

Year 10 Newsletter

The First Half Term



Autumn 1 - 2021

Head of Year – Mrs Steinhof - I am delighted to introduce myself to you as the Head of Year for Year 10, working alongside Ms Quantrell, our Pastoral Support and Mr Barrett our Assistant Head.

Having taught at Park High since 2015, I have had the pleasure of teaching many of your children in the past. I am looking forward to leading the year group into Key Stage 4. This is an important stage of their education and their GCSE/Vocational studies. We are supporting students with adapting to KS4 work by introducing study skills sessions during Tutor Time.

The most important part of my pastoral role is ensuring students can learn, through wellbeing, and high expectations for behaviour and work ethic. My main targets for this half term are for all students, whether new to the school or returning, to settle into their KS4 studies and to establish a positive, ambitious, and warm ethos for Year 10 as a group. Please do use form tutors as your first point of contact for any queries and continue to use the school email for any attendance updates.

Assistant Head – SLT Link: Mr Barrett

Having had the pleasure of working with the year group since Year 7 I have got to know them well.

As a group they have progressed well through the lower school. Throughout the pandemic I received a steady stream of compliments and recognition for the hard work and close attention they demonstrated towards their studies, even in such exceptional circumstances. It is clear that this group of wonderful young people have begun their transition into a stunning batch of students.

Throughout the course of this year, I am excited to see you all go beyond what you currently believe to be possible. Be fearless. Chase academic brilliance.

Deputy Prefects: Year 10 students were all invited to apply to become deputy prefects to take on role of responsibility around the school. We had a fantastic response but could only appoint four students per tutor group. Students applied via their tutors, and I'm told their applications were eloquently written and demonstrated suitable skills for the role. Congratulations to all those successful! They have already begun their responsibilities under the direction of Miss Calero. There will be a further opportunity to apply again at the end of Year 10 to become a senior prefect in Year 11.

Dhilan Kerai 10SL, Salmaan Fahim 10SL, Arven Nanthakumar 10SL, Rhianna Kaur Shah 10SL, Prabhdeep Deol 10LB, Louis Heath 10LB, Eesa Anderson Dean 10LB, Afif Bahar 10LB, Tiah Patel 10KL, Priyanshi Sohan 10KL, Krish Patel 10KL, Andrew Lyons 10CL, Dylan Kerai 10CL, Ariyana Kular 10CL, Serena Gohil 10CL, Aniketh 10YC, Keira 10YC, Rohan 10YC, Urvika 10YC, Nathan Mitchell 10RS, Roshan Shah 10RS, Akira Lankika 10RS, Rahma Abdulahi 10RS, Ilyas Sookun 10PJ, Rohan Ruda 10PJ, Diya Raghwanji 10PJ, Evan Randall 10PJ, Andrei Ebinca 10AK, Zahra Shaffi 10AK, Reni Thibaharan 10AK, Dhilan Pindoria 10AK, Nishil Chudasama 10FS, Umair Nishad 10FS, Janvi Hirani 10FS, Taasha Patel 10FS.

Uniform:

We are working tirelessly with the students to take pride in their appearance by correctly wearing our full school uniform. Our uniform provides the children with a sense of belonging and creates an identity for our school in the local community. A Park High blazer, tucked in shirt, correctly tied tie, and plain black school shoes, is an integral part of being a student at Park High School. All students have a list of school uniform in their contact books, and this is also available online. As a whole staff team, we will continue to remind the students of this, and we would be very appreciative if you could join with us by reinforcing expectations from home.

Contact books:

Please sign these weekly as they are the primary method of contact between school and home. Students should use them to record home learning. Parents should maintain oversight of this to help encourage students to be independent learners.

Whole School messages:

LFD Testing: Please continue to undertake LFD testing twice a week- regular testing remains important in reducing the risk of transmission. Thank you for continuing to support this programme. **Punctuality:** A reminder that we expect students on the school site before 8:30am. **Uniform:** We regularly see excellent standards of school uniform across our school community. Please be reminded that black trainers and hooded tops are not permitted. Students who wear trainers to school will be expected to wear sanitized plimsolls as an alternative. **Jewellery and Nails:** As per our uniform policy, jewellery should be discreet and facial piercings are not permitted. Nails should be of a reasonable length. **Support for school counselling:** Members of our Counselling Partnership team walked between 25-100km to raise much needed funds for this service which will enable us to keep it in our school. If you are able to please donate <https://gofund.me/933b7c3f> all donations gratefully received.

Year 10 Team

Head of Year: Mrs Steinhof Pastoral Support: Mrs Quantrell

SLT Link: Mr Barrett

10FS Mr Stubley

I continue to be immensely proud to be the form tutor of 10FS. They have made a fantastic start to the new school year, stepping up to the challenge posed by the demands of their GCSE subjects. During discussions in registration and in PSHE lessons, 10FS continue to be inquisitive and thoughtful, often providing mature insights into difficult topics and impressing me with their range of talents. I sincerely hope that the positive attitude they display each day coupled with their hard work is rewarded with strong academic results this year.

10KL Ms Little and Mr Babu

10KL have made it safely back to their original form base in H1. They have made a good start to year10 and GCSE course. 10KL have lost a member of the tutor group who they wish good luck to in their new country. They have also gained a new student who I am sure will be an asset to the group and enjoy Park. They always make Mr Babu and Ms Little proud. They always remind me of a song. 10KL are "simply the best better than all the rest"

10CL Miss Hall

The last few years have been tough for us all and establishing new routines can be difficult yet, 10CL are making it look easy! I'm so proud of you all for starting the new year with a fantastic attitude to learning. Over the last few weeks, I have seen students organised for the day, some outstanding home learning and fantastic engagement in lessons. I've been so happy to see lots of achievement points over this half term. I can't wait what the rest of the year brings, I know that 10CL will be fantastic throughout.

10YC Miss Cinar

have settled into the year with the intention of working hard and to be fully present in their commitment to learning. They are always charged with energy, ready to contribute to class discussions during PSHE lessons and DEAR (reading) sessions. Since year 7 they have established strong friendships, prepared to go above and beyond to support each other. Many of them have been successfully managing the start of their GCSE subjects and are also looking forward to applying themselves into extracurricular activities. They have been presented with exciting opportunities this term with the option to take part in DofE and to be part of the deputy prefect team. I hope they will continue to work their way through this year with determination, enthusiasm and resilience.

10RS Miss Selva and Ms Firth.

10RS have made a positive start to Year 10 and have already started to experience the GCSE/KS4 style of teaching and learning in all of their subjects. Please do remember that even though this year will be challenging academically, try and get your children to relax/get some fresh air and focus on their wellbeing too. It has been lovely getting to see 10RS go back to a more normal routine and they have readjusted to their pre-covid way of life really well. It would be lovely to see 10RS continue to follow our school code to the highest quality and conduct themselves in a positive way both in lessons and around our school environment. We both look forward to seeing them continue to grow into young adults this year.

10LB Mrs Bhutta and Mrs Ahmed

It is wonderful to have 10LB back for the next part of their GCSE journey. They have all settled back in nicely, after a difficult school year. They have lots to look forward to this academic year. We are excited to have Mrs Ahmed joining our tutor group this year as Co-Tutor. A very big congratulations to our newly elected Deputy Prefects: I am sure they will make us proud! We have been learning about study skills on Friday mornings this term to build on vital skills for GCSE preparations. We hope that their GCSE journey from now until the examinations next summer go as smoothly as possible.

10AK Mr Khalil

10AK have generally had a great start to the beginning of this academic year. Many have really matured over the summer break and have come back with interesting experiences, to share especially during registration and PSHE sessions. These opportunities to discuss topics, that are meaningful and relevant to the form has helped to further develop their ideas. I hope to see more growth and development over the course of the year from them

10PJ Ms Piper and Ms Shipkolye

We are very proud of this form. Although the past two years have been very challenging, the students in 10PJ have continued to work hard and overcome difficulties. They have made a fantastic start to their Key Stage 4 journey, and it has been a delight to welcome back such a mature, ambitious and kind group of students. We were especially proud to see so many fantastic applications for Deputy Prefect, which is a testament to this form's eagerness to take responsibility around the school. Keep it up!

10SL Mr Lordan

10 SL have had a great start to the beginning of this academic year. It has been excellent to have them all back in school. We are always striving to be the best that we can be. They have matured, got taller over the summer break and have come back with interesting experiences, that have been shared in tutor time and PSHE sessions. Currently in PSHE we are discussing finance and the world of work. I hope that 10SL now have a greater understanding of money, income, tax and pensions.

