



# PARK NEWS

## SCHOOL UPDATE

Our School Competition  
Weekly Update on Points &  
Attendance

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### Message from Mr Delgado – Acting Principal

Welcome back to the start of a new term. Students have responded in a positive way since their return and the academy's focus on high expectations and excellent behaviour has been matched by students' desire to do well and to exceed.

It is vital that the New Year is a continuation of the excellent start that students made in September. However, it is also important that the high standards and high aspirations are improved upon so that your child continues to make rapid and sustained progress.

We have seen real evidence of this across the academy in all year groups and particularly with exam year groups. This week on Thursday saw Year 11 students and parents meet with their respective teachers and at the same time students were provided with a revision pack as well as receiving careers guidance.

Across the year group there were some outstanding performers whose progress and attainment across their subjects was exemplary. There is still a long way to go in terms of improving on results but I am confident that with their continued resilience, dedication and commitment students will leave the academy able to compete with the best students in the country.



Acting Principal  
Juan Delgado

### Book Buzz

Bookbuzz is a reading programme from Book Trust that aims to help schools inspire a love of reading in Year 7 and 8 students.

Ninety Park Academy students participated this year: they chose their own book and received them along with free resources from Beyond Booked Up just before the Christmas break. The Principal Mr Delgado handed out the books; afterwards students talked and shared their books whilst having croissants and juice for breakfast.

Bookbuzz encourages students to read for pleasure and is a great way to get them excited about books and reading. With this in mind, I'm hoping the students will have read their books during the Christmas holidays and write a brief review or create a mood board for the LRC.

I really hope the students enjoy their books and that by receiving them they are encouraged to continue on their reading journeys.

### Year 11 BTEC Sport Success

Well done to the Year 11 Sport BTEC students who achieved fantastic grades in their BTEC Unit 1 exams. These were the highest results that the department have ever achieved! The Unit, which should take 12 weeks to complete, was completed in just 6. All the hard work including after school and Saturday School revision sessions definitely paid off. Congratulations to all the students.

### Year 11 Drama News

Year 11 students took part in a Drop Down Day on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January in preparation for their upcoming visiting examiner in February. Students are developing performances from scripts such as *The Pillowman* and *Be My Baby*. The day was a huge success with all students performing excellently and demonstrating great subject knowledge and talent! All Year 11 students have really enjoyed rehearsing their scenes and the Drop Down Day gave them an opportunity to enhance and develop what they had started in lessons. Students will be performing 2 extracts from their chosen text to an OCR examiner, which counts as 30% towards their final GCSE grade. Drama teachers Mr Taylor and Mrs Bellamy want to congratulate all students on their hard work and perseverance so far and look forward to seeing the final performances next month.

### GCSE Theatre Visit

All GCSE Drama students will watch a visiting Theatre Company called Paperbirds on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January. The award winning company are performing their current production *In A Thousand Pieces*. It tells the verbatim story of a modern society and is based on interviews with real life people. Students are really looking forward to it!



The Paper Birds  
Theatre Company

### Sixth Form Students Offer Their Advice

Sixth Form students were busy at the Year 11 Parents Evening this week. They were offering students advice on revision and tried and tested strategies that they used for their GCSEs. Watch this space for revision tips from our Sixth Formers



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### Hero of the Week

This week we congratulate **Tyler Lamprill** in Year 7 who has had a great start at Park Academy. He is hard working in all his lessons and demonstrates consistently excellent behaviour. A great role model to his peers.

Well done Tyler!

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

Russel J Quaglia