

## Headmaster's message



Season's greetings to all our readers and welcome to our latest InForm newsletter. Below you will see articles covering all the events and activities that have taken place throughout the past seven weeks and, as ever, my thanks go out to all the colleagues (and older students) who have provided and facilitated these and to all

the many, many students who have taken full advantage. Most of these opportunities go far beyond the contractual obligations of staff at Parmiter's and show why we are so blessed to have such dedicated and committed adults at our school.

### Staff

At the end of term we bid farewell to Mr Boyce who has taught D&T at Parmiter's for nearly twelve years. Mr Boyce has also been the Head of Year 7 and has been involved with a numerous extra-curricular activities during his time here. He leaves with our grateful thanks and very best wishes for the future.

### Remembrance

The half term began with our Remembrance Assembly and I want to compliment the entire student body for the respect and exceptional behaviour they all displayed. A special mention must go to students across Key Stage 3 who, led by staff from our Art and Design Faculty, created the impressive and very moving display of poppies outside our main entrance.

### Steven Finn, Charity work, Service and the Student Congress

In early November, as part of our 300<sup>th</sup> tercentenary celebrations, we hosted a fund-raising dinner where my illustrious predecessor, Brian Coulshed, was joined by former student and England cricketer, Steven Finn to reminisce about our school and his time playing cricket for Middlesex and England. The event raised further funds for our chosen charity for the year, Brain Tumour Research and, to date, we have raised over £7,000! In addition, the Student Charity committee of our Student Congress chose to promote Christmas donations for New Hope, a charity in Watford that supports young homeless people.

Very much in the spirit of our motto – *Nemo sibi nascitur* – I'd also like to give a special mention to the students who served our visitors from Bethnal Green at our Christmas Pensioner's Party. This traditional event was hugely enjoyed by our guests as they enjoyed not only the delicious meal provided by Mr Lewis and our catering team but a selection of carols played by Sixth Form musicians.

This week, one of our governors, Mr Pilgrim, and I had the privilege of attending our termly Full Student Congress Committee where we heard the reports from the different committees about the work they are doing to support improvements across our school.

### Christmas Gift Fair

As ever, our Parents and Carers Association led yet another

extremely successful Gift Fair at the end of November. I always value this event for what it does for our spirit of community as much as the funds it raises for our school. This year on both counts we can be delighted. Not only did we have such a large number of adults and children attend but we also raised over £10,000 for the school.

In these particularly difficult times of "cost of living" and the pressures on all households, I would like to express my appreciation to all our parents and carers for the support and encouragement you continue to provide for your children and our school body. I would also like to mention our Christian Union group who provided after school hot chocolate and games for our students as they always do at this time of year.

### "The Parmiter Code"

And then there was the amazing school show, written by our own Mr Froy, Old Parmiterian and Head of Drama and performed with such skill and enthusiasm by the brilliant student cast. The music, led by Mr Bates and performed by our orchestra and singers, and the superb dance pieces, led and choreographed by Sixth Former Rose Arcos, were every bit as impressive. It was the perfect show for our 300<sup>th</sup> year and such an affectionate tribute to our tradition as well as a sign that the Parmiter's of today and tomorrow promises so much more for the years to come.

### Carol Service at St Albans Cathedral

Our tercentenary celebrations came to a grand finale at St Albans Cathedral on Monday with a special Carol Service where we could give thanks to Thomas Parmiter's legacy that has brought us together as a school community and given us so much for which to be grateful. The choir and orchestra (and parent and student bell ringers) were simply superb and my huge thanks also go to the readers, including Daniel in Year 7 and Elizabeth, one of our School Captains. My thanks also go to Mrs Glossop, the Chair of our Foundation, for her kind and generous words and tribute to all Parmiterians – children and adult alike.

### The Parmiterian 2022

InForm, can only, at best, provide a summary of all that takes place at Parmiter's and so I heartily recommend the latest edition of our school magazine, The Parmiterian. The magazine was first produced in 1890, and this year's special tercentenary edition chronicles how students have celebrated our tradition and continue to embody the very best of our values of community, aspiration and opportunity. The 'editors in chief', Mrs Clark and Mrs Mullett, as well as the many, many colleagues and students who have contributed, are to be congratulated for a superb and very beautiful edition that is a fitting tribute to both our tradition and the school of today. It only leaves me to wish all our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I do hope you enjoy a restful, happy and safe Festive Period. I look forward to welcoming our students back on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

Michael Jones  
Headmaster



## The Parmiter Code

With a nod to our 300th birthday, this year's school production was a tale of intrigue and mystery, based on the history and legacy of Thomas Parmiter. The show was created by Mr Froy, Head of Drama and cleverly intertwined fact, fun and fantasy! The show was a sell-out for each of the three nights and the audiences were captivated as the story unfolded! The evil doings of Henry Merceron (fact!), the darkness of the 'Guild' (fiction!) and a search for 'the ring' (fact & fiction!) provided the twists and turns as Bobby Langdon (Elliot Bull) and his new geek friend Sophie Bagg (Isla Savern) undertook to discover Parmiter's story. The fantastic acting was supported by music, dance and song as Bobby found out the hard way that life is much simpler if you just do your homework rather than avoid it!

### Hello All!

With Christmas fast approaching, I think all of the Parents' Association volunteers are welcoming a break from fundraising activities.

Here is a quick breakdown to give you an idea of the last few months.

- ♦ **£12,110 raised since August 2022!!**
- ♦ **£6,550 grant towards ping-pong tables.**
- ♦ **£636.71 donation to the Brain Cancer Trust charity, on the Steven Finn night.**

A volunteer mentioned something to me recently, which I wanted to share with you -

She was recalling the various events we have held and the funds we raised, and then followed this up by saying " ....it's not all about raising money". She reflected on how these events bring together people with a common theme; making our school a better place for our children.

Whether we are buying affordable clothes at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform Sale, serving guests behind a bar or sitting in a local pub planning the Gift Fair (yes, we do that!), the PA brings people together for the best of reasons.

If you would like to spend some time with us in January, we will be holding another of David's famous Family Quiz Night's. Look out for tickets or volunteer to help us run it!

Have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year,

Rob and all of the PA volunteers



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## Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, St Albans Cathedral

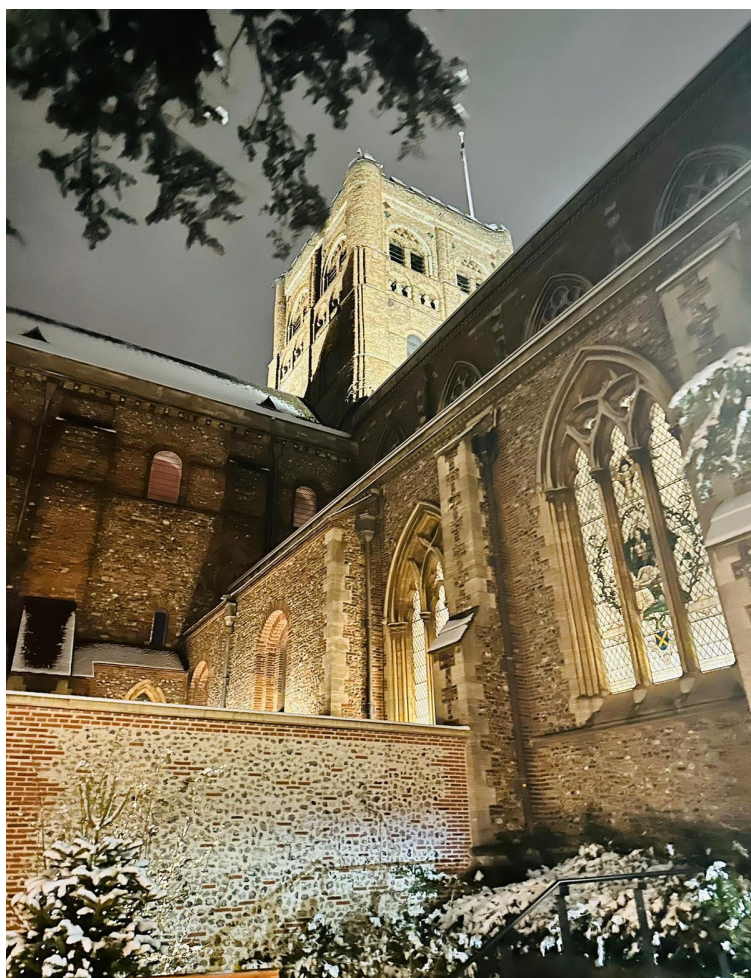


Monday 12 December started with an unexpected fall of snow which added a festive feel as student musicians made their way to St Albans Cathedral to rehearse for the evening's Carol service.

It took some time to become accustomed to the acoustics of the Cathedral and to being accompanied by an organist, but the choristers and musicians settled well into rehearsals and the excitement began to build as each piece was practised.

From 7pm, a group of students, parents and Old Parmiterian bell ringers rang the bells of the Cathedral to mark the start of the service. With the lights dimmed, Once in royal David's City began with a solo from Selma Klemming and the choir processed up the packed nave to their seats by the altar. The nine readings followed, interspersed by traditional carols and amazing musical performances. The Chairman of the Parmiter's Foundation, Mrs Glossop, thanked all those who had taken part in the service and all those who had braved the snowy conditions to attend! She acknowledged the legacy of Thomas Parmiter and the wonderful celebrations that had taken place throughout the year.

It truly was a magical evening ~ a wonderful start to Christmas and a fitting end to a special year.



## Sport

It has been a joy to see all our facilities, practices and fixture list so full this term. We have, so far, had over 40% of the entire school represent Parmiter's in a competitive fixture and at the time of writing have competed with 55 different teams, across 8 different sports and 179 fixtures!

As our traditional football season draws to a close, there are still many of our teams left in positions to win leagues, qualify for league finals and continue to progress in national and county cups. The Year 7A boys team remain undefeated across 17 games. They are still going strong in the National Cup and will contest for a place in the last



16 in January. They have made it to the quarter final of the County Cup and are currently sitting top of their Watford District League. The 9B team also remain in the National Competition and are awaiting their last 32 match versus either Cambourne Village College or Samuel Whitbread Academy. The Year 10A team are also still in the hunt for a league final position, with two big games left to play in the New Year. Our girls teams continue to impress with the U13 and U15 teams still going strong in the Schools Cup. The U15s will be travelling to play a school from Sutton, with the U13s hosting Forest School.

The Netball season is in full swing with many of our teams recording some fantastic results. The top performer's at the moment have to be our Year 8A team who remain unbeaten in the league. The Year 10A team have also impressed with some excellent wins over St Margarets and RMS. Our Year 7 teams have continued to make excellent progress and were rewarded with wins against Queens, following tough matches with Haberdashers.

It has been great to see our teams on the hockey pitch again, particularly our Senior team. The girls performed fantastically against Aldenham and were rewarded with a hard fought draw. They played exceptionally well in the District tournament against some tough sides, finishing in 3rd place. Our Year 7 team went one better in their game against Aldenham with a comprehensive 6-1 victory. This was followed up with another comfortable victory over St Michaels.

Our first silverware of the season came in the District Cross Country Championships with our Year 7 Boys and Year 10 Girls both being crowned District Champions. There were individual medals for Max Henson, Peter Bansaghi and Gina Luckhurst.

All four of our table tennis and badminton teams were successful in the District Championships and all qualified for the County Finals. Our U13 Boys and Girls both performed admirably, with some excellent table tennis being played to finish 4th in their respective competitions. Our U16 Boys and Girls teams also contested the finals, with the boys qualifying through their group and into the 3rd and 4th place play off. A strong performance against St Albans Boys resulted in them being awarded the Bronze medal. Our U16 girls went one better, finishing their tournament unbeaten and being crowned Hertfordshire County Champions. They will now go on to represent Hertfordshire in the Regional Championships in January. The Herts Championships brought much success for all of our teams with all of them finishing in the top 4. The Under 14 boys played magnificently and were unlucky to finish in 2nd place, behind St John Lawes. The U16 boys narrowly missed out on a place in the 1st and 2nd place game. They went on to win the 3rd and 4th place match to get the bronze medal. The girls also performed really well with the U14 girls playing some excellent badminton to finish in the Silver medal position. The U16 girls had a really tricky tournament with some brilliant shot making, finished in 4th place.



And finally, but my no means least, it has been fantastic to start our basketball season. Although most games will be played in the New Year, our Year 7, 8 & 9 teams have all begun their campaigns. A first win was in order for the Year 7s against Watford Boys. The Year 8s and 9s both played St Clement Danes with the Year 9 team losing by 5 points but the Year 8s winning by a comfortable margin of 41-10.

A great big thank you to all those students who have committed to our practices and clubs this term. We wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year and look forward to welcoming you all back in 2023.



## Houses



It has been a great start to the year in the life of Houses at Parmiter's, with all students and staff involved in a wide range of competitions and activities.

The year started with the exciting news that Miss O'Malley has been appointed as the new Joint Head of Houses, joining Mr Perkins in the role. It's great to have her in the role and everyone is really looking forward to seeing the creative ideas that she will bring.

### Poetry Competition

The annual Houses Poetry Competition was launched by Mrs Mullett and Miss Irwin in early October. We saw loads of entries from students across all year groups, which made the final decision a very difficult one to make. In the end, Woolley were the overall winners, with Lee just behind in second place. The joint winners of Best Original Poem were Heer Vekariya (Beven) and Mara Teodora Filipescu (Woolley). The Best Response to Poetry was by Lily Sharman (Woolley). Miss Irwin and the judging panel were blown away by the quality on display and by the amount of entries that were sent in.

### Senior Football

On 15th November, a group of staff and sixth form students took part in the Senior House Football competition. There was some excellent football on show, with some trying to make a last minute call-up to Gareth Southgate's squad, and the winners of the initial group stage were Woolley. However, they were beaten in the final by Carter, who took their revenge for their group stage defeat. Lee beat Beven to come in 3rd place overall, and Mayhew beat Renvoize to come in 5th. Keep an eye out as we will be looking to arrange another tournament next term!



### Staff Bake Off

The ever popular Houses Staff Bake Off returned on the 18th November, with staff and sixth formers set the tasks of making a Christmas themed red velvet cake showstopper, millionaires shortbread squares in the signature, and they were getting that Friday feeling for the technical bake as they had to make Crunchies! After some great fun in the D&T kitchens, the eventual winners were:

*Showstopper:* Mrs Dotse (Lee)  
*Technical:* Mrs Beesley (Lee)  
*Signature:* Mrs Fielding (Beven)

A huge congratulations to all involved and, of course, a massive thank you to Mrs Kosky and the D&T team for organising the event!



### Chocolate Tombola

For the Parents' Association's Christmas Fair, Years 7 and 8

were set the challenge to donate as many chocolate-themed items as possible for the Chocolate Tombola, in the hope of helping their Houses win some all important House Points! In a very close contest, the House which had the heaviest box, and therefore winning 100 House Points, was Mayhew. Renvoize came in second, followed by Beven in third, Lee in fourth, Carter in fifth and Woolley in sixth.

A big thank you to all those who donated goods!

### Other 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 every run that they do, so get those running shoes on and win your House some points! So far, almost 550 House Points have been earned by students and staff for their participation in the Park Run this year, with Woolley having the most participants.

### House Captains

We are delighted to announce that the following House Captains have been appointed for the coming academic year:

#### School House Captains

BEVEN	Harrison Carter & Harriet Kilpatrick
CARTER	Harry Emes & Jamie Cox
LEE	Abi Holland & Ronith Gokani
MAYHEW	Kavya Mehta & Ellie Herrington
RENVOIZE	Chloe Pearson & Poppy Regan
WOOLLEY	Abigail Pearce & Gaurav Shinagare

#### Junior House Captains

BEVEN	Abbie Abraham , Tiago Bairos
CARTER	Eleanor Croston, Gabby Miller
LEE	Tiya Savadia, Ben McGaughey
MAYHEW	Rose Arcos , Archisha Jha
RENVOIZE	Yashashvi Mehta, James Joseph
WOOLLEY	Saul Seifert-Anderson, Georgia White

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## Houses continued...

### Year 11

<b>BEVEN</b>	Luke Collins & Kartikeya Kokkula
<b>CARTER</b>	Abi Charles-Ojo & Saarusy Thanakesavan
<b>LEE</b>	Akshith Ragavan & Andrew Emes
<b>MAYHEW</b>	Annette Abraham & Amelia Watson
<b>RENVOIZE</b>	Michael Tawfik & Emma Abreu
<b>WOOLLEY</b>	Kai Young & Emily Wilson

### Year 8

<b>BEVEN</b>	Niron Chandramohan & Nina Brown
<b>CARTER</b>	Ruby Ghioc & Jessica Street
<b>LEE</b>	Katya Samuels & William Wood
<b>MAYHEW</b>	Siani Tanna & Autumn Rana
<b>RENVOIZE</b>	Daisy Cox & Yash Sharma Suman
<b>WOOLLEY</b>	Sophie Dickson & Vishnu Neelavara

### Year 10

<b>BEVEN</b>	Amaia Dacres & Sophie Benham
<b>CARTER</b>	Luke Nikitas & Henry Ball
<b>LEE</b>	Kimaya Tawade & Anna Dennis
<b>MAYHEW</b>	Grace Eames-Illingworth & Arianna Barfoot
<b>RENVOIZE</b>	Holly Pool & Will Denning
<b>WOOLLEY</b>	Arya Chauhan & Alex Pearce



### Year 9

<b>BEVEN</b>	Bronwyn Bates & Rishi Jakkappagol
<b>CARTER</b>	Rushini Patel & Katie Benham
<b>LEE</b>	Surani Perera & Tom Gow
<b>MAYHEW</b>	Evie Ash & Erno Thorp
<b>RENVOIZE</b>	Natanya George & Aleena Chaudhry
<b>WOOLLEY</b>	Arran Sihota & Kristina Williams

### Year 7

<b>BEVEN</b>	Heer Vekariya & Martha O'Donnell
<b>CARTER</b>	Zara Nikitas & Gabriella Vaggas
<b>LEE</b>	Sisi Bademsoi & Lana Copey
<b>MAYHEW</b>	Cleo Tyack & Isabel Charles-ojo
<b>RENVOIZE</b>	Freddie Fox & Peggy Edwards
<b>WOOLLEY</b>	Mara Filipescu & Tayiba Ahmed



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