

Student Bulletin

Week Commencing 29.04.2024



Message from Deputy Headteacher

This week we welcome the bank holiday weekend to celebrate May Day, the start of summer. May Day falls roughly between the spring equinox and the summer solstice and Celts celebrated it as the first day of summer, calling it Beltane. In rural Britain, celebrations were associated with the fertility of spring and the start of summer. The seeds of the new crops had been planted and farm labourers were given a day off - and they made the most of it! Whatever you choose to do, enjoy your extended weekend and the opportunities the lighter evenings will offer you. Take time to notice the changes in nature- the blossoming trees and flowers and find ways that we- all of us- can look after our environment. Have a fantastic week.

Mrs Wilkinson

This Week

Key Dates:

ALL WEEK: MFL Speaking Exams

Art & Photography GCSE Exams

Wednesday Early close- 2.20pm

Year 7 Parent's Evening

Thursday: Arts and Culture Evening

Friday PSHCEe P6

Bookfair Success

Our bookfair has been a success this week and was a nice way to celebrate students reading for pleasure.

Well done for our students who demonstrated curiosity by exploring the books and materials on offer.

Thank you to everyone that helped to run the bookfair.



Global Citizens Update

Year 7 and 8 Global Citizens who ran the plastic collection campaign before February half term have now started to sort through the plastic and are working on some 2D and 3D pieces of art which will be on display in the school in the near future.



PHS Student Leadership Winners

A small number of students will represent Park High School Student Leadership team in the finals of the WildHearts Micro Tyco competition. This involved the team pitching an idea to corporate businesses on their journey of developing personal skills of leadership and how they plan on making a positive change for our school community and our local community. We wish them all the best for the final pitch on Wednesday 22nd May 2023 at the stunning offices of the investment bank - BNP Paribas.

If you would like to have the opportunity to join this exciting team of students, please come and speak to Mrs N Kerai.

Character Virtue for this term: INTEGRITY

BMW Ifactory Experience at the BMW Group in Oxford

Year 11 and Year 13 Design, Technology and Engineering students were fortunate enough to visit the BMW Ifactory plant in Oxford. With the help of their reliable partners, the BMW factory has expertly taken advantage of the rising technology like AI, automation, and data analytics in the world. By combining these advanced technologies with the flexibility and problem-solving abilities of humans, they have created a highly efficient manufacturing process that produces their cars. We learnt that it takes innovative skills and expertise of machinery and maintenance to keep the business running all the time. During many of the processes there were lots of noticeable skills that we have learnt in school that we saw in practice, such as metal welding to make the car frame and the use of robots to make products and move components using robots around the factory floor.

It helped us think about the work of Engineering, allowing us to see how our engineering skills could be used in industry such as the car industry. Some facts that we learnt include that in just 22 hours you can make a car from sheet metal. There is a 2:1 ratio to cars sold internationally to ones sold in the UK and 90% of the manufacturing of the car manufacturing systems are run by AI. Solar Panels are used to power the plant for sustainability.

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U15 Football Borough Champions

Our U15 boys football team claimed a second trophy in three years, beating Salvatorian in an epic encounter on Thursday 25 April 2024.

This team were winners in 2022, beaten finalists in 2023 and are now winners again in 2024. Before the game, we cast our minds back to the deflated feeling we had at full time a year ago and we used that to fuel an energetic performance this time around.

There was plenty of endeavour in the first half and a few decent chances fell our way, but we weren't seeing as much of the ball as we would have liked. Salvo were being given a little too much space to play in midfield and one of their attacks lead to a clear penalty. They tucked it away and we went in 1-0 down at the break.

In conversation with our Captain, Connor, before the game, we concluded that we didn't think our team had ever failed to score in a school game. So, while there was frustration at halftime, there certainly was not panic. At halftime, we both agreed we needed to break up the play in midfield. On came Rishan (with Tontay moving up top). He was detailed with a specific assignment; stop their deep lying midfielder (who apparently plays at Arsenal) getting on the ball.

Rishan stuck to him like glue and all of a sudden Salvo couldn't establish comfortable possession. We pressed and pressed and got our reward with a penalty which Callum calmly tucked away. 1-1! We had the momentum, and we could sense another goal might be on the way. But nobody sensed it coming in the way it did.

In yet another swift attack the ball was laid back just outside the box. There was Rishan, who certainly hadn't been sent on for his goal threat. He struck it first time. It was a beautiful strike. He whipped it over the keeper into the far corner. A celebration ensued but we were determined to go again and make the game safe.

With a few minutes to play Gabriel sent a deft lob over the keeper and this time we knew we were celebrating victory.

What a difference in the atmosphere after the game, when compared with a year earlier. The boys claimed they were writing a chapter in Park High history, and they might just be right!

Your proud two-time champions: our U15 boys football team!



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Year 7 Netball Success

With the new generation of netballers coming through the Park High ranks. It was time for the year 7s to start their league competition. After many year 7s featuring in year 8 and 9 games it was time for them to show their skill. We faced a tall and agile looking Sacred Heart team who we thought might pose a threat to our netball journey. After a nervous start, Miss Acheampong arrived to give them some sideline coaching and clearly started to play to our full ability with some stylish finishing.

In the world of sport, you would call it a thrashing as we ended the game with a massive 18-0 win. Onto the next game and hopefully more wins and amazing team effort from everyone. Bring it on!!!

The PE Department.




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Join Us

ARTS & CULTURE EVENING 2024

THURSDAY 2ND MAY 6:30PM

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- STAFF STRICTLY COME DANCING
 - STUDENT PERFORMANCES
 - CULTURAL FOOD

**TICKETS AVAILABLE IN D1 AT LUNCHTIME
& AFTERSHCOOL**

ADULTS £4

CONCESSION £3

Last Week's Round Up

Best Attendance

10BG/10HA

Most Achievement Points

7WK

Best Punctuality

8GS/8HC

ACE Lottery Winners

1. Kaiya Patel 8WN
2. Sheeba Wardag 10RL

Year 7

Many of you have been able to display '**High Standards**' this week in the classroom and in the corridors. It was lovely to see so many of you wanting to be active readers at the book scholars fair last week. Following on from our assembly about the 'Power of Words', this week I want to listen out for all the wonderful things you have said to one another.

We had a fantastic reward trip to Flip Out on Thursday 25th April – 100 students who had achieved their Bronze, Silver and Gold badge came on the trip.

Well, done to the Year 7 Netball Team for winning

18-0 against Sacred Heart

Thank you to those students who helped at the book fair last week.



Up and coming birthdays
Diam Kerai, Sara Inniss and Raahi Gajipra

Shayan Shah 7WK is our first Gold Achievement winner in the whole school!



Year 8

Mrs Cepoi and I have been blown away by the quality of learning we have seen in our recent lesson observations. You have been asking insightful questions, taking pride in your bookwork and being respectful to your classmates.

Continue supporting your classmates in being on time to lessons, it is lovely to see you all working together demonstrating teamwork.



Thank you to the year 8 form captains for supporting the bookfair last week, happy reading!

Congratulations to Kashvi, Alek, Krish, Dilan, Esha and Jason on achieving their silver badges! Well, done, continue your efforts.



Year 9

This term is the final lap of your KS3 race! A final preparation for GCSEs. In assembly we talked about the need to finish YOUR race well. But sometimes that means seeking help to finish well. So, the year 9 team are putting on a number of interventions to support you in preparing for your GCSEs. Home learning club is Wednesdays 3.10-4pm in T4; Science intervention is Thursdays 3.10-4pm in T1; and Why Try will take place for selected students. More opportunities are to come. Take full advantage of these opportunities to help you succeed. **Well done to the below tutor groups:**

Most Character Points: **9JF** Best Attendance: **9AD**
Lowest B Logs: **9AD/9SW**



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Last Week's Round Up

Year 10

First of all, I would like to say a huge well done for completing your mock exams. It was fantastic to see lots of you coming in early in the mornings to revise in the library and to see you all setting an example for the lower school with your impeccable behaviour! I look forward to celebrating you all in upcoming weeks 😊



Over the next two weeks I will be selecting students for reward trip to celebrate the following; hard work in lessons, politeness around school and participation in the wider school such as extra-curricular, prefects and ambassadors. I will be out and about in lessons and during break and lunch to carefully make my decision!



Year 11

Your Last Bulletin! What I would like you to do is really think about the journey that you have had over the last few years at Park High School. I am sure there have been some really high and low points but you have shown resilience and made it through. You are a generation of students that has been through Covid which had a massive effect on your schooling and life experience. It's a time when we have come out of the other side to a new world and I really hope that you are prepared and have the correct skills and mindset to thrive in the changed social and working environments.

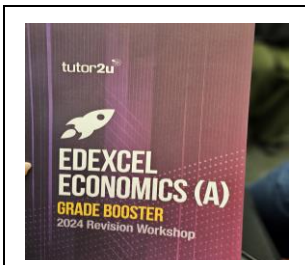
This readiness really starts with your GCSEs it puts you in a position to gain qualifications which could potentially get you your future job. Remember BE PREPARED.

Think about the following:

- "By failing to prepare, you're preparing to fail." — Benjamin Franklin.
- "The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today." H. Jackson Brown Jr.

Sixth Form

Well done to all of the Year 13 Economists who attended a cinema-based exam workshop yesterday. They were able to walk away with lots of useful last minute revision tips and exam advice. Wishing you the best of luck for the upcoming exams!



Welcome back Year 12! Well done on finishing your End of Year UCAS Prediction exams. We now have lots of exciting things planned for the next few weeks ahead, including- Post 18 Pathways Week.

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Monday

Activity	Time	Location
Y8-10 Environmental Awareness Club	Lunchtime	S2
Board Games Café	Lunchtime	H3
Y7-9 Dance Club	Lunchtime	Dance Studio
Geography Club	Lunchtime	H2
Girls Netball	Lunchtime	Playground
Textiles Club*	Lunchtime	T10
Vocal Club*	Lunchtime	P1
Cricket*	After school	Park

Tuesday

Activity	Time	Location
Girls Netball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall
Media Hub	Lunchtime	T5
Product Design Club*	Lunchtime	T11
Y7–Y8 Global Citizen Club	Lunchtime	H2
Y11 Photography club	Lunchtime	P9
Y7-9 Debate Club	Lunchtime	R3
Y7 Home learning club	After School	T3
Girls Rounders	After School	Park
Goop! Dance Company	Afterschool	Dance Studio
Y9 Why try Intervention	Afterschool	B3

Wednesday

Activity	Time	Where/Teacher
U15 & U16 Netball Squad	Lunchtime	Sports Hall
Y7-10 Robotics Club	Lunchtime	T12
Girls Football	Lunchtime	Park
Y9 Home learning club	After School	T4
Long, Triple & High Jump*	After School	Park
Javelin, Shot & Discus*	After School	Field
Brilliant Club	After School	B2

Thursday

Activity	Time	Where/Teacher
Art Club	Lunchtime	P5
Girls Football	Lunchtime	Park
Chess Club	Lunchtime	M1
Y8 Home learning club	After School	T1
Netball*	After School	Playground
Track/Running Events	After School	Field

Friday

Activity	Time	Where/Teacher
Girls Cricket	Lunchtime	Park
Cricket*	After School	Park
Cheerleading	After School	Assembly Hall



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