

# InForm

**NEWSLETTER**

## Headmaster's message



### Exam season 2022-2023

Welcome to the final "In Form" of the 2022-2023 academic year. Whilst so much has happened over the past seven weeks, it seems fitting to start with a reflection on the hard work of students across all Key Stages who have recently completed internal or external

examinations. I would like to give a special mention to our Year 11 and 13 cohorts who conducted themselves so well throughout their lengthy public examination period. It was a real delight to see them all looking so grown up at their respective Proms. I know for so many Year 11s we will meet again in September but, I sincerely hope for all these students who are leaving us this summer, that it is "au revoir" rather than "adieu" and they will return at some point to let us know how they are getting on. Once a Parmiterian, always a Parmiterian and we are so proud of them all.

### Staff Leavers

Our staff leavers this year move on with our thanks and best wishes; Miss Bariampa (Cover Supervisor), Mr Abkenar (Maths), Mr Branch (Science), Mr Irvine (Computer Science), Mrs Tripp (PRE), Mrs Hooper (Science), Mrs Callington (Spanish), Miss Morrin (Science), Mrs Scuri (English), Mrs Frost (Spanish), Mr Burnett (Music), Mrs Coman (PRE), Mr Brogan (History), Mr Walker (Estate team).

Most significantly, this summer sees the retirement of Mr Haynes who has taught English at Parmiter's for 35 Years! In addition to the thousands of Parmiterians impacted by his teaching, Parmiter's benefitted from Mr Haynes's editorial skills as overseer of The Parmiterian magazine for a significant time. We owe him so much more than I have the space here to mention. All at Parmiter's wish Mr Haynes a long and happy retirement - he will be missed!



We wish our trainee teachers (pictured above) well as they leave to take on new posts elsewhere in the Autumn term. Mrs Bull, Miss Thomas, Mr Beale, Mr Lester and Miss Bailey .

### Sporting Success

On Monday evening I had the privilege of attending our annual Sports Awards Evening and this year there was much to celebrate. What is most gratifying has been seeing the huge participation rates from our students across the various summer sporting activities this half term.

A particular highlight, as ever, was our annual Sports Day at Woodside Stadium and congratulations to Carter House for lifting the Sharples Cup.

### Celebrating Creativity (and ingenuity!)

Our annual Celebrating Creativity Evening was as impressive as ever, with stunning work from our GCSE and A Level artists and photographers. Equally impressive was the work from Design and Technology, with superb creativity and technical work across graphics, resistant materials, food and textiles. A further highlight of the evening was the entertainment provided by our musicians and dancers in the plaza and the drama pieces that took place in the Drama Studio.

Our Musicians returned to the plaza last week to stage a terrific Summer Picnic Concert, featuring students from Key Stage 3 joined by peers from Year 10 and Year 12. As ever, the varied range of pieces, plus the exemplary musicianship on show, meant that we were not only treated to an enjoyable evening but could see how bright the future is for Music at Parmiter's for many, many years to come.

Keeping with the theme of outdoor performance, our Drama Department staged an equally impressive Key Stage 3 production of "Alice in Wonderland" in our amphitheatre. The ensemble cast were so impressive as were the cast of older students who took part in "Beautiful Burnout" and the pop-up pantomimes that have been entertaining us in the plaza this week. It's terrific to hear that two Year 12 students, Elliot Bull and Isla Savern, will be keeping up the Parmiter's tradition of performing at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival next month. This will be another student penned piece and I look forward to seeing them there.

### Trips, extra-curricular achievements and adventure

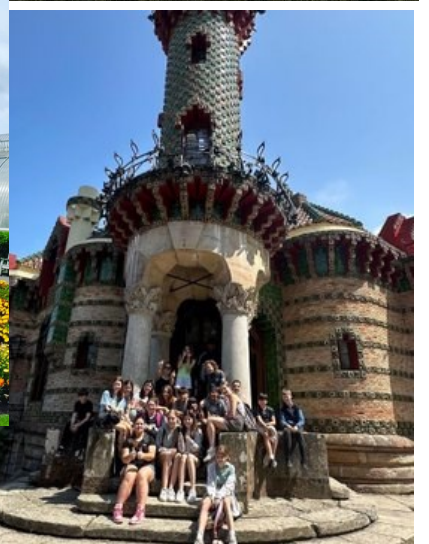
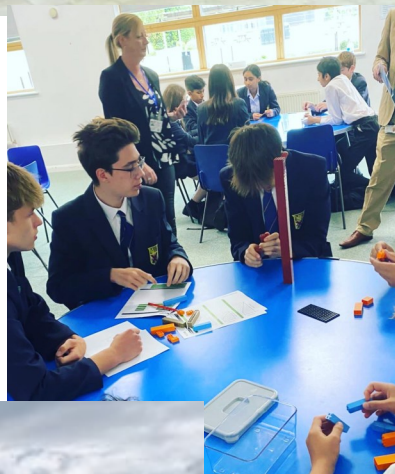
It's been such a pleasure to see so many trips taking place this half term which have included Europe as well as London and destinations closer to home. Congratulations to our Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 students who have successfully completed their Bronze, Silver and Gold D of E expeditions. A special mention to those Sixth Form Parmiterians who were invited to Buckingham Palace in recognition of their Gold Awards. Of course, extra-curricular success has not been restricted to Sport or the Arts. Our Year 7s came third in a prestigious National Reading competition and our Sixth Formers won a hotly contested Model UN debating competition.

I wish you all a wonderful summer whatever you are up to. Having worked so hard over the past school year, I can only urge you to play equally as hard and I hope you all thoroughly enjoy the break.

I look forward to welcoming staff and students back to school in September. Nemo sibi nascitur!

Michael Jones  
Headmaster

# Enrichment Week, 3 ~ 7 July



## Junior Speech Night, Wednesday 19 July

We were delighted to welcome back Mr Coulshed (Headmaster, Parmiter's School, 1993 - 2010) as our Guest of Honour and principal speaker at Junior Speech Night. Mr O'Brien, Chairman of Governors, welcomed students, staff, parents and carers, Old Parmiterians, Governors and Trustees to the prize-giving. Mr Coulshed spoke fondly of his time as Headmaster and recalled a number of fascinating stories. Addressing the students, he reiterated the importance of working hard, to the best of your ability and not worrying about the pressures of examinations and things that are beyond your control.

The event was complemented by two musical interludes; Jemima Jones played Elégie by Fauré on the cello and Alma Nunez Debretzeni performed Dance and Fanfare by Bob Margolis on the recorder (two recorders at one point!)

One of our newly appointed School Captains, Dihasya Wijewickreme-Perera, gave the Vote of Thanks to the speaker.



Dear Parents and Carers

It's the end of the school year already, and I'd like to once again thank you for your support of the Parents' Association. At our July meeting we voted to rebrand and, from September, will be operating as the **Parmiter's Parents' and Carers' Association**, (PCA) to be more inclusive. Please look out for our relaunch and new logo in the Autumn term.



It's been a busy year, with the PA raising approximately £18,300 and agreeing to fund items such as:

- Two Smart TV's for the Art Department (£6,000)
- Table Tennis tables (£6,500)
- Theatre Group (£500)
- Washroom refurbishment contribution (£20,000)

Some of the events hosted or supported have been:

- November Gift Fair
- Quiz Night
- Cheese and Wine Evening
- New Year 7 events
- Second-hand Uniform and Book Sales
- Bag 2 School collections

Lynda Pool and I have been working as Vice-Chair and Chair for four years, and would like to be able to start a hand-over to new volunteers. The Secretary role is also open; Karen has been in this role for at least six years. If you are interested in any of these roles, please come along to the AGM in October and put your name forward. If you would like any information before deciding, please contact us and we will let you know what's involved.

We met a number of new Year 7 parents and carers recently, who showed an interest in volunteering. We look forward to meeting up again at the Cheese & Wine event for new parents and carers in September.

Have a wonderful Summer everyone!

Rob Pyle, Chairman

# Celebrating Creativity



**PARMETER'S SCHOOL  
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EXHIBITION**

THURSDAY  
15TH JUNE 2023  
4:30 - 7:30PM

PLEASE JOIN US AT PARMETER'S SCHOOL WHERE WE WILL BE SHOWCASING CREATIVITY FROM A COLLABORATION OF ART, PHOTOGRAPHY, DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY, FOOD, DRAMA & MUSIC. BOTH GCSE AND A LEVEL WORK WILL BE ON DISPLAY ALONG WITH LIVE PERFORMANCES TAKING PLACE THROUGHOUT THE EVENING.

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It has been a thoroughly successful summer term, with many of our teams winning competitions in their respective sports. Please see below some more details of our successes.

## U14 Girls Athletics

It was a fantastic summer for our combined Years 7 and 8 girls' athletics teams, who were crowned Hertfordshire plate champions. Having competed superbly in our 6 league events, they qualified for the finals. Some strong performances against some excellent opposition saw it all come down to the final race. Romping home in first place in the relay secured the overall event win for the girls, who now hold the title of Hertfordshire Champions.

## District Athletics Championships

We had the most successful District Championships in a long time, with 17 students winning titles in their individual events. Congratulations to the following:

**Year 7** - Zoe Thomas (Discus), Anna Anene (100m), Alex Dacres (Hurdles), Daisy Jackson (Javelin), Jaden Dunn (800m).

**Year 8** - Ramsey Gill (Pole Vault), Peter Bansaghi (High Jump), Luca Lazar (Triple Jump), Hayden Stapelberg (Javelin), Autumn Rana (Hurdles)

**Year 9** - Tom Gow (Hurdles), Keelan Skehill-White (Shot put), Hui Xin Sezille (Shot put), Jake Rayner (Discus)

**Year 10** - Thalia Mann (300m), Tinashe Mtanda (Shot Put)

It was the Year 7 girls' squad who shone the light for Parmiter's, finishing in 1st place and winning the championships. With these results, combined with all other competitors, we finished as overall runners up - a fantastic achievement by over 100 athletes.



## Year 8 Girls Tennis

Congratulations to our Year 8 girls tennis team who performed brilliantly all summer to win the District league and progress to the County finals representing Watford. In the league, strong wins against RMS and St Clement Danes, with a draw against Haberdashers, was enough to make finals day. It was a tough afternoon and, with some excellent tennis played, the girls finished in 4th place.



## Year 7 Girls Tennis

Well done to the Year 7 girls tennis team who successfully started their Parmiter's tennis careers with the title of Watford District Champions. A clean sweep of victories over RMS, Haberdashers and St Clement Danes means that they are the team to beat as they move up the school.



## Year 7 Cricket

Despite a chastening defeat in the early season vs St Albans, the Year 7 cricket team bounced back with an unbeaten league season to win the Watford title. Two nail-biting matches against Rickmansworth and St Clement Danes with both going our way, were brilliant spectacles of school sport. Congratulations to the whole squad!

### Year 8 Cricket

It has been a fantastic summer for the Year 8 cricket team with a well deserved District title under their belts. There were contributions from the whole squad but, special mentions must go to Aaron Rajkumar for his consistent batting and bowling, Aviv Panicker for his expert spin bowling and Vishnu Neevalara for some excellent batting innings.



### Year 9 Cricket

It is the third summer in a row that the Year 9 boys have been crowned District Champions. Despite a poor performance and a first league defeat against Rickmansworth, strong performances elsewhere saw the team win the league by 6 points. Brilliant performances from Captain Krish Bhatt as well as Nakul Trivedi, led the way for the team.



### Year 10 Cricket - Hertfordshire Plate Champions

After a wait of nearly a year, the Year 10 Cricket team finally got to play their Herts Schools County Final vs Freman College. Being asked to bat first was Captain Anay who led from the front scoring 75, with Ishaan Patel adding a valuable 25 in the team's total of 136. Freman College struggled to get anywhere near our score, finishing on 109. Congratulations to the team who are now County Champions!

**May we take this opportunity to thank all those students who have committed to our department this year.**

**635 students have represented Parmiter's across 17 different sports in 424 matches!**

*We wish you all a happy and active summer,  
ready to return in September for another successful year.*

### Sports Awards Evening

The 18th Annual Sports Awards evening was held on the evening of Monday 17 July. The event celebrated the contributions and achievements of all sports students and gave the team Captains an opportunity to present a report on their teams' seasons.

Congratulations to all those involved, especially Mr Clark, his department and other colleagues without whose dedication and commitment these opportunities and experiences would not be available to our students.



Well, what a term it has been! There have been numerous fantastic House competitions, challenges and events, which, of course, included our infamous Sports Day. As always, it has been wonderful to see so many of our students and staff getting involved!

## Sports Day

Another year, another fabulous Sports Day! An excellent effort from all who participated and supported. The winning House in Year 7 was Mayhew, in Year 8 Carter took the lead, Year 9 saw Lee as the overall winner and in Year 10 it was Woolley who came out on top. The Tug of War winner this year (after the rope was fixed!) was Beven.

It was very close but it was Carter who lifted the cup this year - well done, Carter House!

## Active Lives Week

Throughout Active Lives Week, there were lots of House challenges such as a rowing challenge, a keepy ups challenge, a sports quiz and a steps challenge! Not only did Lee House come 1st in the rowing challenge, but they also had the most participants in the steps challenge. Mayhew took the top spot for the keepy up challenge and the steps challenge (number of steps). Renvoize House were the winners in the sports quiz. A huge thank you to the PE department for creating such an engaging programme of events for our students to get involved in.

## House Science 'Pride in Science' poster competition

To celebrate Pride Month, the Science department set a 'Pride in Science' challenge. The winner for KS3 was Surani Patel in Lee and the winner for KS4 was Milan Gudka in Renvoize. Posters will be printed and displayed around the Science block.

## House Art challenge (Y7)

There were many creative entries received for this challenge, making it tough to choose a winner! In 1st place was Jai Patel of Lee House, in 2nd place was Ashleana Patel (Woolley), in 3rd place was Abbie Cheung (Renvoize), Caden Pingol (Woolley) in 4th, 5th place went to Cleo Tyack (Mayhew) and in 6th place was Pippa Bunce (Renvoize). Thank you so much to all those who took the time to submit an entry.

## House Rounders

Congratulations to Mayhew who won this competition! In 2nd place was Lee, in 3rd place was Renvoize, in 4th place was Carter, in 5th was Beven and in 6th place was Woolley. As always, well done to all who took part!



## House Cricket

Congratulations to Woolley who won this competition! In 2nd place was Carter, in 3rd place was Beven, in 4th place was Renvoize, in 5th was Lee and in 6th place was Mayhew.

## Termly Roundup

Zero Heroes: From this term onwards, we will be awarding House points to students with zero behaviour points. The House with the highest number of 'zero heroes' this term was Mayhew. They are followed closely by Carter in 2nd, with all other remaining Houses in joint 3rd position.

Park Run: The House with the most people taking part this half term were Carter! In 2nd place were Beven, 3rd Mayhew, 4th Renvoize, 5th Lee and Woolley in 6th.

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

## Final standings

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

Congratulations to Lee who, with a whopping 2647 points, are our winning House this year!

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



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CARTER	2520
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