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NEWSLETTER

Headmaster's message



Welcome to the May edition of our half-termly newsletter. Maybe it has been the result of the additional Bank Holiday, as well as the hectic schedule of events and activities at Parmiter's, but these past six weeks have seemed to fly by. However, as you will see in these pages, the

students continue to make the most of all the opportunities, both curricular and extra-curricular, available at our school. As ever, I wish to give a special mention to our Year 11 and 13 cohorts who have already embarked on their public examinations. They should be commended for how well they conducted themselves on their respective "Stand Down" days. It was so pleasing to see the fondness with which they are held by staff as well as the terrific rapport between students across both year groups. We wish them all the success in the world this August.

Staffing

We recently welcomed Miss Harris back to Parmiter's from her maternity leave. Also, there are some changes in Science, with Ms Davey and Ms Patel leaving at half term. Mr Branch has returned and will be with us until the end of the academic year.

We are sorry too, to say goodbye to Mrs Dewar who has taught at Parmiter's for almost 20 years. She has thoroughly enjoyed working with so many students, especially beyond the classroom as form tutor, DofE Leader and staff mentor for Carter house. She leaves us to pursue her own exciting new adventures.

Musical and Sporting Success

Among a number of impressive events this past half term, stand-out occasions include our annual Leavers' Concert and the individual and small group Singing and Recital Evening. In fact, the Music Department seem to be working flat out to provide opportunities for students to perform both in and outside of school. Many students attended the Hertfordshire School Gala at the Royal Albert Hall and closer to home, students from our choral groups and jazz workshop performed at St Lawrence Church, Abbots Langley.

Thanks to the Sports Department, I have enjoyed my own recent tour of Hertfordshire, attending County Cup finals for football and rugby at their respective County grounds. You will read news inside of much sporting success, although our finalists across a variety of sports,

enjoyed mixed fortunes. That said, in all cases, our teams played in the true spirit of fair play and full commitment and are a credit to themselves, their team mates and their school.

Year 10 Work Experience and Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expedition

Finally, we have been particularly impressed with our current Year 10 cohort and their engagement with Work Experience and those who took part in the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Practice Expedition last Sunday. A special mention needs to be made of Mrs Zanetti for her leadership and work that went into ensuring every student had an opportunity to take part in the three-day Work Experience opportunity. We are also indebted to all the staff who both led and supported the Practice expedition with over 120 Year 10 students taking part. As for my own group, I need to thank Daniel for his excellent map reading skills which ensured that my latest tour of Hertfordshire did not end up with our getting lost!

I wish all of you an enjoyable and relaxing half term and look forward to seeing students on their return to school on Tuesday 6th June.

Michael Jones
Headmaster

Dear Parents and Carers

Since Easter, members of the Parents' Association held a **Second Hand Uniform and Study Book sale** which raised £900 and a **Bag2School** collection which added another £110 to our fundraising total. A small group of volunteers provided the refreshments at the **Summer Leavers' Concert** for an audience of almost 200! We were sorry to cancel the **Quiz Night** back in April but will be planning another in the Autumn term, so look out for details when we return after the summer break.

We will be supporting the **Celebrating Creativity Exhibition** on 15 June and the **Tea Party** on 28 June for September's Year 7s and their parents/carers – if you are able to help us at either of these events, please do get in touch.

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Our final meeting of this academic year is on **Thursday 6 July** ~ please do come along, we'd love to see you!

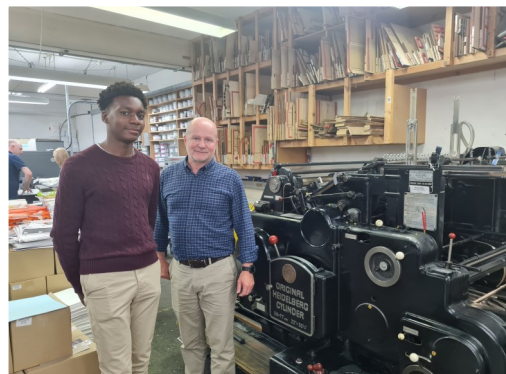
* If your employer offers 'Match Funding' we would love to hear from you; please email the PA or call the school.*

Rob Pyle, Chairman





This term saw the successful completion of the **Year 10 Work Experience Programme**; the first time we have run this programme since the pandemic. Thank you to all the parents and carers who supported their children in finding and facilitating work experience placements. The students attended a very wide variety of workplaces in different career sectors, learning valuable employability skills, interacting and networking with professionals in that sector and developing an understanding of what is required to be successful in a workplace environment.



We have developed a lot of excellent links with local businesses, including a substantial number through alumni and parents and carers, and are grateful to everyone who gave a Year 10 student an opportunity. The feedback on both the students' behaviour and engagement has been excellent and we look forward to running the programme again next year.



This term also saw the conclusion of the **Year 12 Enterprise Challenge**, in which two teams committed six months to planning, organising and running a variety of successful events (both for students and parents/carers) to raise money for designated charities. Their hard work and dedication has resulted in Team Serenity raising £3829 for Peace Hospice Care and Team Eclipse raising £3753 for Charlie's Gift.

Team Serenity



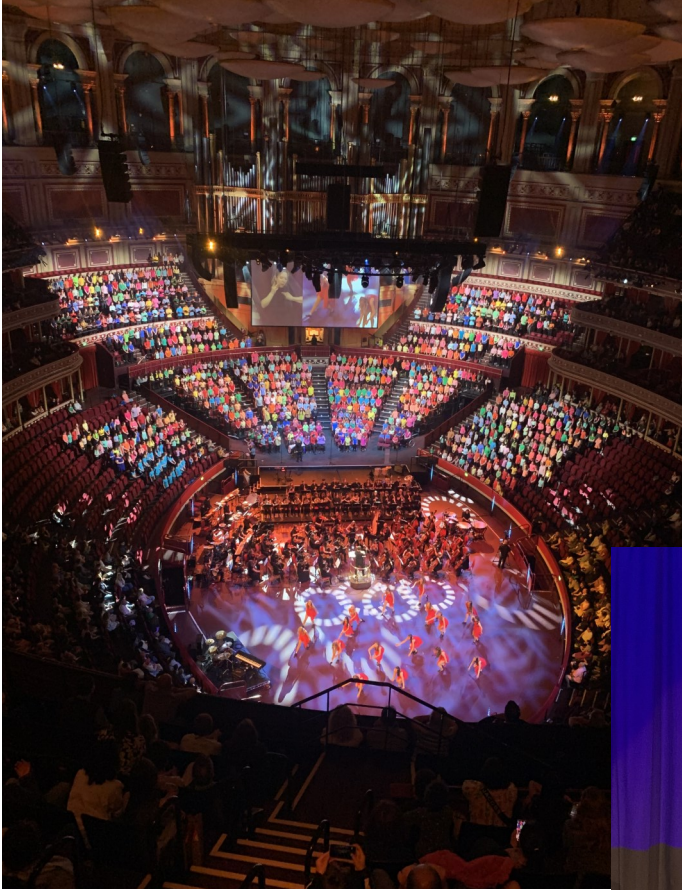
Team Eclipse



Young Reporters

We would also like to congratulate all the students who completed the **Young Reporters Scheme** this year. A prestigious national competition where students have to write and submit 8 articles over 8 months to news publisher Newsquest. We are delighted to announce that for the first time ever we have two winners - Olivia Eyeson (Year 12) and Lawrence Chang (Year 11). In a field of over 1,100 entrants and only 29 category winners, this is a fantastic achievement!

Creativity



As the Headmaster mentioned in his report, it's been a busy time for Parmiter's musicians! On Sunday 30 April, a large group of students took part in the Hertfordshire Music Gala at The Royal Albert Hall. A number of our singers (and Music staff) joined the masses from other Hertfordshire schools, supported by more Parmiter's musicians in the orchestra. The audience was treated to a spectacle of music, song and dance performed by over 1000 young people. It really was quite an experience!

The Summer Concert, fondly known as The Leavers' Concert, took place on Thursday 4 May with fabulous performances from the Orchestra, Senior Strings, Concert Band, Big Band, The Brass Ensemble and the Choir. The stars of the show were, of course, our Year 13 Leavers who performed Abba's 'Thank you for the Music' as a farewell. We wish them all the very best as they embark on their next adventures!

**PARMITER'S SCHOOL
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15TH JUNE 2023
4:30 - 7:30PM

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A date for your diary

Thursday 15 June ~ from 4.30 - 7.30pm

Celebrating Creativity Exhibition ~ all welcome

Now the sun has finally arrived, it is with great pleasure that we can report on some summer activities!

Athletics

The athletics season has started well, with three out of four teams currently occupying league positions that will see them qualify for the finals at the end of the term. Our U14 Boys team currently lead the way, sitting in 4th position after 3 meets. The U16 girls are not far behind them in 6th place. Special mention must go to Anna Anene, Autumn Rana and Amaia Dacres who have all gained school records in their respective events. Anna is now the proud holder of the Year 7 girls 100m record, Autumn has the Year 8 girls hurdles record and Amaia the Year 9 girls hurdles record.

In the English Schools Track and Field Cup, all of our teams competed admirably against excellent opposition. We are awaiting results of whether we have qualified for the regional records in early June.



Cricket

The cricket season has started well, particularly for the Year 8 and 10 teams. The Year 10 team finally got to play their long awaited Plate Final from Summer 2022 and, boy, was it worth the wait!

Being put into bat by Freman College, the boys amassed 137-3 with captain Anay leading the way with a fine knock of 74. He was ably supported by Ishaan Patel who contributed 27.

In response, regular wickets and some excellent fielding limited Freman College to 109, seeing our boys win by 28 runs.

The Year 8 team have started their season strongly with excellent wins against St Edmunds in the County competition and local rivals St Clement Danes in the league. Aidan Patel deserves the plaudits for his 4-9 against St Edmunds.



Tennis

Despite the weather not being on our side, most of our teams have started their tennis season. The Girls teams have excelled with wins against Rickmansworth and Royal Masonic Girls in the Watford League. The County team put up an excellent fight against Queenswood School, which saw the girls win 3-1 and are now well placed to qualify from their group.

The boys teams started their Watford League season with games against Immanuel College. The Year 10s were victorious, with the KS3 teams all losing by 1 set.



Rugby

I reported back at Easter that we were awaiting two County Rugby finals with these matches finally taking place this term. The Year 8s set the standard with a fine victory over Samuel Ryder to be named County Champions. Despite being 3-1 down at half time, the boys dug deep, showed incredible resilience and determination to turn the game round and win 5-3.



The Year 10s played their final last week against Joyce

Frankland Academy. Unfortunately, the afternoon did not go our way against an excellent team. Despite tries by William Denning and Luca Ward, the opposition were too powerful and we were well beaten in the end. The boys deserve huge credit for their attitude this season, going into Year 11 with renewed hope for senior rugby.



House Fantasy Football

House Fantasy Football Manager of the Month for March was Michael Durnea of Mayhew and for April was Jake Ziman of Lee.

Quiz of the Week

The House with the most weekly wins this term were Carter.

Coronation Quiz

A special thanks to Aibhilin Cunningham of Woolley who created a 'Coronation Quiz' for all to enjoy.



Regular Competitions

As ever, there are regular ways of winning some all-important House Points for your House. 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! We also have lots of other House competitions and events coming up after the May half term break, so do make sure you get involved with those.

Current Standings

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

BEVEN	1532 (6th)
CARTER	1970 (2nd)
LEE	2010 (1st)
MAYHEW	1798 (4th)
RENVOIZE	1584 (5th)
WOOLLEY	1826 (3rd)

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 final Summer half term will bring in the world of Parmiter's Houses.

Have a lovely half term break!

Please remember that Monday 5 June is an INSET Day
(staff training day) and we look forward to seeing
students back in school on **Tuesday 6 June.**

Public exams on Monday 5 June will place as scheduled.

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