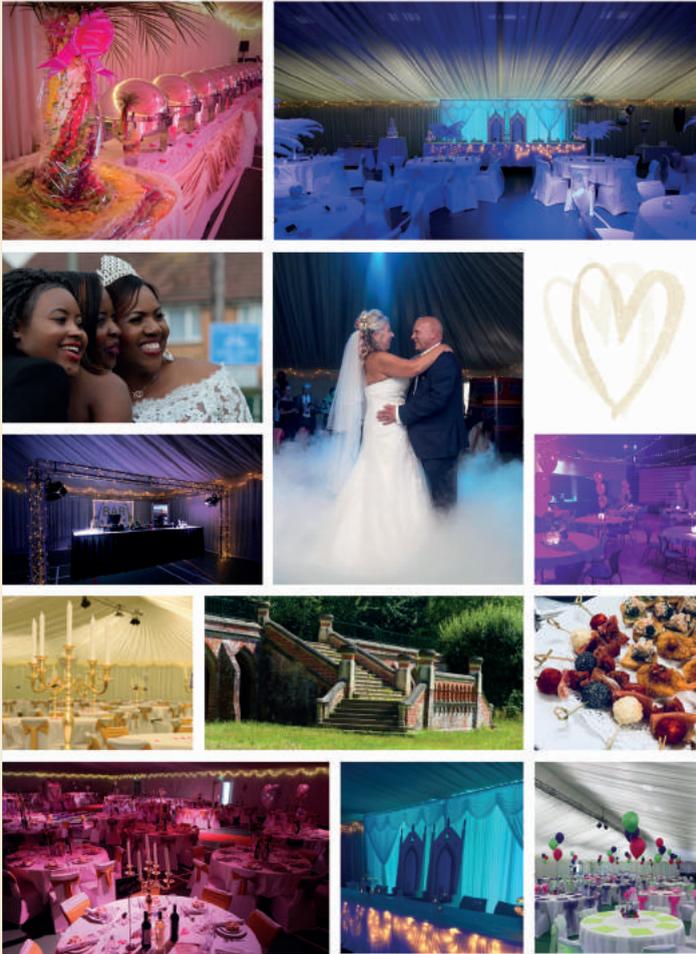


Park Community School

# Weddings

Our flexible venues and award winning catering team can make your day that little bit more special.

Please ask for a brochure, or email [bookings@pcs.hants.sch.uk](mailto:bookings@pcs.hants.sch.uk)



"We would definitely recommend it for a wedding venue. We had so many lovely comments about how beautiful it looked! Thank you all so much, we really can't thank you enough"



## Summer Activities in Havant

Park Community School  
29th July-23rd August

The Acorn Centre  
29th July - 23rd August

Our Connect4Summer programme is different every day - activities include:  
**Circus Skills - Dr Blendo Science Extravaganza  
Craft - Woodwork - Cookery - Painting  
Dance - Singing - Percussion and much more. . .**

**Connect4Summer - FREE Family Holiday Activities**

**FREE** Family holiday activities, 10am - 3pm  
2 course hot meal included (excluding Bank Holiday 26 August)

To book, please come into school for a booking form  
[www.pcs.hants.sch.uk](http://www.pcs.hants.sch.uk), /Connect4summer, 023 9248 9811 for more details.



## Exciting FREE Family Fun Days

to book

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## MUNCH Langar

On Saturday 11 May as part of our MUNCH project, we were delighted to welcome members of our local Sikh community, ably led by Sonny Singh, who hosted a Sikh Langer meal.



Langar is the term used in Sikhism for the community kitchen in a Gurdwara (Sikh temple) where a free meal is served to all visitors, without distinction of religion, caste, gender, economic status or ethnicity. The smells and tastes were truly divine and appreciated by all who attended.

## Community Dance Project

Community Dance Project has been a fantastic opportunity for Park Community School to collaborate with Prospect School. This year our purpose was to raise awareness for Men that suffer with Mental Health. The show was dedicated to Steve Ray, a local father, who lost his battle with Mental Health, all monies raised will be donated to the Samaritans Charity.

## Mayor Making

Park Catering Services were asked to cater this year's Mayor Making Ceremony at Havant Plaza on Wednesday 8 May. Students, supported by our award-winning catering team, prepared and cooked six different canapes and a selection of cold local seasonal fare.



For more information on MUNCH, please contact [munch@pcs.hants.sch.uk](mailto:munch@pcs.hants.sch.uk) and don't forget to like our facebook page @pcsmunch

## Rowans Hospice Bake Sale

At Park Community School we are passionate about the Rowans Hospice and decided to host a cake sale on Wednesday 19 June 2019 to raise funds for their Silver Jubilee refurbishment programme. Students and staff brought in money to buy cakes at break and lunchtime, and raised an amazing £218! Thank you to everyone who made and bought cakes.



## Recipe from Alex Moody - Sous Chef

### Strawberry & Rose Granita with Chocolate Orange Wafer

Sorbets are the perfect way to cool down after a day in the sun. Granita is one of the easiest to make, all you need is a fork and a freezer! British strawberries are at the height of their season right now and this is a perfect way to celebrate them.

#### Ingredients

For the Granita

- 220g water
- 60g caster sugar
- 5g bronze leaf gelatine
- 250g strawberries
- 1 tsp rose water

For the Wafer

- 250g icing sugar
- 100g unsalted butter
- 100ml orange juice
- 80g plain flour
- 25g cocoa powder

#### Method

- Place the strawberries in a heat proof bowl, cover with 2 layers of clingfilm and place above a pan of barely simmering water for an hour to release the juice. When this is done, drain through a sieve, pressing gently with the back of a spoon to remove the liquid then discard the pulp and set juice to one side.

- Soften the leaves of gelatine in cold water, this should only take a few minutes. Heat the water and sugar in a pan until the sugar has dissolved then add the gelatine and stir until it has also dissolved. Add the sugar water mix to the strawberry juice and then finally add the rose water. Pour into a suitable container and freeze until solid.
- Whilst the Granita is freezing, preheat an oven to 180C/Gas Mark 4. In a pan melt the butter and mix in the orange juice and icing sugar. Sift the cocoa powder and flour together and add to the liquid mixture – mix thoroughly.
- Spread the mixture thinly onto a baking parchment lined tray and transfer to the oven to cook for 8-10 minutes until coloured lightly with bubbles appearing. Set aside to cool.
- Remove the strawberry granita from the freezer and scrape really well with a fork to achieve snow-like texture. Place into bowls and serve with broken shards of the wafer alongside.



### Essential Dates & Payment Deadlines for your diary...

- New York Trip & Disney Trip instalments due - beginning September
- Madrid Trip - instalment due - end September
- Thurs 5 Sep - Year 7 Welcome Day
- Year 8-11 - Appointments for PAR Day ONLY
- Fri 6 Sep - School reopens for ALL Years
- Mon 16 & Tues 17 Sep - Year 6 Taster Days
- Tues 17 Sep - Year 6 Open Evening
- Thurs 3 Oct - Year 10 & 11 Parents Evening (by invitation)
- Thurs 10 Oct - Years 8 & 9 Parents Evening
- Thurs 17 Oct - Year 7 Parents Evening
- Fri 25 Oct - Break up for Half Term
- Mon 4 Nov - Return after Half Term

#### Increase in Lunch Charge

Please Note – From September a Meal Deal will cost £2.40.

#### COMING SOON...

Prefect and Head Boy / Girl opportunities  
Look out for more information in Family Assemblies in September