

Year 8 Newsletter

Spring Half Term 2



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Welcome to our Year 8 Spring Newsletter which highlights some fantastic events and achievements from our year group. This half term the sun has been shining and our students have been working hard creating fantastic pieces of work and raising money for worthy causes such as the British Heart Foundation and Comic Relief. The Year 8 team have been focusing on celebrating achievements within the year group and promoting positivity. We have been incredibly proud to see our year group supporting each other at sports matches, debate club and even helping out Park High's GCSE Dance students for their upcoming choreography exam. On behalf of the Year 8 Team, we hope you have a wonderful Easter Holiday and we look forward to seeing you in the Summer Term.

Miss Daler

Extra-Curricular Success

We would like to acknowledge Theodora in 8BE for taking part in a dance competition outside of school in Essex with her team. In total Theodora won a total of two trophies and six medals! We are so proud of you! Our Year 8 Netball girls have also been competing against local schools including Whitefriars who they beat 22-1, whilst coming third in their tournament. Miss Matthews and I have been enjoying watching and supporting our year 8 girls. Well done!



Whole school message

Tuesday 19th April: INSET DAY – No students

Wednesday 20th April: School is back open for all students.

We are proud that we were able to support Red Nose Day on Friday 18th March. The students and staff managed to raise over £1300 for the various charity's connected to red nose day. Within assemblies this term the year teams have been celebrating students' punctuality to lessons and the high level of attendance since September. Each group is well above the national average for both attendance and punctuality to lessons. These high levels across all year groups continues to highlight that our students take pride and care in their learning. The top punctual tutor groups in each year were:

7EA, 8DS, 9RD, 10AK & 10KL, 11GC & 11HW

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The Stables

Throughout this past term some of our year 8's have had the incredible opportunity of working with horses. In these sessions the students develop a range of transferable personal skills including teamwork and leadership. They learn about horse psychology and practical skills to train them to do a number of activities including exercising and, grooming the horses whilst helping them to overcome fears and teaching them new tricks. Miss Matthews has been enjoying watching our Year 8's working with the horses beautifully.



Red Nose Day

This half term Park High made a real effort in supporting Comic Relief with lots of fun activities for the students including a Staff Vs Student Bench Ball game, a flash mob Superhero fancy dress and a delicious bake sale. Overall, as a school we raised £1,353.70. We are so grateful for our year 8's donating money and supporting the activities put on throughout the day. It was brilliant to see our year 8 family thoroughly enjoying themselves for a very worthy cause.



Assemblies

This half term we have had the pleasure of listening to our year 8 students present a topic of their choice in assembly. Students have been working incredibly hard creating presentations on topics that they are passionate and want to raise awareness about. This has been a brilliant opportunity for students to work on their public speaking skills whilst building their confidence. I am looking forward to learning more about our year groups passions next term.



Alongside our students' presentations in assemblies this term we have had a real positive focus on achievement. We have had a mixture of weekly acknowledgements from tutors, subject certificates and of course our weekly punctuality award. We also ended the term with a fantastic celebration assembly where we had some exciting physical theatre performances by members of our year group that they have been working on in their drama lessons! These assemblies continue to make our year team incredibly proud of our students and we have loved celebrating the successes of our students together!

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