

InForm

NEWSLETTER

Headmaster's message



Welcome to the first InForm newsletter of the academic year. It has been a very busy and highly productive half term and I have been delighted to see so many trips and extra-curricular activity taking place alongside the high quality of

the lessons our children experience on a daily basis. How lucky they are to attend a school with such dedicated, passionate and reliable staff.

Thankfully, that good fortune extends to the adults here at Parmiter's – how lucky we are to have such engaged and committed learners who are making so much of their time at school. I have received so many compliments from those who have hosted Parmiter's trips, meeting our students abroad on the Normandy trip or in Northamptonshire at Bushcraft, as well as from Cornwall, Dorset or in London at the recent Psychology trip. In each case, whatever the year group, adults who encounter Parmiterians for the first time are amazed by how polite, enthusiastic and curious they are. What a credit to our school and to you, their parents and carers.

Staff

In July, we welcomed new teachers Ms Merchant (Computer Science), Ms Docherty (English) and Mrs Vitviska (MFL). We were joined in September by Mr Hackett (Head of PRE), Miss Ungaro (Maths), Ms Trivedi (Maths), Mrs Nixon (Geography), Mr Silvester (2 i/c Science), Mrs Saville (Chemistry) and Mr Sheehan (Science). We have three trainee teachers this year: Miss Citro (PE), Mr Edwards (Geography) and Mr Burnell (PE). Mr Beecher is our PE Apprentice. Joining our support staff are Miss Rezaie (TA), Mr Wibowo (Performing Arts Technician), Miss Thomas (TA), Miss Kilpatrick (TA) and Mrs Kightly (Cover Supervisor). We are delighted that our new colleagues have settled so well and hope that they enjoy their careers with us at Parmiter's.

Senior Speech Night

With such an impressive set of examination results this summer, at both A Level and GCSE, it was only fitting to pay tribute to so many older students at our annual Speech Night in September. Our inspirational Guest Speaker was Sir Stephen Irwin, an eminent QC and experienced barrister, with a fascinating career and insights that he shared with the audience.

My congratulations go to all the prize and award winners. They have demonstrated not only their academic talents but also their courage, creativity, dedication and service to others having engaged in opportunities, such as the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme, beyond the classroom. Fine examples of "Nemo sibi nascitur!" I would also like to congratulate those students who provided the musical interludes: Rebecca Whitehouse who sang so beautifully and the dynamic cornet and euphonium duo of George Sharman and Sam Hill. And of course, our School Captain, Nokukhanya Ndlovu, for her superb Vote of Thanks for Sir Stephen.



Parents and Carers

It has been great fun meeting so many parents and carers this half term. From seeing you on the side lines at sports fixtures, to the wonderfully well attended Year 7 Cheese and Wine event, hosted by our brilliant Parents' Association. I was disappointed that I was unable to attend this year's Parents Association AGM but do want to thank them for all they do and encourage ALL our Parents and Carers that, if you do nothing else to support your school next half term, you put the date of our Christmas Gift Fair in your diaries!

I do hope that you will take the time to read the pages of our newsletter where you will find more details about what your children have been up to over the past seven weeks. They, and my colleagues, are due a well earned break over half term and I look forward to seeing them continue to grow and flourish when we return on Monday 30th October.

M Jones
Headmaster



Dear Parents and Carers

We hope this message finds you well. We have some important news to share with you.

A Fond Farewell and a Warm Welcome: With sincere gratitude, we bid farewell to Rob Pyle, our dedicated Parents' Association Chairman for the past three years. Rob's tireless commitment to the behind-the-scenes aspects of our association and his unwavering dedication have been the backbone of our achievements. His time as Chairman stands as a testament to what we can achieve when we work together.

We are excited to welcome Greg Longmore as our new Parents' Association Chairman. With a son in Year 8, Greg is eager to continue the strong legacy Rob is leaving us with. We also extend a warm welcome to our two new officers, Linda Cooney and Reena Patel-Parmar, who have taken on the crucial role of Secretary.

We are also pleased to introduce Tina Canning, who will be shadowing our Vice Chair, Lynda Pool, in preparation for a future transition next year. Finally, it's great to have Ozana Dragomir remaining as our Treasurer. If you're interested in joining our dedicated team, contributing your time or skills, please reach out to us at PA@parmiters.herts.sch.uk.

Celebrating Our Achievements: In September, we hosted another successful Cheese & Wine event with over 180 parents and carers in attendance. It was wonderful to see so many of you there. Additionally, later that month, our Second-hand Uniform and Study Guide sale was a great success, raising over £1,100. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all who supported this event, it reflects the strength of our community. We also express our appreciation to those parents and carers who joined us for our AGM on Tuesday 3rd October. A warm welcome to all of you. Thank you for joining and supporting us.

An Invitation to the Christmas Fair: Our highly-anticipated Christmas Fair is just around the corner **on Saturday, 18th November 2023, from 11 am to 3 pm**. This year's fair boasts over 50 professional stallholders, promising an extraordinary event. Your support is essential for its success. We invite volunteers to assist with our PA stalls and the restaurant. Whether you can spare an hour or more, your time is truly invaluable. Even if you can't attend during the event, we'd greatly appreciate your help with cleanup, starting at 3 pm. Donations for our various tombolas and stalls, including Gift, Bottle, Chocolate and Teddy & Toy tombolas, are also warmly welcomed. Don't forget, Grand Draw tickets are on sale now, please see the link below.

Join Us on This Journey: Our community's accomplishments have been remarkable, and there's more to come. Whether you're already part of our family or considering joining, remember the words of Helen Keller: "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

We sincerely thank you for your unwavering support. We look forward to the upcoming events with great anticipation, a sense of unity and your unwavering support.

Warm regards

Parmiter's Parents' Association Team

Grand Draw Tickets are available here: <https://www.jumblebee.co.uk/parmiterspcagrandchristmasdraw2023>



We are collecting donations after half term for our tombolas:

Gifts (unused small gifts)

Bottles (bottles of drink)

Teddys and Toys (in excellent condition)

Chocolate (all varieties!)



Trips and Visits



Year 8 in Normandy, France



Year 10 Art students in Cornwall



Year 10 Geography students in Swanage



Year 11 Drama students in London

Year 12 students at Harefield Hospital



Year 13 Psychology students visit the Freud museum

We jumped into the new academic year with all things Houses here at Parmiter's!



'This Is Me' Shield Competition (Year 7)

Over the Summer, all Year 7 students were asked to take part in their first (of many, we hope) Parmiter's House Competition. Students were asked to create a shield showcasing who they are. With 77 students' shields to choose from, it was a very difficult decision to make! The winner of this competition was Lex, who scooped 100 points for his House (Renvoize), Mallolan of Woolley came 2nd and in 3rd place was Jacob H of Beven. The House with the most participants was Woolley.

Bushcraft Photo Challenge (Year 7)

In September, many Year 7 students attended a school trip to Bushcraft. Whilst they were away, we challenged them to take the 'best action shot' and 'the best group photo', among others. Results for this challenge will be announced after half-term.

World Mental Health Day Challenge

In aid of World Mental Health Day on Tuesday 10th October, we ran a House Challenge by asking students to let us know what they had been doing to help their mental health during that week. We had over 200 responses from students across all year groups. We thoroughly enjoyed reading all of your comments and are glad to see you are taking care of yourselves. Each participant was awarded 3 House Points for sharing their experience.

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.

Live Competitions

We currently have two competitions running: House Poetry and House History. All of the information about these competitions, as well as details of how to apply, can be found in the Notices, on your Houses Google Classroom and on our Houses Instagram page.

Coming Up

There will be many competitions and challenges launching after half-term, including House Art and House Drama, so please keep your eyes peeled. There is also a Senior House Bake Off on Friday 10th November. Please do encourage your teachers to get involved!

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The House Captain appointments for all years will be announced in the first week back after half-term.

Current Standings

And finally, at the beginning of the school year, we are delighted to announce the current standings are as follows... *drum roll, please*

BEVEN	240
CARTER	176
LEE	193
MAYHEW	187
RENVOIZE	308
WOOLLEY	293

Congratulations to Renvoize 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 efforts so far this year and we look forward to what the new half term will bring in the world of Parmiter's Houses.

Sport

It has been a busy first half term for our sports teams, with the main focus being on football, hockey and Badminton.

Our football teams have started the season with mixed results. The Year 7A team currently sit mid-table of their league with two matches to play. A fantastic performance against Verulam in the National Cup has been the highlight so far. The 7B team has struggled against other schools' A teams but, with performances improving, we know there are some wins coming shortly. The Year 8A team continues to dominate and outstanding performances against St Michaels, St Clement Danes and Queens sees them top the table. There was a disappointing defeat to Beaumont in the National Cup, losing a close game 2-1. The 8B and 9B teams continue to work hard and have been rewarded with some strong performances. The 8Bs were fantastic in the recent 2-2 draw with St Clement Danes.

The Year 9A team have started the league season strongly, with a brilliant win against St Michaels. They are playing Samuel Ryder in the County Cup after half term, where we hope they will continue their momentum. Congratulations to the captain, Hayden Stapelberg, who has been selected to play as part of the Hertfordshire Schools FA team. The Year 10A team have, unfortunately, been knocked out of both the National and County competitions but, with the league now the big focus, we are hopeful they can push on for the remainder of the season.

The Senior teams have come up against some excellent sides, losing in both the National Cup to Sandringham and Simon Balle in the County Cup. With most of the league games to come after half term, we are hoping to be pushing for the league title.

The girls' teams are flying in the National Cup, with strong wins against Cox Green and Chiswick School. Both the U13 and U15 teams are due to play Beaumont for a place in Round 3. In the league, a fine performance from the Under 15 team against RMS has been another highlight. Congratulations to Sundus Naqvi and Daisy Jackson, who have both been selected to play as part of the Hertfordshire Schools FA team this season.

A special thank you must be given to all our students who have volunteered to referee and officiate games, we couldn't do it without their support. They are all a credit to Parmiter's.



It has been brilliant to see our badminton teams get more opportunity to play competitive fixtures, particularly for the U14 and U16 Boys in the School Sports National Competition. After whitewash wins over Beaumont and Hitchin Boys, the team are through to round three where they will meet Haberdashers after half term. The Under 14s navigated Sandringham with ease but came up against a strong Haberdashers team in round 2. In the District competition, both squads were unbeaten and qualified for the County Finals in December. The U14 and U16 Girls Badminton teams had great success in the Watford District League, with both teams joining the boys in the Hertfordshire finals.

Our Year 8 hockey team were one of the stars this half term, competing against some of the very best private schools in the County competition. Wins against RMS and Haileybury, along with a draw against Hockerill, resulted in the team finishing in 2nd place and narrowly missing out on qualification to the regional rounds.



We have entered the English Schools Cross Country Cup for the first time and it was a joy to watch our teams perform so admirably. It was the Under 13 boys team who impressed the most, winning their event with ease. Jonah McNaught, running for Parmiter's for the first time, finished in 3rd place, closely followed by Max Henson in 6th and Simeon Azeez in 8th. The team will compete in the regional finals in November.



and to finish

Year 7 enjoyed a joyful end to the half term in assembly this morning.

Led by Dr Tyack, they joined together in a rendition of 'Siyahamba' - a South African hymn that means 'We are marching' in the Zulu language.



Delivering Special Provision Locally



Opportunity to support SEND provision in Watford, Three Rivers, Bushey and Radlett

DSPL 9 (<http://dsplarea9.org.uk/>) brings together parents/carers, staff from early years settings, schools and colleges, local authority officers, and representatives from other agencies, to make sure that there is a range of services available in their local community that meets the needs of children and young people with SEND, aged 0-25, as close to home as possible.

An opportunity has come up for a new parent or carer to join DSPL9 in order to share the views of families in the area and be part of the decision-making process for the services that are put in place locally. HPCI (Herts Parent Carer Involvement (hertsparentcarers.org.uk)) will provide support through training and regular meetings for parents/carers to share their experiences. If you would be interested in taking up this role (which would likely mean attending at least one meeting every half term), please contact Gemma Hall at gemmahall@dsplarea9.org.uk

Any interest will need to be registered by Friday 3rd November. Following this Gemma Hall will make contact with those who have expressed an interest.

"What's On?"
IN THE AREA

For Accompanied Children & Any Adults

Children's Crafts

Hot Lunch

Totally Free

Pop-Up Cafe

12-2pm

Thurs

26th Oct

Pop-Up Cafe

All Saints Church Hall

All Saints Crescent
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