

Sixth Form

End of Autumn Term Newsletter 2019



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a busy but successful first term at Park High Sixth Form. Please find below a selection of our key events and headlines regarding our latest news.

We are already looking ahead to plans for next half term – please note that this begins for Key Stage Five students on **Tuesday the 7th January**. The 6th January is a day of study leave for Year 12 and 13. Subject teachers will set work for students to complete.



Thank you for your continued support and may we take this opportunity to wish you a restful Christmas break and a happy new year.

Kind regards,
Ms Barker

Academic success and destinations

Our 2017-2019 cohort progressed this August to a range of institutions and courses. We are very proud that around half of the cohort was placed at one of the top fifty universities. Furthermore, in 2019 our English A Level results from 2018 were recognised to be the top in the country in terms of student value added. Our philosophy and ethics A Level results from the same year were number 19 in the entire country. A further seven departments this year were in the top 25% nationally.

We are delighted that almost of all our current Year 13 cohort have sent off their UCAS applications well ahead of the national deadline. Well done to those students and many thanks to tutors for their hard work in completing references and advising on personal statements.



Year 12 induction

We had an enjoyable two days inducting our Year 12s into the Sixth Form in September this year. This included a Monopoly Scavenger Hunt where students worked in groups to visit a number of key events linked to their A level subjects around London. Congratulations to our winning Year 12 team!

Celebration assemblies

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have attended our celebration assemblies. It has been wonderful recognising the hard work and effort of our young people. The breadth and number of the awards given by staff is reflective of the excellent attitude many of our Sixth Form students are demonstrating towards their studies – well done!



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Careers Fair

In October, our careers and employability lead - Mrs Foster - organised a fantastic careers fair which our Year 12s and 13s were given the opportunity to attend. There were a wide range of representatives from Universities to Apprenticeships and our students had a rewarding time asking questions and finding out more about post-18 pathways.



Park High 80th celebrations



You may have read in our recent Park Life Magazine about the wonderful celebrations which occurred for the school's 80th celebrations. We were very proud of our Year 13 Head Boy and Head Girl – Raza and Janhavi – for their hard work helping to organise elements of the events and welcoming the Mayor. We also had an excellent team of Sixth Formers who assisted as tour guides for visiting alumni, who commented on how polite and helpful our young people were. Thank you to all the Sixth Formers who helped with this.

Wildhearts and Spora Steria challenge

In June, A Level Computer Science students entered the Micro-Tyco competition with support from Wildhearts and tech company Spora Steria. Two teams entered the competition and one of the teams representing Park High School won. As part of their prize, the students attended the London GEL summit at the Barclays Headquarters and an awards ceremony at the Houses of Parliament.



WildHearts Global Youth Ambassadors

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Privilege Pass System and Wembley reward trip

In November, 22 of our Year 13 students attended the England vs Montenegro qualifying match for UEFA Euro 2020 at Wembley stadium.

This academic year we have introduced a Privilege pass system into the Sixth Form. This is a positive, whole Sixth Form approach to raising attendance, punctuality, engagement, attainment and homework which also looks to cultivate life skills, provides pastoral support and promotes academic excellence. We have three levels of privilege pass; Gold, Silver, and Bronze.

The students for this trip were chosen as they had moved into one of our privilege pass levels following the first Progress Check of Year 13. To have entered onto the system at this point means they clearly had an exemplary start to Year 13 and are demonstrating the mindset and attitude required to flourish at Sixth Form.

As recognition for their hard work they received a reward trip to the England football team's 1000th International at Wembley and their final European Qualifying match for UEFA Euro 2020. Here they watched England win 7-0!



Trips and visits



We have had a range of trips and visits this half term for our Sixth Form students.

PE and Wembley Stadium

Some of our Year 12 and 13 A level PE students visited Wembley Stadium to explore opportunities and careers within the Sports Management industries.

Art and the Central Saint Martins

Our Year 13 artists were fortunate enough to visit the Central Saint Martins in Kings Cross where they received a guided tour and a chance to take photos of the art and ask questions!



Christ's College, Cambridge

Several our Year 12s enjoyed a day at Christ's College, Cambridge. Here they found out more about applying for Russell group universities, had a tour of the College and enjoyed lunch in the dining hall!

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Opportunities and speakers

So far, this academic year our Year 12 and 13 students have been offered over fifty opportunities! These include to name a few; work experience placements, taster days, coaching qualifications, Oxbridge residential trips and degree apprenticeships!



We have also had a range of speakers and talks this term including one from the Royal Holloway, MIND and Baker McKenzie Lawyer firm.

Our Biology students had a chance to interview a Scientist from the London Zoological Institute using Skype, as part of Biology week in October. Our Design and Technology students took part in the 'Robotics in Medicine' Webinar arranged by Sheffield University. Park High Sixth Form was one among six other schools and colleges nationally that took part in the event.

Enrichment programme

Our Year 12 students have been completing the first part of their enrichment programme this term. This has ranged from; some of our young people are preparing to complete their Duke of Edinburgh Silver challenge; others are acting as excellent reading mentors to younger year students; working with national charity *Maths Makers* to run interventions for younger students; weekly sports; online academic courses and even a self-defence course!

Socials

Our Sixth Formers have enjoyed a number of social events this term. This has included afternoon tea, breakfasts and competitive afternoon quizzes!



Wear Purple event

On the 5th December, the School Captains organised a 'Wear Purple' day to raise money for the Jodie Chesney foundation. Thank you to all the Sixth Formers who got involved and donated.

Personal, Social, Health, Economics and Citizenship education (PSHCEe)



Our Year 12s and 13s have been enjoying studying a range of topics in PSHCEe this term. For Year 13 this included intensive support, guidance and preparation with their UCAS and some work around finances and independent living. Our Year 12s have been considering effective study skills and then emotional wellbeing. As part of this they have had a taster session in Yoga kindly led by our resident expert Mrs Halpin. It has helped our Year 12s to find a new sense of calm!

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