



Message from Deputy Headteacher

Welcome back, everyone! I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable half-term break. We have an exciting half-term ahead filled with lots of events and activities to look forward to, including:

- **Career's Week:** Explore different career paths and get inspired for your future.
- **International Women's Day:** Celebrate the achievements of women around the world and learn about gender equality.
- **Science Week:** Dive into the wonders of science with fun experiments and activities.
- **Comic Relief:** Join in the fun and help raise money for a great cause.
- **Celebration Assemblies:** Let's come together to celebrate our achievements and milestones.

This half-term, our theme is curiosity. Curiosity is all about asking questions, exploring new ideas, and being eager to learn. Whether it's through reading, experimenting, or simply observing the world around you, there are countless ways to develop your curiosity. Let's embrace this theme and make the most of the opportunities ahead!

Mrs Wilkinson

This Week

Key Dates:

ALL WEEK: Yr 11 and Yr 13 Assessment Week

Monday: School returns for all students 8.30am

Tuesday:

Wednesday: PSHCEe p.5

Year 9 Preferences Assembly

Thursday: GCSE Music Exam

Friday: GCSE Music Exam

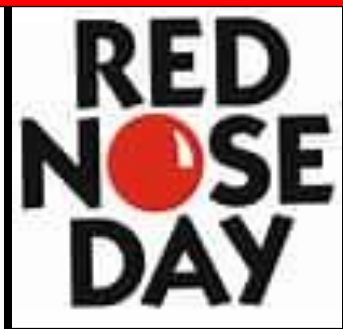
Developing Curiosity

We will be sharing some practical tips for you to develop curiosity in your learning: This week we are encouraging you to **ask questions**: Don't be afraid to ask "why," "how," and "what if" questions. This helps deepen your understanding and opens up new areas of exploration. For example, Let's say you're studying the water cycle in a science class. Here are some examples of questions you might ask to deepen your understanding:

1. **Why** does water evaporate faster on a hot day?
2. **How** do clouds form from water vapor?
3. **What if** the Earth's temperature increased by 2 degrees? How would that affect the water cycle?

By asking these questions, you can explore the underlying principles, processes, and potential impacts, making your learning experience richer and more engaging.

Are you ready for Red
Nose Day March 21?



Interventions

Well done to all those students participating in intervention sessions after school each week and thank you to staff for providing such a comprehensive programme.

Did you know:

- there are almost 800 sessions taking place each week.
- more than 400 students are part of the Spring Term programme.
- student approval rating is almost 90%!

Keep working hard.

Eastside Spoken Word Power Programme

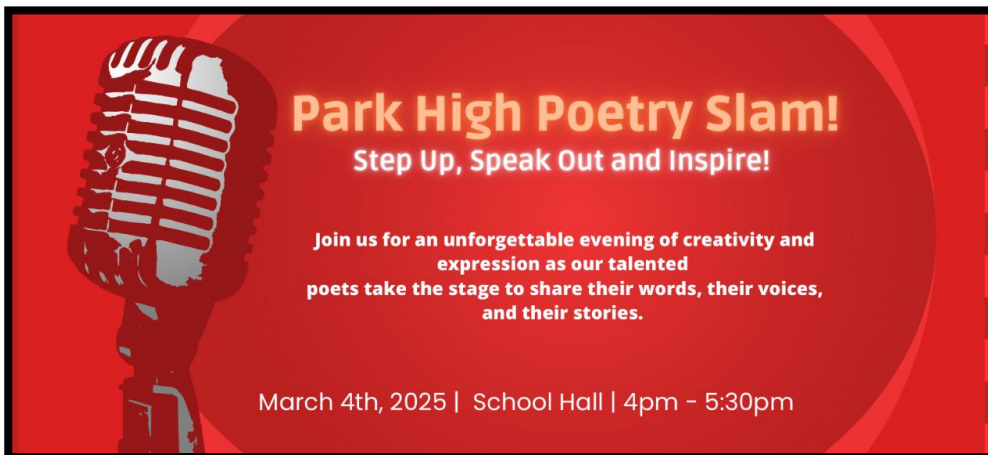
Over the past five weeks, 20 talented students have been working closely with our resident poet, Shauna O’Brain, as part of the Eastside Spoken Word Power programme. Through a process of writing, editing, and refining their poems, they’ve prepared for the upcoming Poetry Slam event.

The event will take place on **Tuesday, 4th March**, in the **stage half of the hall**, at **4pm**. It promises to be a powerful showcase of their hard work, creativity, and poetic talent.

If you'd like to attend, please sign up on the notice left in your register or visit Mrs. Kadiri in the English office. If you have a poem that you have written yourself, or a poem that is close to your heart, please speak to Mrs. Kadiri about having it included in our event. A HUGE thank you to staff and students who have already contributed such wonderful poetry. We are truly a community of poets!

We would love for you to join us!

Mrs. Kadiri



UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge

We had a total of 104 students from years 8-11 complete the UKMT Intermediate Maths challenge.

34 students achieved a bronze award, 17 students achieved a silver award, and 10 students achieved a gold award. The highest score from each year were:

Year 8: Ayan Rajapaksha

Year 9: Dhrish Vekaria

Year 10: Aadi Gudkha

Year 11: Yashvi Modi.

A massive congratulations to all who participated!



UK Maths Trust

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The Literary Lounge Update

We have decided to hold both the KS3 and KS4 Literary Lounge clubs on the same day so, every Tuesday lunch, join us in B4 with your friends, your food, and your appetite for delightful stories. We are currently reading "The Girl Who Wasn't There" By Jacqueline Wilson.

"The Girl Who Wasn't There" by Jacqueline Wilson is a thrilling story about Tilly, a shy girl who feels invisible. When a mysterious new girl named Al enters her life, she seems like a friend—but is she really *there* at all? With a ghostly twist and secrets that will keep you guessing, Tilly's world is turned upside down. Will she uncover the truth and find where she truly belongs?

Join us for a spooky, exciting adventure you won't forget!

Mrs. Kadiri



More Year 9 Poetry!

'The Crossing' insert, by Fatima 9G

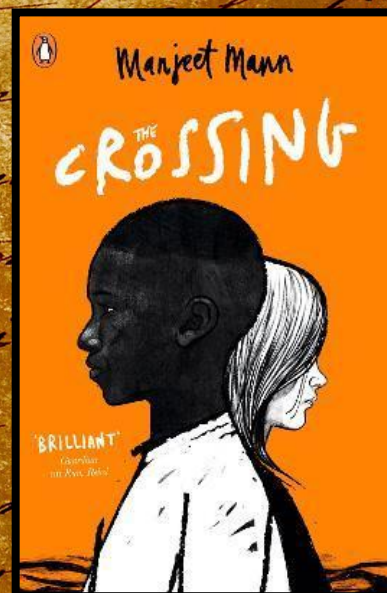
At the crossing, near the river's edge,
Sammy learned a lesson from the water's pledge.
He saw Natalie swimming strokes so strong,
A swimmer carving through the currents'
Song.

The lesson wasn't in the way she swam,
But in the effort, the will, the plan.
For life, like rivers, often turns and bends,
But the perseverance is what it sends.

"Each stroke", she whispered, "paddles through strife,
Building strength, shaping life."
Sammy watched, and then he knew-
The crossing's not just a place, but a view.

To navigate, we must trust the flow,
Even when the currents pull and tow.
So take each step, each lesson learned,
And let your inner fire burn.

This poem has been written by Fatima in 9g. Pupils in Year 9 were tasked with writing a poem that could be inserted into the verse novel, 'The Crossing', by Manjeet Mann. 'The Crossing' is a book about grief, journeys, human connection, compassion, and hope. Many Year 9 pupils wrote incredibly powerful poems. Fatima wrote this poem and a commentary to accompany it after a feedback lesson. It is a brilliant poem and an example of the incredible creativity of our pupils here at Park.



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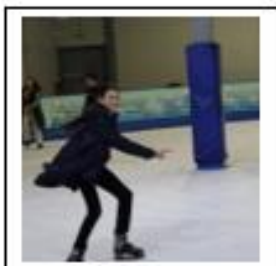
Year 8 Reward Trip

What a way to celebrate the end of half term by recognising and rewarding our Year 8 students' successes.

On Thursday 13th February, over 50 students were taken on our first reward trip of the year – those students who had achieved their Bronze badge alongside continuous positive behaviour were eligible for this trip.

It was a fun filled trip where our students showcased those all-important Park High Character Virtues such as Teamwork and Resilience.

Here's to those everlasting memories that were created, and we look forward to creating many more!



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Free things to do for students and their families:

Enjoy the Romanian festival of 'Martisor' which celebrates the arrival of Spring with festivities, shows, face painting, Romanian delicacies and watch dancing in the pop up park opposite Metro Bank in Harrow town centre. Mărțișor is a Romanian tradition that celebrates the arrival of spring on March 1st. It involves giving a small trinket or decoration on a red and white string to loved ones.

The event takes place in Harrow town centre on Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd March 2025, 12pm-8pm.



Celebrating National Apprenticeship Week

National Apprenticeship Week is an opportunity for students to learn about apprenticeships. Monday saw the launch of the week with subject teachers showing a video linking apprenticeships to each subject. Tuesday, Alison Delius from the University of West London delivered a talk to Year 12 on Degree Apprenticeships and Year 7, 8 and 9 had a presentation. On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday we welcomed back **three Park High alumni** who provided a talk about their Apprenticeship journey and hints and tips when making an application. [Click here](#) to access the recordings.

Tuesday



Alison Delius, Apprenticeship Outreach Officer, University of

Wednesday



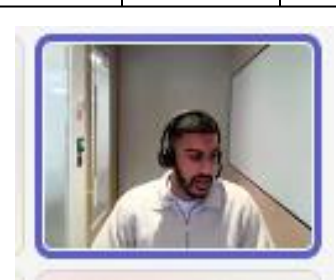
Zakeer S - Level 6 Degree Apprentice IBM. Security Architect

Thursday



Chaand R – BP Level 4 Service Engineer Apprentice.

Friday



Naiya H Sales & Growth Strategy Analyst. Accenture.

Thinking of applying for a higher or degree apprenticeship. University of West London offer an apprenticeship café. [Apprenticeship Cafe - 1 March 2025 | University of West London](#)

Student voice

'Inspiring to see opportunities available in the Future' Year 8 student.

'I found the apprenticeship talk useful as this is something I want to do when I am older' Year 9 student.

'Gave me an understanding of a day in the life of an apprentice, and provided great tips when making an application' Sixth Form



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Last Week's Round Up

Year 10



This is a pivotal half term. The focus will be **developing your active engagement** and **preparing you for your mock exams**. There was much to celebrate in your recent Progress Check, many of you will have seen how your hard work is paying off. But there is also much to improve on. We want each of you to know which subjects you are working below your target grade in. You will need to take personal responsibility for making improvements in these subjects. These improvements will include: active engagement in lessons, revising content, completing home learning, and asking for support from your teacher. We will also be supporting you to improve in these subjects ready for your mock exams. Your mock exams will inform your next Progress Check results. One of the simplest ways you can help yourself get better attainment grades is to be in school every day. We are setting you all the goal of 100% attendance this half term. Rewards will be given to those who achieve this.

Year 11

Welcome back Year 11. I can't believe this is our last full half term, but its already looking jam packed! I hope you have taken the time needed to relax and recharge so you are ready for the final push. This half term I am looking forward to celebrating with you all in our final celebration assembly, watching our dance and drama students flourish in their practical exam and see the progression in your final assessments. It is more important than ever to support each other by encouraging your friends to work to the best of their ability in lessons by being curious and creative with revision. The Year Team have had a delivery of lots of revision cards, it's been fantastic to see so many of you making an effort with these, please continue to do so! Whilst you may be feeling the pressure, please remember that your teachers are here to support you and ensure that you reach your full potential. We want you to be able to celebrate on results day, feeling proud of yourselves, just how I have felt since becoming you Head of Year in Year 8. I know you are all capable and I am here to help in any way that I can. Final push Year 11 – you can do this! 😊

Sixth Form

Welcome back to our wonderful 6th formers! We hope you are well rested for the half term ahead – Year 13, the last full half term before A-Level exams begin, and Year 12, the last half term before your mock exams!

Before half term, we were incredibly proud of 4 (plus a few more in the background) of our year 12 students that took part in **Oxford's Schools Debate Competition** against students from some of the most prestigious schools in the country. This is the first time our school has taken part, at least in recent history, and hopefully the start of big things to come! Clarisa has shared her experience on leading this impressive debate team.

ODU Success! By Clarisa D.

It all started with 12 AM delusion - 'Why not take on Oxford's Schools Debate Competition?'

Fast forward two months, and we outranked schools whose speeches were probably supported by professional coaches. Fast forward two months, and we outranked schools whose speeches were supported by professional coaches. Huge thanks to the 25 brilliant researchers I had the honour of leading, who spent hours making our arguments bulletproof. And of course, to Mr. Clarke and Mrs. Malik who made this all possible.

On the evening, we also had a great audience- who most definitely weren't there just for the food. Thank you for the moral support.



Our fantastic team!

Mohammad, Maisa, Munirah and Clarisa.

Hoping to be seeing more of you at the PHS Debate Society launch soon!

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Spring Term 2 Clubs

Monday

Activity	Time	Location
Basketball*	Before school	Sports Hall
Basketball*	Breaktime	Sports Hall
BAFTA Game Designer	Lunchtime	T4
Choir*	Lunchtime	P1
Y7 Girls Netball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall
Y7-9 Dance club	Lunchtime	Dance Studio
Y10-11 Basketball Coaching	After school	Sports Hall

Tuesday

Activity	Time	Location
Badminton Coaching**	Before school	Sports Hall
Basketball*	Breaktime	Sports Hall
Debate Club*	Lunchtime	R3
Keyboard club*	Lunchtime	P1
Y8-9 Girls Netball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall
Y7-10 Environmental Awareness	Lunchtime	S2
Y7-11 The Literary Lounge	Lunchtime	B4
Y10 Photography Club	Lunchtime	P9
Badminton*	After school	Sports Hall
Y9 Brilliant club**	After school	Sixth Form
DofE**	After school	G2

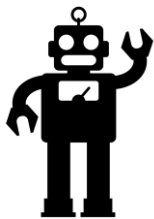


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Spring Term 2 Clubs

Wednesday

Activity	Time	Location
Volleyball Coaching **	Before school	Sports Hall
Basketball*	Breaktime	Sports Hall
Band*	Lunchtime	P1
Careers club*	Lunchtime	T2
French conversation	Lunchtime	L4
Y7-8 Board games cafe	Lunchtime	G2
Y7-10 Robotics club	Lunchtime	T12
Y10-11 Girls Netball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall
Grease**	After school	D1
Y7 Home learning club	After school	T2
Y8 Home learning club	After school	T1
Y9 Home learning club	After school	T4
Y10 Home learning club	After school	T3
Y7-9 Basketball Coaching*	After school 3.30-5.30pm	Sports Hall



Thursday

Activity	Time	Location
Basketball*	Before school	Sports Hall
Table Tennis Coaching**	Before school	Main Hall
Basketball*	Breaktime	Sports Hall
Girls Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall
Xianxia club*	Lunchtime	R3
Y7-9 Spoken Word Power	Lunchtime	P2
Y7-9 Product Design	Lunchtime	T11
Y7-9 Science Club	Lunchtime	S4
Girls Netball	After school	Playground
Handwriting Club**	After school	L1
Y7 Table Tennis	After school	Main Hall
Grease**	After school	D1

Friday

Activity	Time	Location
Badminton Squad**	Before school	Sports Hall
Basketball*	Breaktime	Sports Hall
German conversation	Lunchtime	L4
Girls Volleyball	Lunchtime 1-1.25pm	Sports Hall
MFL Library*	Lunchtime	L3
Spanish conversation	Lunchtime	L2
Y7-8 Girls Science club	Lunchtime	S4
Volleyball*	After school	Sports Hall
Table Tennis*	After school	Main Hall