



# PARK NEWS

## SCHOOL UPDATE

Our School Competition  
Weekly Update on Points & Attendance

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## Important Dates!

**Target Day: Friday  
8<sup>th</sup> Dec**

*Please ensure you have made your appointment with your child's Academic Mentor for this day*

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>  
Dec: End of Term  
(12.35pm finish)**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan:  
Start of Term**

### Student Services Update

All equipment is available to purchase from Student Services. Please be advised that clear pencil cases are now £1. Thank you- Mrs Thatcher



### Message from Mr Delgado –Principal

This week I would like to make the point of drawing your attention to the fantastic work that Park Academy are engaged in with local primary schools. This time it was the turn of Heathrow Primary School to visit and engage in a variety of workshops – one in Technology and the other one in PE. The engagement and enthusiasm demonstrated by the students in Year 5 was immense and showed a real commitment on their part to buy into the ethos at Park Academy.

Secondly, can I remind you of the importance of Target Day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December and the need for all students to make an appointment with their Academic Mentor. This day is essential in ensuring that targets are set and it will also give you the chance as parents and carers to monitor the progress your child is making.



Principal  
Juan Delgado

### Lunchtime Lecture Success!

Year 11 have been receiving 'postcards from the dead' in the form of Lunchtime Literature Lectures, where they explore critical theorists from the past, their theories, and how they can be applied to their GCSE Literature texts. It has been a huge success, with over 50 students attending on a weekly basis. These students are dedicating their Wednesday lunchtimes to listen to Ms Osman or Mrs Brett's lectures, to add depth to their exam essays. Not only are they getting the knowledge, but they are experiencing what it would be like to study English Literature at degree level. Why wouldn't anyone want to come?



### Rugby Update

Park Academy has now had over 40 different students training for Rugby over the last month, with a minimum of 16 for each session. This has meant that some high quality sessions have been taking place. Year 7 and Year 8 have both had fixtures at Queensmead and Oakwood Schools with both teams taking on Uxbridge in the coming weeks. Well done to all those who have taken part.



### Year 7 Pumpkin Extravaganza!

Back in July, some of our Year 7 students had the pleasure of working with Mr Biswell and planting their own pumpkin seeds. Low and behold, 5 months later, and the pumpkins have now matured and Year 7 took great pleasure in seeing what they had produced.

### English & MFL School Hero



Mr Hobbs (Co-ordinator of English) has been introducing the Academy to the English and MFL's hero as voted for by the students. As you can see, this is Roald Dahl, the world famous author. Did you know that in addition to being a literary figure he has also shown heroic qualities in other aspects of his life? At various times he has also been a spy, an ace fighter pilot, a chocolate historian and a medical inventor. Truly a remarkable individual worthy of being a Park Academy hero!

### Park Academy working with the Primaries!

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November saw Park Academy's first visit by one of our local Primary Schools. Over the coming months numerous activities and opportunities have been set up to engage our local feeder schools and encourage students in Year 5 to experience 'Life in Secondary School'. Well done to all the outstanding ambassadors in Sixth Form and Year 7 who helped Mr Biswell and Mr Benson.



### Park Academy Christmas Show- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm!

Students in years 7-13 are preparing performances in music, dance and drama for this year's Christmas showcase. They have been working incredibly hard in lessons and clubs to develop their solo and group performances. We look forward to having you join us to celebrate the fantastic talent of Park Academy's pupils.



### Student Hero of the Week

This week we congratulate **Jenson Lawrence** in Year 8 who has had a great start to the year. **Jenson** has gained lots of Achievement Points for his School and has 100% attendance and punctuality! An excellent role model to others! Keep it up Jenson!



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

Russell J Quaglia