

InForm

NEWSLETTER

Headmaster's message



Welcome to our February half term InForm newsletter. As you will see from the following pages, it has been a busy and productive start to 2024, with our students continuing to make the most of the many curricular and extra-curricular opportunities.

Aspiration

I'd like to begin by celebrating the aspirations of our current Year 13 cohort who have completed their trial examinations over the past few weeks and have also begun to receive exciting offers from universities and degree apprenticeships including Oxbridge and Russell Group universities. Their hard work and commitment to learning over the past two years is certainly bearing fruit and enabling them to pursue the ambitious pathways they have set for themselves when they finish school.

Staff

Miss Burnham (PE) left us at the beginning of February to start her maternity leave and we welcomed Mrs Pettengell, who is covering her absence. Mrs Febrianti joined our team of Science technicians at the end of January and we have also welcomed Miss Ahmed (History), Mr Azad (Maths) and Mr Al-Raheme (MFL). Mrs Dhas, Mr John and Miss Morris leave us to return to their own schools after completing their trainee teacher second school placements at Parmiter's. We wish them all the best as they continue with their training.

Academy Governance

Our Governors spent a Saturday in school at the end of January, reviewing all things Parmiter's. Together with members of the Senior Leadership Team, they took part in a number of interactive sessions in their continued efforts to ensure the very best provision for our students. I remain grateful for their unwavering support of our school.



"Kaleidoscope" Performing Arts Show

Dedication is clearly apparent in the number of students who are taking up leadership opportunities across the school. What better example of this than our recent Performing Arts production which, as ever, showcased the superb choreography and directorial skills of our student body. Many of these were students in the Sixth Form but, what pleased me most, was to see so many of our Dance leaders who led group performances by our Key Stage 3 students coming from Years 10 and 11. And what a wonderful production it was, fully befitting the Watersmeet's impressive performance space. The audience was truly privileged to witness the superb work of so many students in the varied Dance, gymnastic and Drama performances. Congratulations to every student involved and sincere thanks to the PE and Drama Departments and, of course, to Miss Burnham who oversaw and led it all.

The Winter Picnic Concert

As ever, we have been spoiled by the amount of creative endeavour we have been able to enjoy this half term. Congratulations to our A Level musicians who hosted an individual performance evening to showcase their talents across a wide range of instruments. Congratulations too, to all the students from all Key Stages involved in our annual Winter Picnic Concert. Thank you to our Music Department and all the peripatetic teachers who led group performances across their respective instrumental specialism, culminating in Mr Walker's phenomenal Jazz bands. It was a real treat and a superb way to bring the half term to a close.

PA Quiz Night fundraising and charity work

Finally, thank you to our amazing Parents' Association and all their fundraising work this half term. A highlight was our PA Quiz, with our very own Quiz Master, Mr Hawes at the helm. Thank you to all our PA members and helpers and to the whole parent and carer body who supported the donations we were able to send to New Hope, our local charity which supports homeless people.

I hope and trust you all experience an enjoyable half term, especially those students about to set off on our annual Ski trip, together with all my colleagues and trip leader Mr Cummings.

I look forward to welcoming students back to school on Tuesday 27th February. My very best wishes to you all,

M Jones
Headmaster

Parmiter's Parent's Association

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this message finds you well as we journey through the early part of 2024. It's with a sense of pride that I bring you updates from the Parmiter's Parents' Association (PA). Our collective efforts continue to support an enriching environment for our students, and it's my pleasure to highlight our recent successes.

Celebrating Our Achievements



- **Quiz Night:** A Fusion of Fun and Brains! The 'Parmiter's Parents' Association Family Quiz Evening' on Saturday, 20 January, was a spectacular blend of laughter and intellect. Together, we raised an impressive **£1,700**. Kudos to 'The Abbey Flyers,' our quiz champions, for leading the charge in this unforgettable night.
- **Second-Hand Uniform and Book Sale Impact:** Our commitment to sustainability and support was beautifully demonstrated at the Second-Hand Uniform and Book Sale, which raised **£700**. It just goes to show that every small contribution adds up to significant impact. Thank you to all involved.
- **New Hoops on the Horizon!** We're excited to share that new basketball hoops are soon to be a fixture on our playground. This request from the student committee, promises to enhance and broaden the sports facilities available, helping to ease congestion and enrich the sporting experiences of our students.

Exciting Developments Ahead

A Chance to Leave Your Mark at Parmiter's School! After the half-term, we will be launching a competition that's not only engaging but also offers a unique opportunity for someone. Stay tuned for more details, as this will be a chance for every student to get involved and potentially leave a lasting imprint at Parmiter's School.



Expressing Our Gratitude

A heartfelt thank you goes out to each and every one of you who has contributed to our journey this year. From committee members and long-standing PA members to our invaluable volunteers, your dedication is the heartbeat of our success.

Join the Effort

We're always eager to welcome new ideas and volunteers. If you're looking to make a positive impact and connect with like-minded parents and carers, there are numerous ways to get involved:

- **Participate in Our Events:** Our events are not only fun but also a great way to contribute to our school's vibrant community.
- **Volunteer Your Time:** Every moment you can spare to help at our events makes a world of difference. Contact us via email pa@parmiters.herts.sch.uk
- **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.
- **Easyfundraising:** A simple, cost-free way to support our school with your regular online shopping. Click the [Link](#)



Mark Your Calendars

Our next PA meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 27 February. We're looking forward to welcoming both new and familiar faces, sharing ideas, and planning future activities.

Together, we are building a stronger, more connected Parmiter's School community. Let's continue to support our students and each other.

Warmest regards,

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

The Young Reporter Scheme is a prestigious nationwide programme run by Newsquest, where students get the opportunity to write and publish 8 articles over 8 months on a national news site and enter a competition for Reporter of the Year. Following on from the success of our students in this scheme last year where, in a field of over 1500 entrants, we had two overall category winners, three of our participating students this year have had their articles selected for the 'Student Comet' newspaper produced by Newsquest to celebrate the halfway point of the competition. This is a brilliant achievement in what is once again a highly competitive national scheme, congratulations to Natsinee Piper (Year 10), Surani Perera (Year 10) and Yusuph Choudhury (Year 12).



You can read their articles here: [Student Comet](http://www.youngreporter.co.uk)

Charities Update ~ see below how you can help

At the end of January, we had an amazing response when we requested donations of items for the homelessness charity **New Hope** based in Watford. They were blown away by the minibus full of items that was delivered to them from the Parmiter's community. A big **THANK YOU** to all those who supported us with this.



As you know, we had to postpone the Festive Fun Run planned for December due to the weather and the slippery conditions. We are planning to reschedule this event before the end of this Spring term and hope to host an Easter Fun Run with students coming in fancy dress hats and tops either related to the Easter theme in some way or alternatively in something in the colour green to show their support for the Macmillan charity. We will once again be encouraging students to get sponsorship for completing the 3k walk/jog/run and will confirm the date and details soon.



This school year we have already raised more than £2,000 for Macmillan Cancer support, primarily through the two fantastic Year 9 lunchtime charity events.

How you can help ~

One of our students, who is undergoing cancer treatment, came up with the brilliant idea that we ask Parmiter's students to donate any unwanted, **new or nearly new board games and jigsaw puzzles** (must have all the pieces!) which we will then offer to children's hospital wards. Spending time in hospital can be made that little bit easier if you are absorbed in a game with family, friends or others in the hospital. We would like to ask you to take a look through your cupboards and shelves over the half-term break and to bring in any board games or jigsaw puzzles you would like to donate when we return to school.



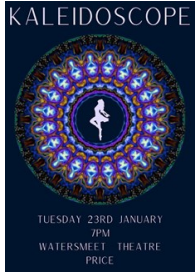
Donations can be brought to the main school reception during the first week back from Tuesday 27th February - Fri 1st March 2024.

We were delighted to hear from the Royal British Legion that we raised £458.25 from our in-school poppy appeal. Thank you to all those who bought poppies.

Mr Redmond and the Student Charities Committee



Wow, what a brilliant start to 2024 it has been in the world of Parmiter's Houses! As always, it has been an absolute pleasure to see so many students and staff involved with House competitions and challenges.



House PE/Drama: Performing Arts Show Poster/Programme

Students were challenged to create a design for the Performing Arts Show poster/programme. Having received many fabulous designs, the chosen winner was Cleo T of Mayhew House. Well done, Cleo!

House Football (KS4)

A great turnout and excellent conduct for the KS4 House Football tournament which saw Lee scoop 1st place! In 2nd place was Mayhew, in 3rd place was Carter, Woolley was in 4th place, in 5th place was Renvoize and in 6th place was Beven.



House Netball (KS4)

Congratulations to Woolley who was the winners of this years' KS4 House Netball tournament. In 2nd place was Carter, in 3rd place was Beven, in 4th place was Lee, in 5th place was Mayhew and in 6th place was Renvoize.

House Challenge: Random Acts of Kindness



In celebration of Random Acts of Kindness Day 2024 on Saturday 17th February, we encouraged the entire school community to spread some cheer. Everyone was given the opportunity to send an anonymous kind message to anyone in the school and we are pleased to announce that we received over 1,000 messages! The House with the most messages was Mayhew, in 2nd place was Woolley, in 3rd place was Renvoize, in 4th place was Beven, in 5th place was Carter and in 6th place was Lee. Thank you for being part of this challenge and thank you for your wonderful words of kindness.

House Challenge: Mental Health Awareness (Y7)

During Children's Mental Health Week, Year 7 students took part in a mental health awareness workshop and were challenged to create an eye-catching and informative poster. The winners of this competition were: Demi O, Sophie C, Ethan C-W and Nishma S of Carter House. In 2nd place was Woolley, in 3rd place was Beven, in 4th place was Mayhew, in 5th place was Renvoize and in 6th place was Lee. Well done to all!

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. You can also take part in the Park Run every other Friday. We also award House Points to students who only gain achievement points across the term - these are our 'zero heroes'.

Live Competitions

We currently have one competition running: House Business in the form of a 'branding' challenge. All of the information about this competition, as well as details of how to apply, can be found via the email sent to students on a Friday, on students' Houses Google Classroom and on our Houses Instagram page.

Results for the **House Photography** competition will be announced after the half term break.

Coming Up

There will be many competitions and challenges launching after half-term including House Maths, House Science, House Chess and a special Easter event!

Current Standings

And finally, at the end of this half term, we are delighted to announce the current standings are as follows... *drum roll, please*

Congratulations to Renvoize who are holding strong at the top of the leaderboard. A special mention to Mayhew who was in 6th place in December and is now in 3rd place!

At the halfway point in the school year, we would like to thank you for all of your efforts so far and we look forward to what the new half term will bring in the world of Parmiter's Houses.

BEVEN	1885
CARTER	1649
LEE	1485
MAYHEW	1963
RENVOIZE	2205
WOOLLEY	2112



House D&T Young Fashion Designer Competition

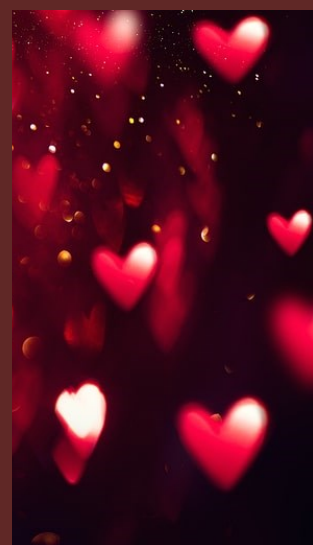
The D&T department offered students the opportunity to take part in a House and a National challenge about Vivienne Westwood. Congratulations to winners Vasylyna (Lee) and Aryan (Lee).

Further congratulations to Vasylyna who has made the final of the National '2024 Fashion Icon Competition' and who will be bringing their design to life for the fashion show, held at the NEC Birmingham, in March - we wish you the very best of luck!



Thank you for the music!

There were two opportunities to enjoy the talents of our musical students this half term. Firstly, the A level musicians hosted an informal evening event at which they showcased their skills and, earlier this week, we enjoyed the 'Valentine' Winter Picnic Concert which included an eclectic mix of genres.



Sport

Another busy half term is complete! Despite the poor weather, we have still managed to play over 80 fixtures in 6 weeks!

The boys' focus has shifted to Basketball and Rugby with several of our teams starting their seasons in superb fashion. The Year 9 Basketball team lead the way, with 4 wins from 4, and are looking in a favourable position to retain their District title. The Year 7 team began their season with a heavy defeat to Queen's but responded in superb fashion against St Michael's. The Year 8s have one win and one loss from their first two matches, as does the Year 10 team.

The Rugby teams have had some excellent early season results, with some fine performances from all squads. The Year 7 team was unbeaten in the annual District Festival as well as recording a brilliant 55-5 win over Rickmansworth. In their second game, they tasted defeat for the first time with a 10-0 loss to a strong and well-drilled Queen's team. The Year 9 and 10 teams exacted revenge over Queen's with two heavy wins. The Year 9s ran in 7 tries in a 49-0 win. Not to be outdone, the Year 10s scored 13 tries in a relentless 71-0 victory.

The girls' teams continue to make their way through their Hockey, Netball and Football seasons with the end in sight. Special mention must be made of our Year 8 Hockey team, who remain unbeaten this year, recording some fantastic results against Dame Alice Owens, Aldenham and RMS. In their District tournament, they won all their matches without conceding a goal and were rightly awarded the winners trophy.

In Netball, the teams have recorded some brilliant results against strong opposition. The Year 9A team had a fantastic game against Haberdashers, winning 22-17 in an end-to-end match. Another strong performance ensued against Aldenham, resulting in a 17-14 victory. Special mention to the Year 10A team for showing a much improved commitment to training, leading to a fine victory over Futures Academy.

The hope of reaching County finals for two of our girls' Football teams remains high with both the U13 and U14s awaiting semi final matches. The U13s play Ashlyns after half term after a brilliant quarter final win over Beaumont. Anna Anene continues to score goals for fun, scoring 5 in the ¼ final! The U14s were matched against Sandringham in their ¼ final and, despite going a goal down, came back to win 5-1. This time, Anna only managed 4!

February also saw the Herts Cross Country Championship with 15 runners attempting the tough course. In order to qualify for the Herts team, runners were required to finish in the top 10. Congratulations to Archie Marshall, Gina Luckhurst and Peter Bansaghi who all recorded 10 results and will go on to run at the National finals in March.

The annual Performing Arts Show was another huge success, with over 160 students getting an opportunity to perform at the Watersmeet Theatre. A collaboration of different styles of dance, mixed with drama pieces, all in the theme of colour, created a night full of energy, fun and sheer talent. Thank you so much to all our student and staff leaders and to Miss Burnham for leading the show.

Good luck to Year 10 student Hui Xin who will be jetting off to Naples this week to compete as part of the Great Britain Fencing team in the European Championships!



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