



PARK NEWS

Principal's Message – Ms Mohey

As we have reached the end of this academic year we reflect on how much we have achieved this year. The students have grasped every opportunity that they have had and have done this with excitement and joy. It has been a pleasure working with them all this year. This half term has seen lots of events taking place for all year groups and students have been great ambassadors for the academy. All the staff would like to thank parents for their continued support and we wish you all a happy and restful summer holiday.

Year 12 Scavenger Hunt

On a warm Wednesday in July, Year 12 students were let loose on the streets of London. With 40 challenges and tasks to complete in and around Paddington. Students had to navigate tubes, buses and the back streets in search of Paddington Bear, the Fan Bridge and The Puppet Theatre (which had moved to Richmond!) to name a few.

Students had to plan their time, prioritise the tasks and work as a team to complete as many challenges as possible in order to get the highest number of points and avoid deductions. After some serious maths, the winning team was made up of Lacey, Sian, Edona, Hila and Ayah who won dinner at Nandos!



Year 10 and 12 Work Experience

This year, students in Year 10 and 12 were given the opportunity to participate in a week's work experience, providing students with the opportunity to have meaningful experiences in the work place is a key feature of our careers programme.

Students arranged placements in a range of industries including construction, accountancy, teaching and palaeontology. When speaking to students whilst on work experience, they all agreed that they had a fantastic time and learnt a lot about the skills required to be successful in the work place, but said it was very hard work!



Year 12 Aim Higher Day

Following on from their first Aim Higher Day in April, Year 12 students have recently had their follow up day. Students were highly engaged and focused as they started really considering taking that first step to Higher Education, Apprenticeships or employment. Whilst it can be a daunting step with many unknowns ahead, the students took it in their stride and started developing their ideas for their Personal Statements. Personal Statements are well into the developmental stage and students will be finalising these ready to apply to UCAS and other providers early in the next academic year.



Year 10 Careers Week

Our inaugural Year 10 Careers Week took place this year. Whilst a number of students were out on work experience, students remaining in school had a jam packed programme of activities. There were a number of talks from industry including experts in journalism, Police Firearms Command, Police Dog Support and Heathrow Airport.

One day was set aside for the students to experience school from 'the other side' and work with a range of departments across the Academy. Students took this in their stride and really enjoyed working with staff and having a different school experience. It was a really successful week, and plans for next year are already underway.



Year 7 Army Day

All year 7 students participated in a team building day with the Army. Students took part in a range of activities including giant puzzles and building mini carts. All the activities enabled students to develop their communication, problem solving, leadership and team working skills. A great day was had by all – even though it was a very hot day!



MFL Update

1. Following on from their topic of 'Life at School', year 9 students have started a film study that links up with the 2 previous tasks on that topic. They are watching 'Les Choristes', a hugely successful movie which has received several awards in Europe, the US and Canada.
2. Our year 7 and 8 students have been working on a cultural project to find out about a specific French-speaking or Spanish-speaking country since the Autumn term. They are presenting their findings to their class, watching the other teams present and judging their rivals' presentations. They are assessing their peers using the following success criteria: their oracy protocols, the originality of their resources, their teamwork, the wide range of areas they researched and their enthusiasm.
3. Miss Jourdain, from the MFL department, continues to oversee two lunchtime clubs: a French Board Game club and a French film club. We are pleased to say that the lunchtime film club is a big favourite.
4. We can confirm that both MFL residential trips to Madrid and Paris have attracted large numbers of students across current years 7 to 9.

Business Studies News

Within business, the year 12's showed exemplary research skills when writing a comprehensive report in which they looked at the organisation, communication, strategy and aims and objectives of two chosen businesses. They were able to distinguish effectively between for-profit and not-for-profit businesses, clearly understanding that businesses function for different reasons and to meet different targets. Many students went above and beyond, providing an insightful discussion in which they blended their own objective view with facts. This led to lively and engaged discussions in class which were led by the students themselves. The students impressed with their ability to include detailed analysis and evaluation throughout their reports, which was shown in the achievement of distinction grades for the majority of the students in the class.

Nikola Janke did excellently in selecting a business that no other pupil was considering and finding out exactly why the hierarchy and structure that they used made them successful. Kira Hart provided a brilliant insightful evaluation into the success of Tesco, describing that as Tesco is a conglomerate they have diversified their risk; furthermore, she showed a great understanding of many concepts such as economies of scale. Congratulations to all students!

English Update

In this newsletter, we wanted to share some outstanding pieces of work created by our Year 9 students. We are sure you will agree that they are stunning!



Jazmin Stafford



Miles Gil



Jazmin Stafford



Yashika Sharma

Science Update

Science Week - This is a week dedicated at PAWL to celebrate the wonders of science. Students were invited to see some wild experiments and participate in some themselves that they wouldn't often get to see or do within a lesson. What's more fun than setting your teacher's hand on fire, investigating a crime scene or seeing the effects of electricity?! This is just a few of the many experiments we offered; that so many of our students were thrilled to be part of. We ended the week with a bang, by showcasing some explosive science experiments that were much too bold for the classroom.

WOLAS Space and Telescopes - Students from Years 8 to 10 participated in a workshop to learn about the wonders of Space, and how astronomers use telescopes to search for life and other planets. They delved into the mechanics of how a telescope works and were given an incredible opportunity to use a life size telescope to observe our star, the Sun. It was a thoroughly enjoyable experience.

Thames Water Trip - Water is the most precious resource that we cannot live without. So a group of our year 10s went on a trip to our local Thames Water site to find out how our water is treated so we can safely drink it. It gave students an amazing opportunity to see the applications of science in the real world and exposed them to a potential career pathway. They participated in a range of interactive activities organised by the Thames Water Education Centre linking to their GCSE Chemistry topic. Years 7 and 8 were given a talk by a Thames Water representative, learning about the water cycle, water and sewage treatment and many careers offered by Thames Water.



Orbyts - The ORBYTS group met weekly with a UCL mentor to help work on a project that the Galactic Team at UCL were also working on. The team analysed data from different stars to see if there was any correlation between molecular cloud density and star forming regions and if this was related to star luminosity. The team were then invited to UCL to present their research to the Galactic Team and other schools partaking in the project. They presented their research well in front of 50-60 people including the world leader in galactic astronomy and the world leader in magnetospheres. They represented the school well with many members of staff congratulating them and thinking that they were Year 12 students due to the quality of their research and presentation. They also attended talks from other researchers at the university, went to the planetarium and had a tour of the university.



Sixth Form Update

Year 12 students started their work experience week commencing 18th July 2022. Most of our students have successfully been enrolled with employers in industries they wish to pursue.

Year 13 Graduation took place on the 5th July 2022 and we were excited more than ever to see our Year 13s finally completing their journey with us. It was a fantastic opportunity for our Year 13s to conclude their fantastic journey at Park Academy. We are ever so sad to see them depart but immensely proud and delighted to see them embark on the next chapter of life.

To further support Sixth Form students with their next steps in education, Year 12 students embarked on a journey to Kingston University where they were given a personalised tour of the campus and workshops on alleviating anxiety about higher education. Students were exposed to a student finance workshop that dismissed a lot of the misconceptions about higher education.

One student quoted: "I believe that the trip allowed an eye-opening opportunity into the world of not only university but other options Post-18. Especially for someone like me, who was set on not going to university, it provided me the experience to see what life is like at university and what it entails. I found the conversations about the most common worries and benefits useful, as we had many misconceptions cleared up that we may have had prior to the visit. I would like to look into the courses that I can study Post-18 in more detail to see what is on offer."

Year 11/13 Graduation

Congratulations to all of the students in Year 11 and 13 who recently had their Graduation at Brunel University. Parents, friends and staff members watched proudly as the students entered the hall in their graduation gowns and walked with confidence. The students were excited to celebrate the end of their five or seven-year journey at Park Academy. All students received their Graduation certificate and for the first time subject awards were also given out at the event. As part of the ceremony students were taken back in time with a video montage of their time at Park. This provided the students and their families with many laughs as their younger selves played out on screen. We wish all of the students the very best in the next step of their lives.



Maths Update

On the 13th July 2022, half of our Year 9 students visited Thorpe Park in Surrey for a Mathematics trip. During the visit, students explored the key principles in Physics and Maths that are used in the construction and maintenance of Thorpe Park's exhilarating rollercoasters. They discovered how crucial considerations of acceleration, Newton's Laws and Forces are in designing and maintaining Stealth, The SWARM and other rides. They also learned how Thorpe Park ensures the safety of all its guests. Year 9 also had the opportunity to see this in action and enjoy all the rides that Thorpe Park has to offer. They had an amazing day!

On the 6th July 2022 our future Year 7 students came in for a Transition Day to see what to expect when they start in September. In the Mathematics department, students looked at the data handling cycle. First they wrote a hypothesis of what Smarties colour they thought would be most popular. They then collected (and ate) their data, and finally displayed this in a bar chart as shown.

Students were also investigating which numbers are happy and which are sad. A number is happy if you can square its digits, add them and repeat the process until you reach '1'. '13' is an example of this as shown. Can you find any other happy numbers?



13

$$1^2 + 3^2$$

$$= 1 + 9$$

$$= 10$$

10

$$1^2 + 0^2$$

$$= 1 + 0$$

$$= 1$$

Health and Social Care News

Sixth Form Health and Social Care

Sixth Form students are completing their final coursework task which they have been working on since January! Students are developing their knowledge of how multidisciplinary teams work together to provide care as well as their communication skills as they will have to present their work.

Hillingdon Hospital is running online work experience courses that several students have signed up to. These courses will help prepare them for life after Year 13! Well done to those students who are taking advantage of this opportunity.

Year 10 Health and Social Care / Childcare

This term has seen students demonstrate their knowledge of care values practically as they have participated in role plays. It has been delightful to see students grow in confidence when performing these and we have been impressed with the level of care students have demonstrated. Well done Year 10!

Practical coursework has been taking place this term with students starting their feeding investigation as part of setting up their own nursery. Stage one of this has seen students hygienically preparing a bottle of formula milk - "We thought about cost and timing when making feeds within our nursery. We came to the conclusion that timing is essential!"



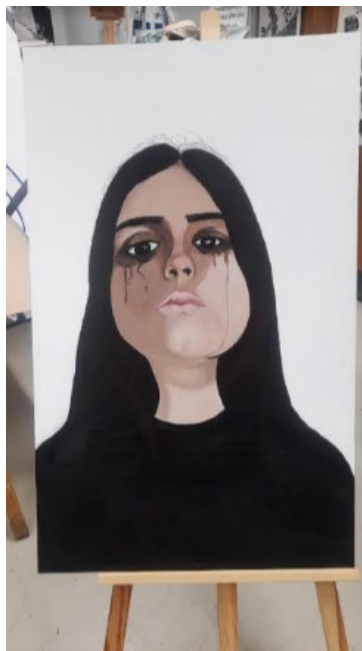
Art and Design

This year we have seen huge development in the creativity of our students in the Art and Design department. Year 7 have successfully completed their first year at Park Academy with projects ranging from drawing, painting, portraiture, African masks, jewellery boxes and bears. Year 8 have completed Architecture and perspective, chairs and food. Year 9 have completed a sense of place with photography, black and white monochromatic paintings, product design; Tote bags and food, including food sculptures.

Year 10 GCSE Art and Design and Design Technology students are on their way to developing and learning new skills, whilst Year 11 GCSE Art and Design and 3D students have successfully completed their courses - and we are pleased with their achievements. The A Level Art and Design and Photography students have also had a fantastic year creating ambitious pieces of artworks. It has been a very rewarding and busy time in the Art and Design department, with the expansion of curriculum and we are looking forward to seeing the growth in our students next year.



Ellie Whenman – Year 12



Yadira Camerena – Year 12



Year 9 Paper Food Sculpture



Year 7 Bears Project

2021/2022 Awards Evening

On Wednesday 20th July 2022, we held our annual Awards Evening at Park Academy, where over 100 students received an award from various subject areas. The evening was a great success, giving all of us the opportunity to celebrate our students' achievements and recognise the hard work they have put in during this Academic Year. The evening included musical performances, an Art Exhibition and a look back on the past year through a photo board for each month of this year.

Congratulations to all students who received an award, and we look forward to rewarding even more students at our event next year!



Year 11 Prom

On Friday 8th July we saw the welcome return of the Year 11 Prom. The students arrived at Brunel University looking elegant and excited for the evening and their parents watched on as they had their photographs taken. The students and staff who attended were looking forward to celebrating together the end of five-year journey at Park Academy. The conduct of the students at the Prom was impeccable as they danced the night away and enjoyed the opportunity to let their hair down with their friends and teachers. The students were able to take home a photograph from the evening as a memento of the event which they were all excited to do. At the end of the evening there were tears as the students said goodbye to each other. We wish them all the best and look forward to result day on 25th August 2022.



Hillingdon Music Showcase at The Beck Theatre

On Monday 4th July, 13 talented Park Academy musicians headed to The Beck Theatre in Hayes to participate in the annual Hillingdon Music Hub. The night comprised of many Hillingdon schools coming together in a spectacular showcase of talent. The students who took part from Park Academy were fantastic, and wowed the crowd with their renditions of Wonderwall by Oasis and Waterloo by ABBA. It was a wonderful evening, and many audience members commented on the outstanding performance by Park students.

It has shown that hard work and determination are essential to success. The group had been rehearsing for many weeks beforehand, and it paid off on the evening. Ms Mohey, Ms Reynolds and Ms Simon were in the audience watching the students and all were so proud of our students' successes.

A very well done to everyone who took part!



Student Conference 2022

On Monday 11th July the student leadership team at Park Academy participated in the Student Voice Conference 2022. Students were asked for their opinion and ideas about the future of the Academy. All of the students gave excellent feedback and ideas for ways to improve the Academy in the future. Students were asked about these key areas in which we are looking to improve:

- Expectations of students in lessons
- Expectations of staff in the Academy
- The House System
- A new strapline and motto for the school

The Sixth form Leadership team also ran one session in which they were looking for ideas to improve student leadership at Park. The conference ended with a fun quiz in which the Year 9 representatives were the winners.



Pastoral Zoo Trip

On Thursday 14th July, 45 students in Years 7 to 10 visited ZSL London Zoo. The trip was organised by the Pastoral department, and it was an excellent day of exploration in the sunshine. One student commented that they had never been to the zoo before, whilst others were grateful for the opportunity to discover new and exciting animals in the centre of London.

An excellent day was had by all, and we are looking forward to next year already!



New PE Kit

For all PE lessons students must wear the PE t-shirt from the Brigade website. They must also wear plain black shorts and white socks, these items do not have to be brought from Brigade. **There is only 1 compulsory piece of PE kit which you must buy from Brigade, this is the Flacon ZR10 black PE t-shirt.** On the Brigade website there are lots of other optional pieces of PE kit to buy. Here is a table to explain the items of PE kit in which your child needs:

Item of PE Kit	Compulsory	Information
Black PE t-shirt	Yes	The Brigade PE t-shirt must be worn.
Black PE shorts	Yes	Any pair of plain black shorts can be worn.
White socks	Yes	Any pair of plain white socks can be worn.
Black skort	No	Not compulsory but these items available specifically from Brigade can be worn as an alternative to shorts.
Black leggings	No	
Black PE tracksuit bottoms	No	
Black hoodie	No	This item is not compulsory but any student can wear this hoodie as long as it is the one available from Brigade. This hoodie can only be worn in PE lessons and not around school.
Trainers & boots	Yes	Any pair of trainers or boots can be worn.

Upcoming Events

Thursday 18th August 2022
 Thursday 25th August 2022
 Thursday 1st – Friday 2nd September 2022
 Monday 5th September 2022
 Tuesday 6th September 2022
 Wednesday 7th September 2022

Year 13 Results Day (8:30-10:00am)
 Year 11 Results Day (9:00-10:30am)
 Training Days (no students on site)
 Welcome Back Day Appointments
 Year 7 and 12 Start at 8.30am, all other years at 11.30am
 All students start at 8.30am



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