



Message from Assistant Headteacher

I hope everyone had a good half term break.

It is hard to believe that we are entering the final half term of the year. It has gone so quickly. There have been so many special events, visits and guest speakers in addition to all the learning! We wish those still sitting exams good luck. The first weeks of GCSEs and A Level exams have gone very well.

This week we have **The Big PARK HIGH Help Out**. We hope as many of you as possible will get involved, in every way possible: please volunteer to HelpOut@ParkHigh, bring in a food donation, write a birthday card, help at school and help at home. Do collect HelpOut points – the tutor group with the most points will win a prize. Later this half term we will be delivering all the food collected to *Feast with Us*.

As always, together we can make a difference.

Wishing everyone a successful half term

Mr. Appleman

This Week

Key Dates:

Monday:	Year 7 Assessment Week begins
Tuesday:	Year 8 HPV vaccinations (2nd session)
Wednesday:	
Thursday:	
Friday:	PSHCEe P1 Year 10 DofE Bronze Expedition

DofE

On Friday and Saturday last week, we took thirty-four pupils on the bronze Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition around Chesham. They arrived fully equipped and eager to set off. The first day they walked with a member of staff practising their navigation and teamwork. In the evening, after putting up tents and cooking, we spent time playing cricket or football with some of the other groups that were on the Braidwood campsite. We even had a cricket game by torchlight, which was very impressive! Groups were up early the next day keen to get off and complete their route in enjoyable time. All finished successfully and went home happy, albeit tired and a bit achy.

Many thanks to the staff that helped achieve a successful practice and to all the students for demonstrating immeasurable amounts of our Park High character virtues. Onto their final expedition on 6-7th June.



BAFTA Young Game Designer Competition

We are delighted to share that one of Park High's entries into the BAFTA Young Game Designers (YGD) competition made it through to the second round. This is the first time we have participated in this national competition, organised by the British Academy of Film and Television (BAFTA), and it is a huge achievement to get so far on the first attempt.

We had three talented student teams entering the Game Concept Award category. Team DS (Darwin Shah, Year 7), Team HAD (Het Barot, Amos Filip, Darius Sorodoc, Year 8), and Team D-Construction (Daniel Coulson, Year 9) all submitted imaginative concepts. We are especially proud that Team D-Construction progressed to the second round, where judges praised Daniel's game *Monkey King of the Jungle*. All the students' creativity, dedication, and growth were truly inspiring. Thank you to Mr. Wong for teaching and guiding the teams through the competition, helping to bring their ideas to life. This marks an exciting beginning for Park High School in the BAFTA YGD competition, and we look forward to returning next year with even more passion and experience.



OAE Music Workshop

Students from Years 9 and 10 participated in a music workshop with members of the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment (OAE). In a collaborative project led by Mr. Appleman and the professional musicians, students composed a piece of music in groups to the theme "Carrying the Spirit." Having first shared stories of an important object personal to them, students then explored different ways of creating music through improvisation and small group work.

The day ended with a performance from each group. Mr. Appleman said: "It was a privilege to see our students working so well with our visiting musicians and developing work of such a high standard."



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Find Winston Churchill

Thank you to all those who took part in finding Winston Churchill across the school for VE Day. The word was 'Victory'.

The winners are:

- Muhssen 7FF
- Levi 8WK
- Alec 9BA
- Abhishek 10NK

Winners will receive their prize and certificate in assembly.

Ms. Salkeld



LEGO Coding Success

Park High School students were crowned Champions 2025 at the Coding Success LIVE event, held at LEGOLAND Windsor in partnership with RAF, Raising Robots, and LEGO Education. As one of only ten UK schools invited to take part in this exciting STEM competition, our students rose to the challenge with enthusiasm, creativity, and exceptional teamwork. Throughout the day, students demonstrated their problem-solving and engineering skills in a series of hands-on tasks.

One of the key highlights was the 'Rope Rescue' challenge, where teams were required to programme and navigate a robot rescue vehicle to a specific location, to rescue a LEGO mini figure. The determination, technical skill, and teamwork shown by our students were evident as they confidently manoeuvred their robot and completed each challenge with precision. Their performance was the result of months of dedicated preparation, during which they worked tirelessly to design, build, and programme robots that embodied both innovation and creativity. Huge congratulations to everyone who took part – you were truly outstanding. Thank you to Mrs. Kerai and Mrs. Rajaram, who organised the trip and supported the students throughout the day.



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The Big PARK HIGH Help Out



What will YOU Do?

- Donate to Food Collection
- Write a Birthday Card
- Help@Park High
- Help@home
- Collect Help Out points

Resilience . Integrity . Curiosity . Teamwork . Compassion



Help@ParkHigh

- Volunteer to help at school – at a lunchtime or after school
- Help a department
 - Tidying
 - Display boards
 - Filing
 - Litter picking
- Check your emails to sign up



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Help@Home

Including during half term:

- Help at Home
- Look after a sibling
- Walk the dog
- Support a charity shop
- Visit an Old Age Home
- Do something for someone else
- Duke of Edinburgh



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Free things to do for students and their families:



Last Chance! Exploring Space gallery at the Science Museum

39 years on from its opening in 1986, the gallery is closing for good on 2nd June 2025. Incredible objects on display include the Soyuz spacecraft that carried astronaut Tim Peake back to Earth, the spacesuit worn by the first Briton in space and a three-billion-year-old piece of the Moon. After its closure, the gallery is getting replaced by a new updated *Space* gallery – so this is the last time you'll be able to explore the current exhibition.

Careers & Employability

Year 10 students have the fantastic opportunity of completing a one-week work experience placement with an external company in June.

Band A: Monday 16th June – Friday 20th June 2025

Band B: Monday 23rd June – Friday 27th June 2025

Students have been working hard to secure their placement in a range of different industries.

Work experience has many benefits; it provides a chance to test different career paths and gain insight into specific roles and industries.

Identify strengths and weaknesses: By experiencing the workplace, students can learn about their strengths and areas where you might need to develop further.

Develop transferable skills: Work experience helps students build soft skills like communication, teamwork, and problem-solving, which are valuable in many professions.

Improve your CV: Real-world experience makes your CV more competitive, showing employers that you're not just book smart but also have practical skills.

Boost confidence: Facing challenges and succeeding in a workplace setting builds confidence and self-assurance, which can be beneficial in job applications and interviews.



Here is a selection of companies supporting our Year 10 Work Experience programme this year.



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Last Week's Round Up

Best Attendance

8NG

Most Achievement Points

9WN

Best Punctuality

8DB

ACE Lottery Winners

1. Dhruvi Halai 9HC
2. Alek Liu 9SC

Year 7

Year 7 - we have made it to the last half term!

We have a few things happening over the next few weeks where you will be able to show off how much you have grown over the year. Please take every opportunity you can to leave with great memories of your first year. We still have a few interform competitions to compete in so be ready to compete!

Keep on working towards gaining character points, it is a race to get the most by the end of the year as an individual and as a tutor group. There are so many of you who have shown a lot of positive progress so keep it up.

Starting strong is good. Finishing strong is epic!

Year 8

Welcome back!

I hope you had a restful half-term break. Now is the perfect time to use those revision flashcards to help you ace your end-of-year assessments. Today marks a new beginning, an opportunity for you to be the best version of yourself this summer term. Remember, there will be new challenges ahead, but with determination and hard work, you can overcome them. Stay focused and give your best effort. Let's make this term a successful and memorable one! Keep pushing forward and believe in yourself.

Gold winners

Congratulations to our Gold winners last term, who achieved at least 150 plus achievement points.

**Angel Ayeni – 201, Sabah Akhunzada – 186, Timeea Siminiuc – 183, Krish Galauya – 176, Dyhey Patel – 171
Maria Nikaj – 164, Dylan Patel – 163, Akshara Patel – 158, Lavinia Buliga – 157, Sebastian Stir – 150, Luis Bazgan - 150**

Year 9

Year 9, this is your last half term as KS3 students! At the start of the year, I spoke about how your life could be separated into many chapters of the book which makes up your life story. A narrative is only as good as its ending so make sure you make this term noteworthy and positive!

Your assessment week will begin on Monday the 16th of June.

Ensure you are actively revising for your assessments.

This is excellent preparation for your GCSEs where you will be examined on two years' worth of content!

Tutor group highlights:

Best attendance: 9HW Best Punctuality: 9RA/9HC

Most character points: 9AM Least B-logs: 9HC



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Last Week's Round Up

Year 10

BASKETBALL & NETBALL
INTER-FORM COMPETITION

Week 1 Wed 4 June	Week 2 Thurs 5 June	Week 3 Tue 10 June	Grand Final Wed 11 June
10AG	10SW	10LY	
10JE	10MK	10AD	
10LP	10AK	10NK	



Year 10, you have a pivotal half term in front of you that will prepare you for Year 11. Each one of you needs to make every lesson, day and week matter – bringing your absolute best. Why? Firstly, because with Year 11 on study leave you now are the leaders of the school. You need to meet this moment with the excellence it demands, being an example to the younger year groups in appearance and conduct – perfect uniform, punctual and professional. Be that shining example of what it means to be a Park student. Secondly, because over the coming weeks you need to act on your feedback from parents' evening which will prepare you for Year 11. This preparation includes your GCSE speaking assessment – good luck with this, put the hard work in and you will shine.

There are also some exciting activities ahead for you, including the next inter-form competition (see schedule to the left) and your much-anticipated work experience week. All the habits you learn at Park prepare you to be a responsible citizen – someone who can contribute to society – you will have a chance to do this and be brilliant on your work experience. Make sure you are fully prepared for your placement.

Year 11

Year 11, your last student bulletin. I still can't get over that I am only going to see you for two more weeks during exams after half term! It has been an absolute pleasure being your Head of Year and I really am going to miss you all more than you know! A huge congratulations to all our Year 11 students on the fantastic effort you've shown in your GCSE exams so far – you should be incredibly proud of what you've achieved already. As we head into the half-term break, we encourage you to take some well-deserved time to relax and recharge. Make sure you strike a healthy balance between revision and looking after your wellbeing. Perhaps you could start to look for a prom outfit! The Year Team have been working hard to make this the social event of the year – it's the talk of the staff room. Remember, we are always here for you – whether you need a chat, some reassurance, or just someone to listen. Don't hesitate to pop in – we're with you every step of the way. Keep going, you're doing brilliantly! Your biggest supporter, always... Miss Daler 😊

Sixth Form

Year 12 –

A fun-packed week for Year 12 this week. Good luck to those of you who are on Duke of Edinburgh! We hope weather stays dry for you!

We are also thrilled to tell you that all our Year 12 Politics students have safely touched down in the US this week. We hope you have a great trip and can't wait to hear all about what you have learnt and seen upon your return.

Year 13 –

A very busy week for exams this week- You have all handled the exams brilliantly so far and we are very proud of you.



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