

Dear Parents/Guardians

We have reached the end of another academic year. Year 7 have completed their first year at The Park and will no longer be the youngest students at the school. We are looking forward to welcoming a new group of Y7 students in September.

1. **War of the Worlds Day**

Sam Thomson and James Horton organized a great War of the Worlds day with students creating alien inspired Art and working on a prequel drama to the book by H G Wells. The day ended with an assembly where students showcased their work and we watched their play.

2. **Summer Fair**

We held the Summer Fair last Friday. Thank you to everyone who came and supported the fair helping us raise £740.

3. **Dance Woking**

Dance Woking celebrated its 25th year this year and students from The Park helped the celebrations at two events. They took part in a flash mob in Woking town centre and in a dance at The Party in the Park. Students were amazing and represented the school impeccably.

4. **Duke of Edinburgh Award**

The school offered this residential for the very first time. The Pre-DofE Camp was a great success. All students who attended made a lot of progress in their knowledge and understanding of what it means to undertake a DofE Award and they all demonstrated they have the practical ability and enthusiasm to work hard next year. Well done to all students and many thanks to all staff involved.

As we end the year we are also waiting to receive the actual Bronze Awards for those students in year 11, who successfully completed all their sections. Well done to Ainsley, William, Bradley, Zayn, Isaac, Charlie and Jared and don't forget to try and sign up for Silver at college next year! My thanks to all the staff who give up their time in one way or another to help ensure DofE can be offered at The Park.

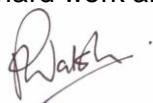
5. **Sporting Action - SSSA Athletics**

The SSSSA Athletics meeting was held this half term and we fielded a huge team; 29 students in total! All students gave 100% effort on the day and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Congratulations as well to students who achieved top rankings in their event and returned with one or more medals. Again, thanks to staff for taking them and running events on the day.

6. **Staff Changes**

We are saying goodbye to several staff this term. Sue Honeyfield has been at The Park since 2000. She moved from being a teaching assistant to teaching and leading Tai Chi. She also led our annual peace assembly. We have appreciated the work she has done with students supporting their mental wellbeing and mindfulness. Jo Hendon started at The Park as a newly qualified teacher in 2004. She has mainly taught PE and Science. She moves on to teach in a primary special needs unit at a school closer to her home.

As we reach the end of another academic year, I would just like to thank all the staff for their hard work and commitment.



Paul Walsh
Headteacher

2019-2020 term dates

Autumn Term 2019

Tue 3rd September

INSET school closed

Wed 4th September

INSET school closed

Thurs 5th September

Students return to school at 9am

Mon 28th -1st November

HALF TERM

Wed 18th December

Prize giving 11am - Break up at 12 noon

Thurs 19th December

INSET school closed

Spring Term 2020

Mon 6th January

INSET school closed

Tue 7th January

Students return to school at 9am

Mon 17th – Fri 21st February

HALF TERM

Fri 3rd April

Prize giving 11am Break up at 12 noon

Summer Term 2020

Mon 20th April

INSET school closed

Tue 21st April

Students return to school at 9am

Mon 4th May

May Bank holiday

Mon 25th– Fri 29th May

HALF TERM

Wed 22nd July

Prize giving at 11am Break up at 12 noon

22nd July 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians

As we reach the end of the academic year, I would just like to update you on our progress against our Ofsted targets. As a Leadership team we have been working hard with our Interim Executive Board to comprehensively review our monitoring and safeguarding policies and systems.

Actions to date:

- The updated safeguarding policy is on the website
- Students know who is responsible for safeguarding
- Our new safeguarding team address all safeguarding issues on a daily basis
- Our three Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) have all updated their Surrey DSL training
- We are ensuring that staff have up to date knowledge about safeguarding topics and procedures
- Our physical intervention policy and systems has been updated and the new policy is on the website

We have had positive feedback from a recent safeguarding review that included our systems for safer recruitment. The review interviewed staff and students and said that:

- Students feel positive, safe and cared for
- Staff take collective shared responsibility for safeguarding
- The pace of change is positive

We have also updated our Y7/8 Curriculum and made some changes for September in order to respond to feedback from students in KS3 about afternoon lessons. In Year 7 and 8 we have removed double lessons which students found too long. We have also developed a core curriculum that runs in the morning comprising of English, Maths, Science and other core subjects. In the afternoons we are running a Creative Curriculum with subjects such as Art, Music, Drama.

Last week we also had a review of our pupil premium strategy and will be responding to the review recommendations in the autumn term.

After such a busy year we hope everyone has a happy and safe summer break and look forward to seeing students on Thursday 5th Sept.



Paul Walsh
Headteacher