



PARK NEWS

SCHOOL UPDATE

Our School Competition
Final Update on Points & Attendance

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Important Dates!

**Staff INSET Day –
Academy closed to
students
Friday 16th November**

**Year 11 & Sixth Form
Parents Evening
Thursday 22nd November**

**All Years Target Day
Friday 7th December**

**Last Day of Term
Friday 21st December**

Year 11 GCSE Drama Trip

Year 11 GCSE Drama students will be heading to London to see *Woman in Black* on Tuesday 11th December. More to follow in a future edition of Park News!

Year 11 Mock Exams

Since returning from Half Term the Year 11 students have been sitting their mock exams. The students have conducted themselves to the highest standard and we congratulate them on this.

Students will receive their results at Parents Evening on Thursday 22nd November.

In the meantime, all subject areas are running revision sessions after school. Class teachers will give students further information.

Message from Mr Delgado – Principal

This week I would like to draw your attention to the important topic of healthy eating. It is vital that students set themselves up for the day in the appropriate manner that enables their mind to work efficiently. All too often junk food makes its way into our daily lives and in the case of children has a huge impact on their learning.

As part of our drive next week we will be asking students not to bring sweets and junk food onto the academy site and to stop doing this in the future. To reinforce this message we will be doing a healthy food spot check on Monday morning in academic mentoring time and all junk food that is found on students will be confiscated. This drive will continue for the next few weeks with random checks. Your support and backing with this is critical to ensure the best possible academic outcomes for your child.

The single most important thing in a young person's life is their education and if this is compromised this puts at risk their future goals and aspirations.



Principal
Juan Delgado

Prison! Me! No Way!

Year 8 had a very successful Year 8 Crime Day on Monday 5th November where we had a range of workshops on Prison Life, Fire Arms, Victim Support, Anti- Social Behaviour, Making the right Choice and Fire Rescue. Part of the activities included students interviewing an ex prisoner and experiencing a replica prison cell was like. The organisation were really positive about the day with our Year 8s saying:

'Thanks for a brilliant day. All my staff and supporting agencies commented on what a fantastic school you have. Your pupils are a credit to the uniform that represents your academy.'

Congratulations to all Year 8s for engaging so well in the workshops. A few students stood out in particular and were selected to receive prizes - Mason Fox, Holly Chestney, Fletcher Rogers, Kennedie Sweetnam, Kanchan Tamang, Melika Frizer, Victor Tesmer, Macie Hepplewaite, Ben Jarvis and Cameron Hobson.



News from the Sixth Form

Park Academy Sixth Form open evening took place on Thursday 1st November. This evening allowed students to gain an insight into the subjects on offer in Sixth Form, alongside the extracurricular activities available; such as the AEP project and the opportunity to apply for the prestigious NASA trip.

University speakers from Royal Holloway, Brunel and Kingston were also on hand to answer any questions students and parents had about further education. The night was a huge success, with many students stating that they were looking forward to joining Park Academy Sixth Form.

If you missed the evening, please see Ms McNally in the Sixth Form Office to collect an application pack. The closing deadline is Monday 3rd December.

Lily Slatter in Year 10 has produced this fantastic piece of work. This work demonstrates a high level of skill and talent, as well as attention to detail.



Year 11 Construction Visit

This week saw 12 students visit St Andrews construction site in Uxbridge which was hosted by Galliford Try.

There was an excellent presentation covering Health and Safety on construction sites. P.P.E and the relevance and roles and opportunities in Construction. Each Student was given P.P.E. and toured part of the site which they all found informative. They looked at types of construction materials and different stages of development.

They talked to workers and gained information regarding apprenticeships. They had a brief history of the St Andrews site which previously was RAF/USAF Uxbridge.



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Year 11 Science, English and Maths Residential

Over the first weekend of half term, a group of Year 11 students headed to Kingswood Camp in Kent for a weekend of revision and fun! Accompanied by Ms Williams (Science), Ms Scott (Maths) and Mr Glencross (English) students took part in a number of revision sessions over the weekend which helped prepare them for their mock examinations. In between sessions, students were able to take part in activities which included abseiling and enjoying a campfire in the evening. The students worked exceptionally well and were a credit to the school.

Year 13 Trip to Geneva

After a long 16 hour journey, accompanied by nine different schools across the UK, we were beyond excited to finally reach our destination and express the young entrepreneurs we are, and to be surrounded by fellow students who also took part in Micro Tyco. It is not surprising how mesmerised we were by the deceptive building, contrasting the traditional exterior, the building crossed the inspiring work of students with an extravagant style. We were hosted by the international school of Geneva, where we noticed a clear distinction between the Swiss and British education system.

Later on in the day we arrived at CERN, which gave us the opportunity to meet with an array of scientists, as well as witness some of the most advanced technology that the world has to offer. One pinnacle moment of our time at CERN was the intriguing presentation on the large hadron collider which was conducted below the village the surround CERN, it felt amazing to be so close.

The following day begun early, as we had to be fully prepared for the Global Entrepreneurial Summit, which was hosted by the UN. The event commenced with David Hawley, a familiar face from the school of Geneva, who spoke about Micro Tyco and gave a brief explanation of what the summit was to ensure. After his input the summit continued by a range of magnificent people who all gave inspiring stories, for example Dr Mick Jackson, Elizabeth Nyanayaro and even Princess Zahra Aga Khan, who all, gave speeches that aimed to promote equality, as well as provide inspiration to everyone that attended. Elizabeth was particularly impressive especially when she spoke of her humble childhood and her ambitions to work with the UN, her work is especially impressive as she is the head of the HeForShe campaign which aims to create awareness and bridge the gap between gender inequalities.

Next, an interesting discussion took place, the panel consisted of a range of individuals contrasting in age, gender, race and status making the discussion incredibly intriguing and hosting various opinions, discussion points included gender equality and education and how these two interlink, it was very interesting to follow such a stimulating debate.

“Everyone here is not just any ordinary person, we all here with a voice that will be heard and will make a difference in someone’s life”. This being said, we were given a chance to engage in a workshop where we were able to discuss the topic given to us from the UN SDG’s which was ‘Good health and well-being’. Within this, we chose ‘mental health’ as it is a broad subject which we believe has a huge impact in our generation. We came up with a number of issues and how they can be tackled in order to help young people who are suffering from this. For example: ensuring that people take part in sport activities as this can reduce stress, as well as having a mentor who young people can easily approach, etc. We enjoyed this significantly as we were able to come together and work in a team with other schools, to make a change!

The day finished with the inspiring heart felt words of Tessa Ojo, the CEO of the Diana Award which recognises young people who continue Princess Diana’s legacy of care, kindness and compassion. After hearing Tessa’s speech and meeting some of the Diana award winners on the trip, it is safe to say that we all felt inspired to create change in our communities from this day onwards as young people.

This trip taught us a great deal and truly helped us grow as individuals, it was a once in a life time opportunity especially as we were able to meet a range of impressive individuals, who shared important and interesting information with us. To be part of something so big was truly humbling.



‘To be able to dream about the future, while being inspired in the present to reach those dreams’

Russell J Quaglia