



# InForm

**NEWSLETTER**

## Headmaster's message



A very Happy Easter Greeting to all Parmiterians – adult and child - as we come to the end of an extremely busy and rewarding Spring Term. Rewarding both academically as well as all the many, many enrichment activities we have all so enjoyed. I am well aware that

staff and students are all looking forward to a well-earned rest.

I wish to commend the whole Parmiter's community for all their hard work and commitment throughout the past six weeks. Year 11 and 13 students are, of course, very much in our thoughts as they prepare for their GCSEs and A Levels in the summer. With the commitment they are showing to their learning, we have every confidence that they will reap the rich rewards they deserve.

### **New Staff**

Mr Xu (Maths) is leaving us at the end of term to take up a new post elsewhere. He goes with our thanks and very best wishes for the future. In his place, we welcome Mr Lai who will be joining the Maths department after Easter.

### **Spring Concert and Evensong at the Abbey**

As ever, it was a delight to attend our annual Spring Concert. The calibre of performance was as impressive as the variety of pieces performed by students from Year 7 through to Year 13. My thanks go to Mr Bates and his colleagues, as well as our talented and committed instrumental teachers.

In addition, it was a privilege to attend Evensong last Friday at St Albans Cathedral (fast becoming Parmiter's home from home). Our choir, led by Dr Tyack, joined forces with St Colomba's school choir (led by former Parmiterian, Mr Yeo) to provide exceptional singing to enhance the service.

### **Parmiter's Got Talent!**

At Parmiter's, music never begins and ends with our termly concerts and it was such fun to enjoy solo and group performances, as well as dance and stand-up comedy, at our "Parmiter's Got Talent" show. This event was run as part of our extensive charitable fund-raising work. It was a pleasure to see so many students from all Year groups engage and have such fun.

### **May Ball 2023**

On a similar note, I am delighted that we are to hold

another May Ball this year on Saturday 13 May. After the success of last year's event, this is bound to sell out fast so you might want to get your tickets ordered as soon as possible! I look forward to another great evening.

### **"Dauntless" Performing Arts Show**

And what a wonderful way to conclude the term with our amazing Performing Arts Show earlier this week.

Every student involved (and there were many!) were truly "Dauntless" and it is hard for me to pay tribute in words to just how impressive it was. Not only did the show prove how talented our dance and drama students are as performers but also as directors and choreographers. It is also important to recognise the hugely impressive work of Miss Burnham who, in the early years of her teaching career, oversaw and led such an ambitious production and delivered so well.

### **Student Congress**

My final reflections on the term are on our Student Congress and the impressive number of students (well over 100) from across all year groups who engage and attend our half termly committees and represent their peers at our termly Student Congress meetings. It has been so impressive to have our Sixth Form Committee representatives deliver a series of assemblies this week, sharing the work they have completed so far this year and demonstrating the positive differences and changes they can make in on-going improvements across our school.

As I always say, Parmiter's exists to prepare future leaders. How better to do that than to give young people real opportunities to make a real difference.

### **New Parent Governor**

I was pleased to welcome Mrs Rosemarie Moore to the Board of Governors on 16 March, following the recent Parent Governor election.

My thanks to you all for your continued support for our school and I wish everyone a most enjoyable and safe Easter break. We look forward to welcoming our student body back on Monday 17 April.

Until then, my very best wishes as ever

Michael Jones  
Headmaster

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

A packed April is approaching! Due to the success of our last Quiz Night, as you will have seen, we are hosting another on **Saturday 29 April**.

We have another second hand Uniform & Study Book sale on **Saturday 22 April** and would welcome donations of study books when your children have finished with them. On the clothing theme, there is also a Bag2School collection planned for **Friday 28 April** so start bagging up those unwanted items!

At our last PA meeting in February we voted to provide school with a substantial donation towards the current washroom refurbishment programme. We will continue to raise funds to equip the outside plaza area.

We're excited to be supporting another May Ball on **Saturday 13 May**. Tickets sold out in days last time, so be sure to get yours early so as not to miss out!

We look forward to seeing you soon and thank you for your continued support.

**Rob Pyle**  
PA Chairman

#### Dates for your Diary.....

Saturday 22 April - Second hand uniform and book sale

Friday 28 April - Bag2School Collection

Saturday 29 April - Family quiz night

Tuesday 2 May - Meeting in the Boardroom (Main entrance), 7.30pm ~ all welcome!

**Saturday 13 May - The May Ball**

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## Spring Concert



As ever, Parmiter's music schedule has been jam packed. Just 3 weeks after the brilliantly successful Winter Picnic concert, the music department was at it again - this time for the Spring Concert. More than 200 people attended the event, ready to watch 130 students perform in a variety of larger ensembles. The concert started with the exuberant Friday Band to get everyone in the mood, followed by the dream-like String Ensemble. Concert Band ended the first half with a commanding performance of *Barnum* by Cy Coleman.

The second act began with an impressive set

of pieces performed by Orchestra which led into the bright and energetic performance from Junior Choir. Finishing proceedings was Big Band, who provided the perfect soundtrack for the way home. As ever, the talent we see at these events is a reflection of the students' dedication, passion and raw musical talent to produce the high quality music we have the privilege of hearing.

Please do keep your eye out for future events, as if this concert is anything to go by, you won't want to miss out!

## Evensong at St Albans Cathedral

On Friday 24 March, our choristers were back in action as they joined forces with the choir of St Columba's College to accompany evensong at St Albans Cathedral.

Parmiter's Dr Tyack, in collaboration with Mr Yeo from St Columba's (formerly of Parmiter's Music department!) arranged the music for the service.



Look out for details of the Summer (Leavers') Concert, which will take place on Thursday 27 April in school.

A relatively 'short' half term but, boy has it been a busy one, jam-packed with House competitions, challenges and events. As always, it has been fantastic to see so many of our students and staff getting involved!



### **House Football (Sixth Form & Staff)**

In February, Sixth Formers and Staff joined forces to compete in a House Football tournament. A great effort from all involved, however, it was Lee who came out on top! In 2nd place was Beven, in joint 3rd were Carter and Woolley, in 4th place Mayhew and placing 5th was Renvoize.

### **House Geography Competition**

For their House challenge this year, the Geography department challenged students to consider how they could make the world a better place and to present their ideas in the form of a poster. We are pleased to announce that Renvoize was the winner, thanks to Yashashivi Mehta, with Lee (Surani Perera) and Carter (Pippa Bunce) in 2nd and 3rd places respectively. A brilliant effort from all who participated.

### **House Challenge: Wildlife Day Photography Competition**

To celebrate World Wildlife Day 2023, students were challenged to take a photograph of something related to wildlife. Winning this challenge for Beven was Bertie Caplan! Well done!

### **House D&T: Young Fashion Designer Competition**

The D&T Department offered students the opportunity to take part in a House challenge about sustainability; this challenge was also linked with a national competition! In 1st place for Lee was Surani Perera, in 2nd place was Keya Patel for Beven and in joint 3rd place was Vaishnavi Sriram (Renvoize), Senuli Ratnayake (Carter) and Divyashi Patel (Renvoize). Well done to all who took part!

### **House Challenge: Year 7 Personal Hygiene Poster**

There were many wonderful entries received for this challenge, making it tough to choose a winner! In 1st place was Magdalena Plagemann Lee, in 2nd place was Jiya Mistry (Renvoize), in 3rd place was Jai Patel (Lee), Pippa Bunce (Renvoize) in 4th and Zara Polat (Lee) in 5th place. Posters will be printed and placed in all student toilet facilities around school! Thank you so much to all those who took the time to submit an entry.

### **House Drama Challenge**

This term, the Drama Department gave KS3 students the opportunity to design a Drama lesson. Wow, what a creative bunch you are! Making it made it a very difficult decision for Team Drama. The winner for Year 7 was Gabi Vaggas & Olivia Iype (both in Carter) and the winner for Year 8 was Ruby Ghioc (Carter). Well done, Gabi, Olivia and Ruby - Mr Froy, Miss Hunter and Ms O'Malley cannot wait to teach your lesson to the entire year group!

### **House Maths Quiz**

During March, the Maths Department set a superb quiz for students to participate in. We are pleased to announce that Lee House was the winner for this one, closely followed by Beven in 2nd, Carter and Renvoize in joint 3rd, Woolley in 4th and Mayhew in 5th place. A brilliant effort from all who participated.

## House Chess

We were so happy to see such an incredible turnout for the virtual House Chess tournament. Scooping 1st place was Adheedhan Ganessin in Mayhew, in 2nd place was Jack Wei (Mayhew) and in 3rd place was Karmin Kaul (Lee). Special thanks to the Year 11 students who gave up their own time to host this event and well done to all of those who took part.

## House Event: Easter Egg Hunt

Team Houses was elated to see students from every year group taking part in this event. Congratulations, again, to the Sixth Form team who were first to find the golden egg! In 2nd and 3rd place respectively (and still winning the all important chocolate prizes!) were Alma (Woolley), Hiya (Mayhew) and Maya (Mayhew) in Year 9 and sister-act Annabelle (Year 7, Woolley) and Jasmin (Year 8, Renvoize). Everyone who took part earned 3 House Points and the House with the most participants overall, gaining an extra 50 House Points, was Lee. Well done everyone - we hope you all had fun!



*Getting ready to head out on the Easter Egg Hunt!*

## Termly Roundup

50+ Conduct Points: All students with 50+ conduct points have been awarded 5 House Points! 1st place - Renvoize, 2nd place - Woolley, 3rd place - Mayhew, 4th place - Lee, 5th place - Carter and in 6th place - Beven.

Park Run: The House with the most people taking part this half term was Carter! In 2nd place were Woolley, 3rd Mayhew, 4th Beven and then Renvoize and Lee tied in 5th.

Quiz of the Week: The House with the most weekly wins this term were Carter!

## Regular Competitions

As ever, there are regular ways of winning some all-important House Points for your Houses. Every Friday, Mr Perkins emails the Houses Quiz of the Week, with the House with the most participants winning 10 points, and second place winning 5. There's also the Parmiter's Park Run, which takes place every Week 2 Friday at lunchtime. Every participant wins 3 House Points for each run that they do, so get those running shoes on and win your House some points! We also have lots of other House competitions and events coming up after the Easter break, so do make sure you get involved.

## Current Standings

And finally, we are delighted to announce the current standings... \*drum roll, please\*

Congratulations to Lee, who are currently at the top of the leaderboard! But have no fear, it is all very much still to play for.

We thank you so much for all of your continued efforts so far this year and we look forward to what the Summer term will bring in the world of Parmiter's Houses.

BEVEN	1527 (6th)
CARTER	1905 (2nd)
LEE	1995 (1st)
MAYHEW	1788 (4th)
RENVOIZE	1579 (5th)
WOOLLEY	1801 (3rd)

## Success all around!

This half term can only be described as fruitful for our sports teams and dancers. It has been fantastic to see so many students representing the school, competing in District and County Finals as well as watching them perform in an annual Performing Arts Show!

### Netball

This half term has seen the netball season draw to a close with many of our teams playing in District League and District Tournaments. Special mention must go to our Year 8A team who were crowned Watford Champions in this year's tournament, strong performances against Aldenham, RMS and a close fought victory over Haberdashers saw the girls come out on top. The Year 10 team didn't get an opportunity to contest for their title as they were busy playing in the Hertfordshire County Plate Final, which unfortunately clashed. A brilliant 32-10 victory over Rickmansworth in the semi final set up the final against Goffs, who we had lost to earlier on in the season. Despite the game being end to end, the girls ultimately fell to a 4 goal defeat. They should be very proud to have gotten this far.

### Football

It was Final time for both our Year 7A and 10A teams after both teams qualified as a result of their league positions.

The Year 10 team had to play Rickmansworth, the only school who had beaten them in the league. Despite scoring first, a sloppy second half resulted in Rickmansworth winning the game 2-1 and taking the title. It is the second year in a row the team has lost in the Final, despite winning the regular league.

The Year 7 team played St Michael's in their final after winning their league comfortably. The game went our way from the very beginning, with our boys winning 5-0 and being crowned District Champions.

The boys also had a nail biting game in the Herts County Semi Final against Bishop Stortford High School. A 2-2 draw at the end of normal time saw penalties taken as the decider. Some excellent penalties, alongside two saves from Dillon Tank in goal, meant the boys eventually won 7-6. They will play Richard Hale in the Final after Easter.

### Rugby

Our Year 8, 9 and 10 teams are all still going strong in the County Cup. The Year 8s had a fantastic 35-10 win over Beaumont to reach the final, where they will play Samuel Ryder. The Year 9s are waiting to play their semi final, which will be played after Easter. The Year 10s have also reached the semi final stage with a brilliant 22-5 win over Sir John Lawes. We are hoping for three Final spots, to be played between 24-26 April.



## Athletics

The start of the athletics season is on the horizon and it has been great to see various events as a warm up. As a result of our excellent 2022 summer, we were invited to compete in the Herts Indoor Championships. Some excellent performances from the team resulted in a 4th place finish for the Inter Girls team and a 6th place finish for the Inter Boys. Stand out performances came from Zara Simon for throwing a meet record in the shot put and Thalia Mann who won the 300m in 43.2 seconds.

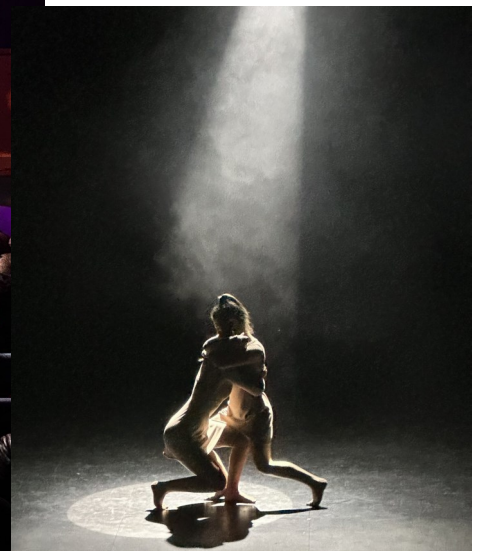
## Hockey

A huge congratulations to our Year 7 team who have started their hockey career with such promise, winning the District League and placed runners up in the Herts Championships. The girls remained undefeated in their district league and it was only a 1-0 loss to Queenswood that decided the Herts Championship. We are excited to see how this group progresses over the coming years.

# DAUNTLESS

## 'Dauntless' Performing Arts Show

What a spectacle! Congratulations to all those who performed in this year's show 'Dauntless'. With over 120 students having the opportunity to dance and act on stage in front of a packed audience, it was incredible to see the talent on show. A huge thanks to all our Dance Leaders who successfully choreographed the dances for all groups. A special thank you to Miss Burnham for all her hard work in running this year's show - you are a superstar!



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(Half term)  
2.30pm  
£16.80 adults, £14.50  
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**Dinosaur Adventure Live**  
Tuesday  
30 May 2023  
(Half term)  
2pm & 4.30pm  
All tickets £15

**The Worst Princess**  
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31 May 2023  
(Half term)  
11.30am & 2pm  
£14 adults, £12 children

**Rapunzel**  
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2 June 2023  
(Half term)  
2pm & 6pm  
£17.50 adults/children,  
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By: N&P Badminton Club  
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