



InForm

NEWSLETTER

Headmaster's message



Welcome to the Easter edition of our InForm newsletter which comes at the end of an incredibly short but fully-packed half term. I have no doubt that everyone, staff and students alike are ready for a well-earned break, having squeezed a full half-term's work into

four and a half weeks.

As we head into the next phase of the academic year, our thoughts are with our Year 11 and Year 13 students who will be busy preparing for the GCSE and A Level public examinations. I am sure that, with the levels of commitment they are showing and continued effort and hard work, they will attain the results that they deserve in the summer.

Staffing

We say farewell to Mr Gordon (Maths) who is moving on at the end of term. We wish him the very best in his new role.

Spring Concert and Southwark Cathedral

This year's concert, which was enjoyed by a record-breaking audience, was as fabulous as ever - perhaps one of the best I have seen yet. The exceptional talent of over 180 students from Years 7 to 13 was displayed in performances of outstanding ability. Aply directed, as ever, by Mr Bates supported by Miss Birley and Dr Tyack, with the technical expertise of Mr Wibowo, it truly was a fabulous display of musical genius. My thanks, as ever, to all those who enable these experiences for us all to enjoy.

I was also delighted to attend Evensong at Southwark Cathedral at the end of February, as our student choir had been invited to accompany the service. An excellent opportunity for our students to perform in a completely different setting.

Student Congress

It was a real pleasure to attend the meeting of the Full Student Congress yesterday afternoon which was the final meeting to be chaired by our current school captains, Nokukhanya Ndlovu and Dihasya Wijewickreme-Perera. As ever, our students never cease to impress with their confidence and innovative ideas. The example set by our older students to their younger peers is truly inspirational and I look forward to attending the next round of meetings in the new term.

World Book Week and Languages Week

We have recently enjoyed two more alternative weeks - World Book week and Languages week. You will read more about both in the following pages of this newsletter. Once again, the imagination of our incredible staff shone through and the students enjoyed a real range of activities from Year 7 French Karaoke in Languages week to the fabulous Bookopoly game, devised by Mrs Faisal, and played by many during World Book Week.

Parents' Association

You are likely aware that the students have been taking part in a competition to design a new logo for our Parents' Association who will soon be taking the new title of Parmiter's Parents and Carers' Association. It's not too late to submit last-minute entries electronically to pa@parmiters.herts.sch.uk I am looking forward to seeing the creative designs that will be considered to decide the new logo for this fantastic group of parents and carers who do so much for our school. Please do what you can to support the PA, their work and grants to the school benefits each and every student.

We are delighted that, to reduce our carbon footprint, we are nearing the end of a project to install solar panels on the newly refurbished roof of our main building.

At the end of each term, we hold a full school assembly and it was my pleasure today to recognise a host of achievement, across the whole student body. Achievement in competition, in-school and externally, academic and sports successes are recognised and celebrated by all. Student effort and participation is acknowledged by fellow students which means a lot and, I hope, encourages all our students to take advantage of the fantastic opportunities offered by our school.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your continued support of our school and your children. I wish you all a happy and peaceful Easter holiday and look forward to welcoming the students back into school on Monday 15 April.

Best wishes, as ever,


M Jones
Headmaster

Parmiter's Parent's Association

Dear Parmiter's Family,



As we bid farewell to an action-packed term and eagerly await the rejuvenating Easter break, I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the entire Parmiter's **Parents' Association** Team, to express our deepest appreciation for each one of you.

Our community is the heartbeat of the PA's triumphs, and this term has been a testament to that. The unwavering dedication from school staff and the tireless efforts of our volunteers continues to support the enrichment our children's educational journey at Parmiter's School.

Our efforts this term have already borne fruit, as evidenced by the **new basketball goals** now gracing our school grounds—a testament to the PA's commitment and your support. These facilities are a vibrant addition to our school, available for all students to enjoy.



We recently had the pleasure of providing refreshments at the **Spring Concert on 7 March**. It was a wonderful time meeting all the parents and carers during the break of this great event. We look forward to more such engaging interactions in the future. Looking ahead, we have a calendar brimming with activities where your support can shine.

Mark your diaries for our <https://www.bag2school.com> **19 April**



Second-Hand Uniform Sale on 20 April, and please **note the change of date for our next PA meeting**, is now scheduled for **14 May in the school boardroom** (Free coffee & Tea).
• Come along - We would love to meet you there.



More coms on these and other events will be shared via Classists & emails.

The spirit of **collaboration and generosity** within our community is our **superpower**. With this in mind, we are always thrilled to welcome new **superheroes** to our team. If you're feeling inspired to join us, below are some ways to get involved which is the **secret ingredient** to our continued success:

Join the Fun at Our Events: Our events are a great fun way to contribute to our school's vibrant community while meeting other parents and carers alike. If you can support us at our events this will make a world of difference, reach out to us **via email** at pa@parmiters.herts.sch.uk to find out how!

- **Support Through Donations:** Every donation helps, and if your employer offers match funding, it's a fantastic way to double the impact of your contribution. Again, drop us an email if you need help with this.
- **Easyfundraising:** A simple, cost-free way to support our school with your regular online shopping. Click the [Link](#). Easy to sign up & use.

As we step into this break, I wish you and your families a truly wonderful Easter filled with joy, rest, and renewal.

Warmest regards,
Greg Longmore (Chairman) & the Parmiter's Parents' Association Team

World Book Week

World Book Week was filled with literary enthusiasm and student engagement. We started each day with book-related challenges to encourage excitement and participation among students. Congratulations to the winners, **Ishan Bills, Olivia Iype, Louis Healey, Harshal Shah** and **Maya Gulamali** who received £5 Amazon vouchers for daily challenges for their enthusiasm and creativity.



Throughout the week, we had the pleasure of hosting author Caroline Boxall, who visited our Year 7 students and concluded her visit with an exciting book sale. We organised the BBC Young Reporter workshop, which ignited the journalistic passions of our Year 8 and 9 cohorts. We had many notable competitions such as the Extreme Reading Challenge and the Redesign a Book Cover competition, which showcased students' talents and creativity. The winner of the extreme reading challenge is **Lucy Filippini** and for redesigning a book cover challenge, the winner is **Mallolan Nitin**. Both winners received £10 Amazon vouchers.

The Pop-Up Book Cafe and Enterprise Charity sale demonstrated our community's generosity.

Students exchanged books, and we raised £340 for Charlie's Gift and the KDM Foundation, while the Activity Passport Draw celebrated students' dedication to participate in at least 10 out of 15 activities. Two lucky winners **Mandy Lawler** and **Olivia Brittle** received golden vouchers for the exclusive use of the library with up to seven friends for one lunchtime. Overall, World Book Week showcased the power of literature to inspire, engage, and unite our school community.

The Friday Bumper Quiz was a significant highlight of the week, with 18 enthusiastic teams participating. The team named "**Book Book Book**" with the



participants **Hannah Abid, Ruchie Chowdhury, Diya Dasani** and **Abbie Cheung** emerged victorious, earning a Golden Voucher for exclusive library access. Meanwhile, the library workshops allowed students to explore their creativity, from bookmark crafting to book bunting.

Throughout World Book Week, the dedication and commitment of our librarians and sixth-form students shone brightly. Their tireless efforts ensured the smooth execution of all events, and their enthusiasm

encouraged widespread student participation. From organising workshops to coordinating competitions and supporting the daily challenges, they played a pivotal role in fostering a love for reading and creativity among their peers.



The Whole School Bookopoly Competition

The LRC introduced Bookopoly during World Book Week, an exciting fusion of literature and the classic board game designed and created by Mrs Faisal. Inspired by the beloved Monopoly, Bookopoly infuses the traditional game with the fascinating world of literature. Each property on the board represents a different genre, ranging from timeless classics to contemporary bestsellers. As players travel the board, they discover literary challenges, quizzes, and creative tasks that test their knowledge and creativity.

Bookopoly was conceived to nourish students' enthusiasm for reading while promoting a sense of harmony and friendly competition. It has delighted the hearts and minds of students across all grade levels.



Matthew Occlshaw from Year 13 said, "I am an avid reader and I love how Bookopoly encourages reading in my form group. People who haven't picked up a book for reading for pleasure in years are suddenly enthused by the prospect of being transported to another world. I also like how lots of different types and genres of reading are represented, such as news articles and the red categories like diversity and equality. I would absolutely love to play the game again as I have found it super fun!!!"

Jayesh Wadhvani from Year 7 claimed, "I enjoyed playing this game because it made me read more. I felt happy while playing this game. I want to play

this game again."

Indeed, the game sparked a sense of fellowship among students of all year groups as they worked together to solve challenges, share their favourite literary discoveries, and celebrate each other's successes.

Prabhansh Singh from Year 9 said, "Bookopoly allows us to befriend and delve into different books. This lets us expand our imagination and gain information. The best factor about this game is the way that we get some time off from the real world to relieve stress through reading these books."



Maria Moore from Year 13 said, "What I like most about Bookopoly is, how much it brings the form together, the excitement and teamwork it produces every form time and the opportunity to discuss people's interests and favourite genres regarding, bonding people on common interests and expanding other people's opportunities in terms of what to read."

Bookopoly fostered a spirit of collaboration and mutual support that exceeded traditional classroom boundaries. "What I loved most about Bookopoly was how it brought us together as a community," remarked Hannah Abid, from Year 8, who found herself engaged in crime fiction. "It didn't matter if you were a bookworm or a casual reader – everyone had something to contribute, and we all cheered each other on."

Form Tutors did an incredible job of incorporating educational elements into the game without making it feel like work," Soha Abid from Year 11 commented, "Without even realising it, we were learning about different authors, exploring new genres, and honing our critical thinking skills." Amelia Watson from Year 12 stated, "This is a really well thought out project that has been really well executed."

The winners were **7RLE**, who played well and got first place. Then, in second place, there was **7JAL**, who also did a great job. And in third place, we had **7IBI**, who showed absolute determination.

Let's remember the runners-up, **VIALC**, who did a fantastic job too. They all won certificates and a Golden Voucher for the exclusive use of the library one lunchtime.

Congratulations to all the players for making Bookopoly such a joy!



Languages week

Last week saw the very first Parmiter's Languages Week run by the Modern Languages Faculty.

We celebrated language itself with Braille and British Sign Language sessions for Year 8 and Year 9, a Translation Bee competition for Year 9 and a French Karaoke competition for Year 7.

Students attended Taster sessions in Italian, Japanese, Tamil, Romanian, Python and Arabic as well as participating in the whole school's Duolingo competition.

An informative, fun and successful week, that reminded everyone that the skills we learn in language lessons in school are indeed communication tools for the here and now and for the future, emphasising our message that Languages are for Life.

THE PROGRAMME:

- TRANSLATION BEE COMPETITION FINAL
- TASTER SESSIONS IN ITALIAN, ARABIC, JAPANESE, TAMIL
- YEAR 7 KARAOKE COMPETITION
- STUDENT DUOLINGO CHALLENGE
- STAFF DUOLINGO CHALLENGE
- YEAR 9 BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE SESSION
- YEAR 8 BRAILLE SESSION
- GUEST SPEAKERS IN ASSEMBLY

LANGUAGES WEEK 2024

18TH - 23RD MARCH

Languages are for Life



Spring Concert

This year's Spring Concert on Thursday 7 March saw performances from over 180 students, with every year group represented.

The programme of eclectic pieces, ranging from the theme from Mission Impossible to the overture from The Barber of Seville, was enjoyed by an audience of around 300 people!

Friday Band, String Ensemble, Concert band, Orchestra, Junior Choir and Big Band were all on top form, performing enthusiastically with real skill and professionalism. Of course, behind the end results lie many hours of practice, expertly led by our Music team ; Miss Birley, Dr Tyack and, Director of Music, Mr Bates. Behind the scenes, Mr Wibowo's technical expertise ensures that everything looks and sounds amazing.

Thank you too, to the volunteer team from our Parents' Association, who provided refreshments for all during the interval.



Although it has been a really short half term, we have still managed to fill it full of action-packed sport! This is an important term for the end of many of our winter sports and I am delighted to report on many successes.

In my last report, I wrote about the impending District Football finals, which 3 of our teams had qualified for. It was successful for both Year 8 and Year 9, but disappointing for Year 11.



The Year 8 team competed against The Grange Academy who they had previously beaten in the league stage. This game was no different, with our boys controlling the match from start to finish, winning the tie 5-1. The Year 9s, playing in their first League final, played Queens School. An outstanding team performance, including some individual brilliance from Jaquim Veneracion, helped the boys to a 2-0 win and the District title. It wasn't to be for our Year 11 team, who played our arch nemesis, St Clement Danes. A goal conceded in the first few minutes was not the best start and, despite battling back to level the game, they fell to a 3-1 defeat.



The U13 girls were also awarded the title of District Champions after they won their final league game 4-1. It is our girls' team who are flying the flag in the County competitions. The Under 13 team remains the team to beat and will contest the County Final on Wednesday 17th April vs Presdales School. A brilliant win against a strong Ashlyns team in the semi final was one of the highlights of the year. The U14 team couldn't quite match their younger counterparts, following a defeat to Presdales in the semi final. Who will win the battle in the final remains to be seen!



The basketball season has seen success for our Year 9 team, who remain undefeated in the league and won the district title for the third year in a row. We have entered this team into the County League next year where we hope they will be challenged. The Year 10 team were narrowly pipped to the post by The Grange Academy who beat our boys by 8 points to win the league.

Our hockey squads have had mixed results against the local schools. Special mention to our Year 8 team who remain undefeated. There were particularly strong performances against RMS, St Michael's and Aldenham School.

Sport

Congratulations to our U16 Badminton team who performed so admirably in the East England Finals. Wins against the representatives of Cambridge, Norfolk and Suffolk saw the team compete against Bedford School for a place in the National Finals. It was neck and neck throughout all 5 games, with our team missing out on qualifying by 2 single points! Nevertheless, an amazing achievement to get so far in the competition.



Our netball teams are awaiting the results of their leagues and I hope to be able to report success in the summer term. It is looking promising for our Year 9A and B teams, and we hope to be singing their title winning praises in a few weeks time. The annual District tournaments have taken place for all teams, all of whom enjoyed successful performances against all other schools in Watford and the surrounding areas. I want to acknowledge the improvement the Year 8 team has made over the course of the season. Having really struggled in Year 7, the team have shown incredible commitment and have been rewarded with some brilliant results.

Despite there being no formal rugby leagues, our teams have mustered some brilliant performances and have been justly rewarded. The Year 7 team finished their season unbeaten with a fine 25-10 win over St Clement Danes and a 10-5 win over St Joan of Arc. The Year 8s have demonstrated resilience and determination and, despite not winning any of their games, have continued to make progress. The Year 9s have been hit with many cancellations and still have games to go against St Clement Danes and St Joan of Arc. The Year 10 team continue to be successful, showing a brilliant performance against St Joan of Arc winning 27-14. They are due to play St Clement Danes before the end of term. The Senior squad were on fire in a friendly against Dame Alice Owens winning 64-10, with Year 12 Student, Joe Kelly, contributing 4 tries in a polished performance.



As the weather improves, we are looking forward to seeing the return of our summer activities, starting with the Senior Cricket National Cup game on Sunday 21st April. Our County League season begins on Thursday 2nd May with training beginning after Easter.

A note for your diaries - our annual Sports Awards Evening will be held on Monday 15th July at 7pm - an evening to celebrate all the wonderful successes of our students.

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