



PARK NEWS

Principal's Message – Ms Mohey

This term once again has been an exciting time at Park Academy. We have been impressed with how Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 students have approached external exams. Their behaviour has been impeccable and they have shown real focus and determination to succeed. The same motivation has been demonstrated in all other year groups and students have been engaged in their learning and achieving well. It was great to see students perform at their best and represent the Academy in a wide variety of activities. I hope you enjoy reading about them in this newsletter. We look forward to this final half term of the academic year with many more exciting events planned. In preparation for the new academic year we are aware that parents will be thinking about purchasing new uniform. If you have any unwanted uniform in good condition, we would be grateful for any donations.

Year 11 and 13 Exams

We are in full exam mode at the moment, as our super Years 11 and 13 students are sitting their GCSE and A Level exams. Students are working hard, committed to their learning and working alongside their teachers to prepare fully for each exam. Students have taken part in revision sessions before each exam, to ensure they are as prepared as possible. It has been amazing to see students leaving exams feeling confident and happy.

As we head into half term, it is a great opportunity to rest and recoup, but also a vital time for revision and revisiting learning, in preparation for exams after half term.

Some of our Years 10 and 12 students have also been sitting external exams, and it has been excellent to see them preparing for these.

We are very proud of our students, and wish them luck in the remainder of their exams this Summer.



Gardening Project

We are very pleased to have been selected by the Jack Petchey Foundation and London Children's Flower Society to take part in their Planting in the Playground Project.

Only 30 schools were selected from across the whole of London and Essex, and we have already started to receive our brand new gardening equipment, worth in excess of £500, in preparation for the project to begin.

The project focuses on getting students in the garden, growing flowers and vegetables and enjoying nature and fresh air.

Mrs Anthony, our Pastoral Support Lead, will be leading on the project at Park, and encouraging as many students as possible to get involved and help set up and maintain our brand new garden! Watch this space for updates and news about how the project is progressing!



Hillingdon Borough Emerging Talent Competition

At the end of April, Gulalai Din and Eduina Qovani (both in Year 11) performed at the first annual Hillingdon Borough Emerging Talent Event. The event showcased the winners of the Emerging Talent Competition, with all the performers from across the borough performing a song of their choice accompanied by a live band. Prior to their performance, Gulalai and Eduina received mentoring from leading professional vocalists who have performed on stages around the world, with some very famous artists. The girls performed their songs confidently and without the hint of any nerves. They did Park Academy proud.



Year 9 First Give

The First Give programme inspires and empowers young people to take action to make a positive change in society. This is a charity that works in partnership with schools to inspire and equip young people to take action to tackle social issues. Firstly, the Park Academy students learnt about social issues in our community and choose the issues which were important to them. Then they researched the charities working in our local community and as a class, choose one to represent.

Finally, one group was chosen per class to present a presentation to a panel of judges and the year group. The panel of judges rated each class based on their social action and presentations.

The winning class won a First Give grant of £1,000 for their chosen charity. We are delighted to tell you that the group representing the charity HACs (Hillingdon Autistic Care and Support) won the final and received a check for £1,000 for their charity. The students in this group were; Teigan Healy, Keira Bell, Cherry Isitt, Macey Gillett and Alice Walker. Umme Nadeem also received a special commendation award for her individual performance of a rap that she wrote herself.

Well done to all students who took part, and we are very much looking forward to next year already!



Year 11 Football Final

The Year 11 boys' football team made a huge achievement by reaching the Hillingdon Borough Development Cup Final! In this match they played a very strong Harefield School team who struck early with 2 goals in as many minutes. However, our team dug deep and battled brilliantly all game!

Unfortunately, Park lost the final but there were some amazing individual performances throughout the game. The highlight of which being our very own Ben Greene who played superbly, being awarded Man of the Match, for showing true class on the ball, determination and a real leader's spirit.



O2 Arena Visit

On Sunday 15th May 2022, Park had an exciting trip to the O2 arena to watch the British Basketball Playoffs. London Lions took on the Leicester Riders which can only be described as a close game throughout but the Riders took the victory with a 78-75 win over the Lions.

The students had a great day, and for many it was their first experience of a live sporting event in action.

It was great to see students enjoying, engaging and supporting Basketball at a major final.



SEND Update

We are proud to see the incredible effort from our students in exams. We know that they've been working hard at home to ensure they are prepared.

A top tip for exams is to create a mind-map of key topics, write down everything you remember, then add anything you have forgotten and highlight it. The more you repeat, the more you will remember. If you start to get fuzzy headed from revising, take a ten minute break, and start again. Remember we are always here to support you, so just come to us if you need help.

Business Studies News

On Friday 3rd of May, the Year 10 students sat their Business Component 3 exam. After learning all of the topics, completing many mock exam papers and putting in the time for revision at home; the Year 10 students gave it their best go.

For many this was their first official exam and a new experience for which the Business department best prepare for by hosting revision classes at break and after school for students to attend. The Year 10 students came out of the exam confident, with some great words of belief and excitement!

English – A Student Review by Sara Bakhshzad (Year 7)

The day was finally here!

I arrived at school dressed as my favourite hero (Blackwidow). Looking around, I noticed my friends had dressed up as their adored characters and the teachers dressed up in funky and silly book characters. Excitedly, I pointed out that every door was disguised as a book cover!

Ready for the fun day ahead I sat there with my classmates as we played games and learned new knowledge that surrounded World book day. My form tutor informed me of the wonderful day I was about to spend in the library with people who love reading - just like me!

The bell rang and I jumped in anticipation. I walked to the library and spotted the big bean bags that awaited me. I opened my book and read avidly while sitting with my friends. Opening the book and reading, I did not notice the time that passed by...

Suddenly, one of the teachers kindly told us that it was time to hand in the money that was raised to have more books bought for our library. I had collected a whole handful of money! The teachers told us that the rest of the money that was not going to be used for new books would be given to charity. When I heard this I felt elated! Not only will the money help people receive more education through books, it will also help people who cannot afford to buy books.

Time continued to quickly pass by. The bell rang again minutes later, so I headed to the lunch hall for a well-deserved respite. My friends who did not take part, stared at me in shock and confusion, as I promptly ate my lunch. I could not wait to read the next chapter of my spine chilling, psychological thriller! Upon entering the library, I immediately sat down, speeding through chapters and chapters. I only paused when the teacher handed everyone a cookie for reading so much!!!

Thirty minutes later the final bell rang and I dejectedly closed my book as the much anticipated day had drawn to an end. Looking to the side of my book I saw pages over pages. I gasped as I could not believe I had read so much!

I thanked the teachers as I left the library, with more knowledge on powerful words, writing techniques and ideas.

CAREERS

British Army

As we move into the summer months we once again welcome the British Army back to Park Academy to work with students in Years 7, 10 and the new Year 12.

Students will take part in a variety of team building activities focussed on developing their skills in leadership, communication, problem solving and confidence but most of all the students will have a fantastic time.

The British Army will also be joining us in July to talk to students in Year 10 about recruitment and the types of careers available.

Apprenticeships

In July we will welcome the Education Development Trust who will be working with students to explain the different levels of apprenticeships that exist and to take them through a registration and application workshop.

It is really important that our students understand the variety of options that exist for them to continue their education and training and these events will be hugely informative for them.

Year 10 Roadmap Interviews

During June we are scheduling 1:1 Interviews with every Year 10 student to discuss their goals and aspirations, ensuring they are fully supported in achieving them. The information collected from these sessions will help us to plan meaningful and relevant support tailored to the individual needs of each pupil as they progress through the rest of Year 10 and through Year 11.

Work Experience

During July we will bid a short term farewell to our Year 10s and Year 12s as they embark on their chosen work experience placements. We look forward to welcoming them back to school and hearing about their experiences. Watch this space for more exciting updates soon...

Sixth Form Update

UCAS AIM Higher Day

Year 12 students were given a fantastic opportunity to think about life after Sixth Form. The day started with students evaluating the different options they have after they leave school. For some students, the idea of taking a gap year had never crossed their mind, but they were pleased to know that the year can be incredibly productive once planned logically.

The day concluded with students being reflective of their experiences, as well as all the extra-curricular activities they have participated in this year. One student said "The day was very useful and I feel more informed about my next steps. The best of it was being able to see how all the extra-curricular activities I participated in are going to help me with my university application".

Year 12 Work Experience

Year 12 students have been knocking on employers' doors for the past few weeks, in search of work experience placements for week commencing 18th July. The vast majority of our students have successfully been enrolled with employers in industries they wish to pursue after education, which is excellent news.

Year 13 Graduation

The Year 13 Graduation will take place on the 5th July, and we are excited more than ever to see our Year 13 students finally completing their journey with us. For most of our students, this would be the end of their 7 year journey with us, and we are as delighted as you are to see them embark on the next chapter of their life.

Year 13 Leavers Lunch

On Thursday 26th May, we said good luck and farewell to our Year 13 students before commencing their exam period. The year group came together with staff to reminisce of their time at Park and the journey that they have been on – as well as laugh over some embarrassing photos from their younger years at Park Academy. Throughout their time at the school, they have seen many changes and faced many challenges - all of which has contributed to them becoming well rounded, resilient and determined young adults, of whom everyone at Park is very proud of.

Our Leavers Lunch was the perfect opportunity to remind them of how much they have accomplished since joining the school in September 2015. We wish them good luck as they prepare for and sit their exams, before embarking on their exciting futures ahead.



Health and Social Care News

Sixth Form Health and Social Care

Coursework focused lessons are continuing in Sixth Form. Students are working hard to apply their knowledge to specific case studies. This unit requires students to analyse how people with different conditions may be treated differently and the impact this may have on their care.

During this process students are learning skills that will help them when they progress to university studies. Examples of this are wider research, referencing and compiling bibliographies. The unit also explores key life skills that include communication, managing conflict and empathy.

Year 10 Health and Social Care / Childcare

Year 10 Health and Social Care students have spent this half term preparing for their component 3 exam - now the exam is over we are preparing our scripts for our role plays - each student will take on the role of a healthcare professional and will demonstrate how to care for an elderly person. These role plays will be marked and contribute to their final grade.

Child Development students have their exam on Monday 6th June, and to help prepare for this, here are some top tips:

- Revise for 20 minutes a day
- Use post it notes with key terminology
- Make revision posters or mind maps
- Ask someone to test you using revision flashcards made in class
- Complete a mock paper

Languages News

This half term, our Year 9 students studied the topic of 'Life at School'. We then set them the group project of designing posters about 'Le Règlement à Park Academy' to link up with their topic. They have been busy working on Chromebooks to produce their posters, which sets out the school rules in French with illustrations to best explain what these rules mean. The final products will be laminated and ready to be displayed around the academy either next half-term or in September.

A few groups of Year 9 students have also been working on a different project: the 'Tour de France'. Some have already presented their work. All of them will be assessed using the following criteria: Resources, Oracy protocols, Fluency and Teamwork.

Our Year 11 students have proved their commitment by attending our Easter Revision day. More than 50% of the students studying French for their GCSE attended the double session during their Easter holidays. It is a real testament to their hard work and commitment.

The department has been running break time and lunchtime clinics to help students get over their nerves and gain confidence in preparation for the General Conversation part of their GCSE French speaking exam. A number of students made the most of this opportunity. Brilliant Attitude to Learning!

We are pleased to say that all students completed their GCSE speaking exams to the best of their ability, whether they were French or Home Languages exams.

Our Year 7 and Year 8 students have continued working on their 'Cultural Awareness' projects linked to the language they are studying and we look forward to their group presentations on the various French or Spanish speaking countries in the Summer term, after their end-of-year exams.

Miss Jourdain, from the MFL department, continues to run or 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, attracting as many as 15 students per session.

We are pleased to announce that the MFL department will be running 2 residential trips next year, in July 2023. We are able to take up to 72 students on a 2-night/3 day visit to Paris and up to 48 students on a 2-night/3 day visit to Madrid. The letters for those trips have gone out this week via ParentMail. We also provided paper copies in the department for all the students who prefer this format.

Jack Petchey Awards Evening

On Tuesday 24th May, Ms Mohey and Ms Reynolds had the pleasure of attending the Jack Petchey Awards Evening and see students from Park Academy collect their awards in front of a full Beck Theatre. The students have received the award for a range of reasons such as supporting their friends, excelling in particular subjects, and being a role model for others. It was a wonderful evening, and a fantastic celebration. Ms Mohey and Ms Reynolds were extremely proud of the students. Huge congratulations to:

Year 7 Aidan Bishop

Year 8 Nikhil Puri

Year 9 Morgan Husbands, Lottie Taylor, Brandon Dawes, Ciara Thirunavakarasu

Year 10 Justin Creanga, Lilly-Mae Bacon



Maths Update

GCSE Maths

Well done to all of our Year 11 students who completed their GCSE Maths paper 1 on 20th May. They have been working hard all year, and we wish them the best of luck in the next two exams. Intervention is available every day at break in 2F13 and after school on Wednesday, with their class teacher.

Mathmagicians

This term the Mathmagician Club has been doing lots of puzzles and problem solving. Are you able to solve the problem below and are interested in joining? They meet every Thursday after school in 2F12.

“My twin lives at the reverse of my house number. The difference between our house numbers ends in two. What are the lowest possible numbers of our house numbers?”

Outstanding Work This Term

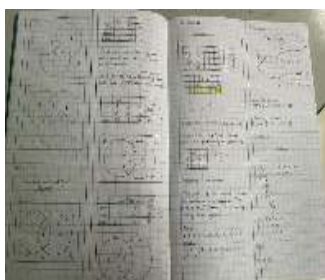
Well done to the following students who were nominated by their teachers for outstanding work this term...



Vietloc Tran (Year 7)



Jack McGinty (Year 8)



Holly Dunster (Year 9)



Hanifa Kamugisha (Year 10)

Humanities Update

History

Our Year 10 students have already started early, by creating revision resources that can be used for next year too. They have been creative and the students have put a lot of time and effort into these!



The British Empire

Year 8 students have been learning about the British Empire this half term. They were asked to create an Empire plate to show what the Empire was like.



Religious Studies Presentations

Year 7 and 8 students have been busy making presentations in RS. They have had to work on their teamwork and communication skills to be able to make these amazing presentations.



Upcoming Events

Monday 6 th June	Prison? Me? No Way! (Year 9)
Thursday 9 th June	Year 8 Parents Evening
Thursday 16 th June	Year 7 Parents Evening
Friday 17 th June	Year 7 Army Day
Friday 24 th June	INSET Day (no students in school)
Friday 1 st July	Year 10 Army Day
Monday 4 th July – Friday 8 th July	Year 10 Work Experience
Tuesday 5 th July	Year 11 and 13 Graduation
Thursday 7 th July	Year 12 Induction Day
Friday 8 th July	Year 12 Army Day
Friday 8 th July	Year 11 Prom
Monday 11 th July	Year 12 Living Away From Home Day
Monday 11 th July – Friday 15 th July	Science Week
Tuesday 19 th July	Sports Day
Thursday 21 st July	Last day of Term (half day)



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