

# Year 8 Newsletter

## The Second Half Term



Autumn 2 - 2021

It has been another busy half term for our Year 8 family with many achievements to celebrate. Our year 8s have been making the most of living the long-awaited 'normal' school life by enjoying sports matches, art competitions, science trips, rehearsals and so much more. It has been a real pleasure watching the students engage with their learning whilst exploring extracurricular activities to develop their personal talents. Recently, we have introduced a weekly attendance award. This is given out in assembly and displayed in the classroom of the winning tutor group. The competition has been incredibly close as there is an exciting prize for the overall winners at the end of the academic year! A particular highlight for me this term was learning more about Diwali from my Year 8 students. Multiple students took the time to tell me what they enjoy the most about Diwali and how they celebrate with their family. It has been a fantastic start to Year 8, with the students making me proud every single day. Myself, Miss Matthews and Mrs Cramp are looking forward to what next year has in store, starting by watching some of our talented Year 8s in the school musical Pippin! We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Miss Daler

### Whole school message

Food bank appeal: Thank you to all students and their families for the generous contributions to the recent foodbank appeal. We have donated over 30 large boxes of provisions to local food banks that will be distributed for the community. Thank you to everyone that donated.

### Dates for January 2022

Tuesday 4th January - Staff Inset

Wednesday 5th January – Student LFT testing and nasal flu vaccinations. Please see the full details [here](#). Students should wear full school uniform and must wear a face covering.

Year 7 - 9 am    Year 8- 9.45am    Year 9 - 10.30am

Year 10 - 11.15am    Year 11 - 1pm    Year 12 & 13 -1.45pm

Thursday 6th January- Full school return from 8:30am.



Huge congratulations are in order for Sheeba wardag in 8YK and Kirran Varsani in 8YK!

Sheeba was awarded the Jack Petchey Award for the following reason: *for always being so positive with a smile on her face throughout difficult times this year. Sheeba is always ready to lend a helping hand and is incredibly dedicated to everything she is involved with.*

Kirran performed at the Royal Albert Hall accompanied by the Philharmonic Orchestra in aid of Barnados. Kirran had to be extremely organized in order to attend lots of rehearsals as well as the concert whilst completing her home learning. An incredible opportunity and experience!

Well done Sheeba and Kirran, your Year 8 family are so proud of you!

Year 8 Team

Head of Year: Miss Daler & Pastoral Support: Miss Matthews

SLT Link: Mrs Cramp

*'On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October Park High competed in a football match against Whitefriars and we beat them 5-0! I am so proud as we worked well as a team and showed a lot of courage. We all wanted a win, so we were as determined as ever. Sora scored 2, Yashvi scored 2 and I scored 1. At the start of the game, we were really excited and when we scored our first goal our blood was pumping, and it boosted our confidence. When the game ended, we were all happy as we had won. My teammates and I enjoy playing these games and are ready for more matches. I realized it is not just about winning but about teamwork and courage because without that we wouldn't have had the determination to not give up'*

**By Jasmin Patel 8MJ Captain of the Year 7&8 Football Team**



### Pippin Rehearsals

Rehearsals is my favourite part of the day because it is a time where you can forget about the stresses in life and just do something you enjoy. I love dancing, singing, and acting and rehearsals for Pippin was such a great opportunity to do these things. It requires lots of hard work but also it is quite fun to socialize and meet new people, learn new dances, and sing new songs. I come home on Wednesday's and Thursdays feeling pride in what I've learnt and the fun I've had during rehearsals.

**By Anaiya Pindoria 8TC**

*'My street design has been designed to make walking to Park High more exciting and inspiring. The roads have been shrunk in size so the nature part of the road where students walk can be made larger. This would let the students enjoy their walk with more trees and grass. The road uses coloured blocks that matches with the main road tarmac. This will inspire students and is a metaphor for success, making you want to travel to school. The colours symbolize all the different students that come to Park High. All along the nature parts of the road where students walk will be display boards. These will display examples of the amazing work created by Park High students.'*

**By Arthur Bunce 8TC**

**Design for Harrow Councils Street Design Competition**

