

Student Bulletin

Week Commencing 09.09.2024



Message from the Headteacher

You have all made a great start to what is shaping up to be another great year at Park High.

Well done for bringing such a positive attitude to learning after the summer break.

Lovely to see so many of you smiling and happy to be in one another's company.

A very warm welcome to Year 7, Year 12 and all new students across the school.

Keep up the focus on learning!

Mrs O'Dwyer



This Week

Key Dates:

Monday:

Tuesday: Yr 11 information re: Battlefields Trip.

Wednesday: Yr 12 Parent Information Evening

Thursday: Yr 7 Parent Information Evening

Art Workshop

Friday: Art Workshop

GCSE and A Level Exam Success

Congratulations to all our students who received their exam results during the Summer.

We have a number of alumni who will now be studying at a range of universities throughout the country on a variety of courses from Pharmacy to Law and from International Relations to Computer Science.

Whether our students received the highest of GCSE grades or made excellent progress for themselves, we are proud of all our students, many of who are continuing in our excellent Sixth Form.



Which Character Virtue will you show this week?



A-Level Exam Success



Extra-Curricular

Last year, over 97% of our students attended at least one club or participated on one School visit. Wow!!

This term, we have over 40 extra-curricular clubs that will be running in addition to addition to special workshops, intervention programmes and visitors.

To sign up for extra-curricular activities, parents can add you to a register, using the Arbor Parental App. Further details can be found on the website section about extra-curricular activities.

Watch out for a letter

Instrument Lessons

We offer lessons on a range of instruments. For further information please see the website to apply: <https://www.parkhighstanmore.org.uk/form/?pid=61&form=33>

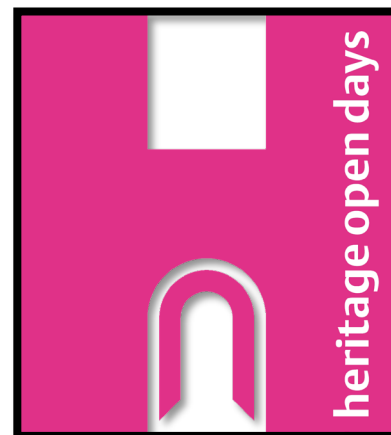
Our instrument teachers have been very busy over the Summer:

- **Mrs Ballard** (voice) – was involved in a Production of Beauty and The Beast.
- **Mrs Cortigiano** (piano) - completed and self-published her own piano method.
- **Mr Curtis** (woodwind) – has been performing in the Regents' Park Open Air Theatre production of "Fiddler on the Roof".
- **Mr Style** (piano and violin)– has been performing at the Edinburgh Festival and touring in China.
- **Mr Remon** (guitar) – has been performing at various functions and events.
- **Mr Paavola** (drums) – has also been performing at various functions and events
- **Mr Nicholls** (brass) – has been promoting his own recently released jazz album.

The deadline to apply for lessons is **Wednesday 12 September.**

Free things to do for students and their families: Heritage Open Days

Every September thousands of volunteers across England organise events to celebrate our fantastic history and culture. It's your chance to see hidden places and try out new experiences – all of which are FREE to explore. [Heritage Open Days](#) is England's largest festival of history and culture, involving thousands of local volunteers and organisations. Every year for 10 days in September it brings people together to celebrate their heritage, community and history. Stories are told, traditions explored, and histories brought to life. It's offers the public a chance to see hidden places and try out new experiences – and it's all FREE. Opportunities include visiting the archives at Headstone Manor, a variety of guided walks, Enigma Workshops, bus rides on vintage routemasters, pond dipping in Ruislip and discovering Egyptology. Check the 'What's on' section of the website for more information.



Welcome Messages



Year 7

What a great feeling it must be to have got through your first week at Park High School! I hope you have all managed to enjoy the days you have been here and are settling in. We are thrilled to have you here as you take your first steps on your new educational journey. Secondary school will offer you an opportunity to explore new subjects, make lasting friendships and develop important life skills.

Being here you would have noticed a few differences to primary school but its ok to feel nervous or unsure. We have all been through similar experience, so we are all available to give you advice if needed.

The year 7 team would really encourage you to take part in extracurricular activities, clubs and sports. Try something new! We look forward to seeing you grow and develop over the year. Embrace and enjoy your journey.

Mr Asamany & Miss Krasauskaite

Year 8

Year 8 Form Captain Nominations

Votes will be open next week to nominate your Form Captains. Our students had so many leadership opportunities they were involved with last year which will continue. If you want to be Form Captain, prepare a 1-minute speech to read in front of your class, this could be one of your **challenges** for Year 8!

We can't wait to have you on board and listen to all your ideas to continue making your year group the very best they can be.

Welcome back Year 8! We are so happy to see you all, eager, willing and ready to learn. We still expect you to continue to invest in yourselves to be the very best you can be. One way you can do this is always challenging yourself. Many of you gave wonderful answers when we spoke about this in assembly:

- To ask for extension work in class
- Join extra curricular clubs for activities you haven't tried before
- Be an active learner



Year 8 Bonding Trip
– 10.11.24 &
11.10.24 –

We're looking forward to taking our students on their second bonding trip this year. Details will be sent out again next week, any questions please contact Mrs Ali



Year 9

We hope you all had a wonderful and restful summer break. As we return to school, we are excited to welcome you back for another year of learning and growth.

This year marks an important milestone as you focus on becoming GCSE ready. It's a time to focus on being the very best you can be, both academically and personally. With the right mindset and dedication, we know each of you can achieve your goals. Make sure you are making the right choices at all times so that you can set yourself up for success, make the most of every opportunity! Your teachers are here to support you every step of the way, so don't hesitate to ask for help or guidance when needed.

Let's make this year a success by approaching every lesson with curiosity, working hard, and staying committed to achieving your full potential. We believe in you, and we can't wait to see the amazing things you will accomplish. Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

Miss Campbell and Mrs Cepoi



Year 9 Home Learning Club

Wednesday 3.10pm in T5

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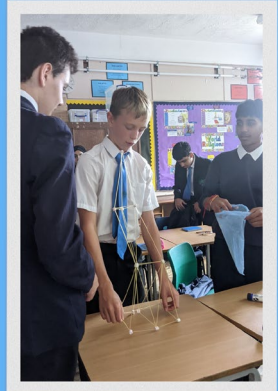
Year 10

Year 10, your GCSE journey has begun! "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step". Do not be overwhelmed by this journey, instead, take one day at a time. Each day focus on being the best learner you can be, and you will find at the end of this journey you get the results you deserve. This term we will focus on three areas: punctuality, active engagement, and performing to your best. This will take hard work, but you have already gotten off to a good start.

Well done to the students who have completed the EtonX Study Skills course over the summer holiday. You will be receiving a certificate!



TEAM BUILDING



First day back team building. Well done to Kamran, Luke and Krishan of 10MK for winning the tallest tower competition!

Year 11

Welcome back Year 11! This is it, GCSE Year. It was brilliant to see so many of you with your parents at curriculum evening. Hopefully the evening reassured you that this academic year certainly isn't something to fear. Make the most of every opportunity, join extra curricular clubs to make the most of every opportunity, join extra-curricular clubs to keep a healthy balance with revision and work to the best of your ability at all times. This half term we are focusing on engagement. We are aiming to raise our average attitude to learning grade from a B to an A in your progress check. You are more than capable of this - ask and answer questions as much as you can! We will be continuing with our engagement raffle to motivate you. A fantastic start- Keep It up!



Sixth Form

A warm welcome to our new **Year 12** cohort, and we welcome back to our **Year 13** students!

Year 12

We looking forward to getting to know you a lot better over the coming weeks and months. **Get into good habits early!** Make the most of your 'independent study' periods – get the bridging work done, read ahead and organize your time effectively. Well done on the positive start so far.

Year 13

It is great to see you again! Hit the ground running as it's a busy term ahead – your UCAS applications will be sent off and your mock exams will take place before Christmas. Keep talking to us and your tutors to ensure you are prepared. **If you are applying to Oxford, Cambridge, Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary Science**, ensure that you have spoken to Mr. Clarke, as your application deadline is just one month away!