

# Year 10 Newsletter

## The Second Half Term



### Head of Year Message – Mrs Steinhof

This term has been the first along the Key Stage 4 journey for Year 10 and they have met the challenges of the transition admirably. It is a huge leap academically and I am proud to see their achievements through their recent progress checks. This has been sent to all parents and is available to view at any time via Edulink.

I undertook learning walks in PSHE lessons at the start of this half term and I was impressed by the enthusiasm the students have shown with their preparation for the wider world of work. They all took part in work experience interviews with external providers, which were hugely successful. See more on this below!

I have been very fortunate to have met or spoken with many parents over this half term and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the incredible support you give to your children and the staff at Park High School. Please do continue to keep in contact with the Year 10 team via the [info@parkhighstanmore.org.uk](mailto:info@parkhighstanmore.org.uk) email address.

### Year 10 Team Members

**Head of Year:** Mrs Steinhof

**Pastoral Support:** Ms Quantrell

**Assistant Headteacher/SLT link:**  
Mr Barrett

#### Tutors:

10KL Ms Little and Mr Babu  
10LB Mrs Bhutta and Mrs Ahmed  
10PJ Ms Piper and Ms Shipkolye  
10RS Miss Selva and Ms Firth.  
10AK Mr Khalil  
10CL Miss Hall  
10FS Mr Stubley  
10SL Mr Lordan  
10YC Miss Cinar

**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 your diary:

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.

### Deputy Prefects:

Our prefects have had additional duties during the last two weeks whilst Year 11 have been on study leave for their mock exams.

They have had a taster of being 'full time' Senior Prefects and embraced the extra responsibilities with strength and confidence. These duties consist of providing support for staff and students at lunchtimes. This means they have given up their own time to provide that support.

It has been noted by a Year 8 student that they have done a fantastic job, in particular **Andrei Ebinca 10AK** was praised for his fairness and calm manner when directing students in the canteen queue. These young people are proving to be excellent role models and really showcase what it means to be a Park High Student.

### Year 10 Netball Team

A number of girls have joined the Year 10 netball team and they demonstrated fantastic commitment to attending training. Their first game came after just one practice, but they approached this with determination and resilience.

The girls have maintained their motivation and dedication and have developed their team work together. They won a game in the Year 10 tournament and that has encouraged them to continue to play so they are more prepared next year. The girls are: **Rebeica Andronic 10FS, Beatrice Arcana 10RS, Ariyam Hassan 10KL, Ana-Maria Iftinca 10LB, Haneen Jabir 10KL, Valentina Motrescu 10FS, Tiah Patel 10KL, Zahra Shaffi 10AK and Emima Filipeanu 10CL**

### Year 10 Football and Basketball Teams

The Year 10 football team are currently top of their group having won all three of their games (vs Salvo, Avanti and Rooks Heath). This means they have already qualified for the semi-finals with one game to play. **Rayhan Amini 10KL and Kyrel Queensborough 10YC** have been among the standout performers. The Year 10 basketball team were narrowly beaten in a pre-season friendly by Harrow School and kicked off their league campaign with a comfortable win against Salvatorian College. **Omar Al Shdefat 10RS and Khalid Idris 10PJ** have made exceptional contributions.

Both teams have shown outstanding commitment to training and have both qualified for the semi-finals and both have 100% win record to date!

## Careers – Work Experience Interview Event 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021

We had 17 virtual interviewers and 18 in person interviewers. It was the first time we have included virtual interviews within this event. 235 students received an interview and then received feedback on their performance. Feedback received from staff and students is that students found the interviews very rewarding and beneficial. Below is a selection of comments from the students' evaluation:

- It was a very good experience for me. I feel even more confident after the interview, and I have got a rough idea of how the upcoming interviews might look like. Overall, I would say, that it was a very very good experience, and I am looking forward to many more opportunities.
- I feel it was a good experience as I was able to get first-hand experience to how an actual job interview would be. The experience is definitely beneficial.
- Well run and impressively structured with time.
- It was a great interview, well introduced feedback and it was very formal.
- it was a good event and it helped me realise that I have many options to take for my future career.
- It was just a great opportunity to improve my communication skills.
- It was a great experience and I am grateful to the school and the people who volunteered for giving me this opportunity
- Really good feedback from the interviewers.
- I'm really glad we got to have this opportunity to help us
- it boosts confidence up and it shows you don't need to stress a lot

### Comments from employers involved in the day.

"A truly fantastic day. What wonderful young people with very bright futures ahead. Their school are clearly supporting them in every way to become the best versions of themselves and navigate the tricky move into year 11. "

**Eleanor Campbell Department of Work & Pensions**

"I would like to express what a pleasure it was to meet and work with the students yesterday-they are an absolute credit to their school! All of them had great manners, time-keeping and were respectful at all times. Most students made reference to feeling very supported and encouraged by their school (this was completely unprompted by me) but it was such a lovely thing to hear, given that the past year or so has not been the easiest."

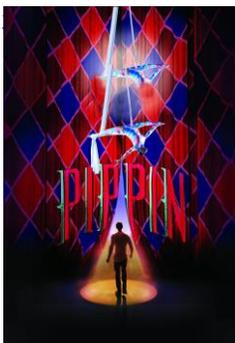
**Joanne Molloy Department of Work & Pensions**



### Extra-Curricular Clubs

There are a number of extra-curricular activities available to Year 10 students, an offer which we hope to extend in 2022

- Sports
- Drama/Dance
- Robotics
- Media Production
- Debate Club
- Home Learning Club



The school musical 'Pippin' will be performed on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> January starting at 7pm. Tickets are currently being sold for this and students can buy them from the Drama classroom D1.

Adults - £6  
Concessions - £4

We are fortunate this academic year to have the development of the **Park High Debate Club**. The club aims to increase speaking and listening attainment and improve a range of higher-order thinking skills and non-cognitive abilities such as confidence, teamwork, and leadership. The following Year 10 students have seized this opportunity:

**Armi Dost 10CL**  
**Muna Dahir 10RS**  
**Sana Ortaq 10RS**  
**Rahma Abdullahi 10RS**  
**Evan Sookun 10PJ**  
**Riya Bhalla 10KL**  
**Sumaya Ali 10FS**  
**Rhianna Kaur Shah 10SL**  
**Advit Bijlani 10FS**  
**Ana Mihaela Puscasu 10FS**



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