



# PARK NEWS

## SCHOOL UPDATE

Our School Competition  
Weekly Update on Points & Attendance

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### Message from Mr Delgado – Interim Principal

This week has been a busy one once again and students have returned to life at Park Academy with real vigour and energy. It has been a pleasure to pop into lessons during the day and to see focused and diligent students hard at work. A particular focus this half term is placed on the Year 11 students as they prepare for their mock exams and the academy will be holding a Year 11 preparation assembly on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November in which mock exam timetables and after school revision session foci will be given out. In addition to this, around thirty students in Year 11 have been assigned a mentor from the senior leadership team to work with them in the build up to their exams. This will rotate as the year progresses. I wish all students good luck and thank you in advance for your continued support.



Interim Principal  
Juan Delgado

### Hegarty Maths

The Mathematics Department has introduced 'Hegarty Maths' as an online resource this Year, for all pupils to do their homework on each week. It has proved quite successful so far and pupils are enjoying watching videos which explain what they have to do before attempting a quiz. A number of pupils have shown so much enthusiasm for Mathematics that they are doing far more than the allocated homework in their own time.

### "Outstanding results in Financial Education"

There has been a lot of positive change within the business and computing department. We have a range of subjects within KS4 and KS5 business, along with a newly designed KS3 Computer Science Curriculum. Following on from the success of Level 3 Finance, where five of our sixth form students were awarded with a £500 cash prize each for achieving grades within the top 5% of the country. Due to the success of the Level 3 Financial Education course we have introduced the Level 2 course to year 11 students.

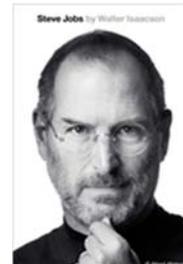
### "Key Stage Four Business Studies"

We have a new course for KS4 (GCSE) students that enables them to produce, research and market their own product. We feel this course is more in line with industry standards and will give students an excellent understanding of the workplace whilst enabling students to develop real life business skills. Students in year 10 have kick started the year by designing a new product ready to market. Students appear more engaged in the new course and are happy being able to apply their knowledge to real life case studies and putting what they have learnt into practice.

### Business Computer and Finance Hero – Steve Jobs

Steve Jobs, one of the most successful entrepreneurs of all time.

*"We started out to get a computer in the hands of everyday people, and we succeeded beyond our wildest dreams."*



### Mathematics and Business Hero of the week – Daniel Sumanu MB7

Daniel is an outstanding student who works hard, is dedicated to his studies and is a role model to Park Academy students. Congratulations Daniel from the Mathematics and Business Team.

**Important Date!**  
Whole Academy training day 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017.  
Academy will be closed

### Competition Time

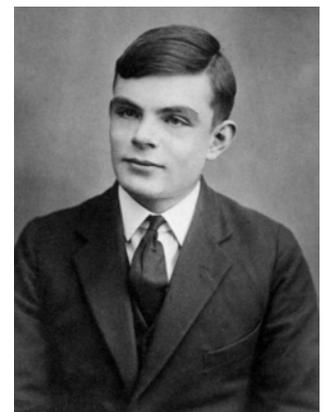
Watch this space for the competitions that will be coming out soon. We are looking to run the following two competitions this term with more to follow in the spring:

- Student Investor Challenge – Potential to win a trip to New York & cash prizes
- Young Financial Journalist - £150 cash prize

See Miss Mellor for more details

### Mathematics Hero – Alan Turing

The Mathematics Department has made their choice of hero recently: often called the father of modern computing; Alan Turing was a brilliant mathematician and logician; he developed the idea of the modern computer and artificial intelligence. During the Second World War he worked for the government breaking the enemies' secret codes and as Churchill said he shortened the war by two years.



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

Russel J Quaglia