



# InForm

## NEWSLETTER

### From the Headmaster



Welcome to our first InForm newsletter of the academic year as we approach the end of the longest half term of 2019-2020. Although looking forward to a well-deserved break, staff and students can look back on a highly successful start to the year and I am delighted

to report that our new Parmiterians, be they our Year 7 cohort or our new arrivals to Year 12, are settling in extremely well. There has been much to make us all proud from our student body contributing to lessons as well as a host of extra-curricular clubs and activities, including our House competitions. I have been particularly grateful to all those who represented Parmiter's at Open Evening and Open Mornings conducting tours for prospective new Parmiterians and their parents and carers. If I were to single out two students, I would have to select Luca Rebaudengo, in Year 7, and Miya McFarlane, in Year 12, who joined me on stage at Open Evening to deliver five speeches in front of over 3000 visitors and speak with such pride about their school.

#### New Staff

The staffroom has also welcomed new colleagues this term and I am delighted to congratulate them all for their contributions to school life and the education of our young people: Miss Campbell (Drama), Mr Guilano (MFL), Miss Morrin (Science), Mrs Mirchandani (Maths), Mrs Sankey (Maths), Mrs Sheehan (Maths & Science). Mrs Marsh is covering Miss Harding's maternity leave in Art. Mr Beech (PE), Ms Charles and Miss Smith (English) have joined us as School Direct Trainees. Mrs Chainani, Miss Hossany, Mrs Simone, Mrs Tunstall and Mrs Turney have all joined our support staff team.

#### Senior Speech Night

We were delighted to welcome Sir John Timpson as our guest who delivered an inspirational address about the importance of leadership at work and placing trust in people to give of their very best. We were impressed as ever by the achievements of the students who were recognised on the night for academic and personal success. I would also like to add my special thanks to Ella Byrt and Alfie Dwyer who provided the exceptional musical interludes; Ella on flute and Alfie on French horn.

#### Christmas Gift Fair

It has also been a sincere pleasure to meet so many parents and carers over the past eight weeks and I hope to see so many more at our Gift Fair on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 11.00 am. Aside from supporting the school and our wonderful Parents' Association, your contributions will raise much needed funds which over the next two years we hope to use towards equipment for our new Science block due to open in the Summer of 2021. On top of all that, the occasion is great fun and I recommend at the very least you come and chat to me on my Headmaster's stall.

I do hope you enjoy reading the many features inside this edition and can see for yourselves just how busy the school has been. I'd also like to add a shameless plug for the school's and indeed my own twitter feeds which are a great way of keeping up to date with all things Parmiter's as they happen.

Whatever you and yours are up to, I hope you have a great half term break and I look forward to welcoming our students back on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

Michael Jones  
Headmaster

### Term Dates

Dates of school trips and other events can be found on the calendar on the school website:

[www.parmiters.herts.sch.uk/news&events/schoolcalendar](http://www.parmiters.herts.sch.uk/news&events/schoolcalendar)

Fri 25 October - First half ends  
 Mon 04 November - Second half begins  
**Thurs 28 November - Non teaching day (school closed)**  
**Fri 29 November - Queen's Holiday (school closed)**  
 Fri 20 December - Second half finishes 12 noon  
 Mon 6 January - First Half begins

### Parents' Association

Our first fund raising events took place on 12<sup>th</sup> October with a Second Hand Uniform and study books sale in the morning, followed by the Family Quiz Night in the evening. Both events were really well attended and **raised over £3,200** to enhance the education and enjoyment for our children at Parmiter's. Congratulations to our quiz champions "**The Other Lot**" and thank you to all those that helped and participated, we hope you all had an enjoyable evening.

The PA's focus is now on preparation for the **Christmas Gift Fair on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** (see centre spread). This is our largest annual fundraising activity and needs the help and support of the whole Parmiter's family. To offer your help on the day, or setup the day before, please contact us at [PA@parmiters.herts.sch.uk](mailto:PA@parmiters.herts.sch.uk). Thanks to all who have offered help already, it is very much appreciated. The real success of the Christmas Gift Fair is down to how many people attend on the day. There will be over 70 professional stallholders selling gifts for the whole family as well as tombolas, cakes, mulled wine, mince pies and much more. **Please mark your diary now** and get all your Christmas shopping done in one day! Grand Draw tickets have been sent home by 'student mail' and there are fantastic prizes to be won. Please remember to return your ticket stubbs with your details filled out, payment and any unsold tickets to School Reception as soon as you can. If you want more tickets, please let us know !

**The next PA meeting is on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 7:30pm, all are welcome.**

Stay connected with the PA social app: [parent.classlist.com](http://parent.classlist.com)



**Parmiters School Parents Association Group Page**

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## Senior Speech Night



**Pictured from left to right above:**  
Emma Westwood and Rhys Wernham, School Captains. Sir John Timpson, Mr Jones, Headmaster, Mrs Jackie Glossop, Chairman of Parmiter's Foundation and Mr Alp Mehmet, Chairman of Governors.



**Sir John Timpson, CBE**, was our Guest of Honour and speaker at the Senior Speech Night on Thursday 19 September. Headmasters' guests joined parents, staff and students in the hall to celebrate the achievements of the senior students.

Two musical interludes, the first performed by Ella Byrt on the flute and the second by Alfie Dwyer on French horn, were enjoyed by all.

The audience thoroughly enjoyed Sir John's stories of how he has modelled Timpsons into the thriving business it is today. His ethos of empowering and entrusting his staff to practise professionally, effectively and honestly without micro-management is interesting. Sir John also spoke fondly about the Alex Timpson Trust, set up in his late wife's name. Throughout their married life, Sir John and Alex fostered 90 children! It was this experience that enthused him to write books about looking after looked after children and Attachment; publications that are readily available to schools and other organisations who might benefit from them.

Students, parents, staff, governors, Old Parmiterians and Trustees enjoyed catching up over refreshments after the event. We wish our leavers well as they embark on their new ventures.



### Poppy Appeal 2019

Poppies will be available to buy in school after the half term break if students would like to bring in loose change.



### Allergy and Anaphalaxis

Please be reminded that we have students at Parmiter's with severe allergies and we respectfully ask that food products containing nuts are not brought into school.

### Are you in the Lottery?!

September's Lottery winners were:

Mrs C Langley	£300.00	1st
Mrs S Strugnell	£200.00	2nd
Mrs K Taylor	£100.00	3rd
Mr L Burrough	£50.00	4th



Lottery

Full details on how to take part in the Parmiter's Lottery are available on the Parents page of the school website (link below)

<https://www.parmiters.herts.sch.uk/page/?title=School+Lottery&pid=58>



# Sports Round Up

## Parmiter's Park Run

The PE Department have introduced a new initiative - their very own version of the popular Park Run. Students and staff are encouraged to sign up to receive their personal tracking code before running a course of just over 1 mile. The run takes place every other Friday with times tracked throughout the year. House points are available for those who take part, with extra bonus points for gaining a PB or hitting a 'streak' of 5 runs.

It is great to see that 115 students and 12 members of staff have so far got themselves involved and that runners (or walkers!) of all abilities are completing the course. There are plans underway to offer a longer route for those who want to further challenge themselves after half term. If you would like to sign up, use the QR code on display around the sports buildings or see Mr Clark.



## Hockey success!

The Senior hockey team have made Parmiter's history by winning the East of England hockey tournament. They were representing both Hertfordshire and Parmiter's at this Tournament, having earlier won their county competition. Our first game was against Cranbrook School (Kent) who we beat 1-0 thanks to an excellent finish from Alice O'Neill after a ferocious hit into the D from Melissa Coates. In our next game vs the Norwich School, we failed to convert any of our chances and they scored a lucky breakaway goal, resulting in us losing 1-0. In our final game we beat Wisbech School 3-1 thanks to some excellent team play, especially from Abi and Gaby Holland. This meant we finished as group winners and progressed to the semi final vs The Royal Hospital School (Ipswich). We went 1-0 down very early but as the game was drawing to a close, Gaby Holland won and then converted a penalty flick. With the game tied, it was to be decided by Penalty Strokes. Thanks to our calm and composed stroke takers and fantastic saves from Mia Brown, we won in sudden death. This is an outstanding achievement from the entire team who rose to the occasion. We will progress to the next round on 19th November, good luck!



## House News



Beven won the House Championship at the end of the last academic year and House Captains Hatty Hardy and Noor Al-Khafaji stepped forward to loud and rapturous applause in the final assembly to receive the Championship Shield. The extremely small point difference between the top three places was incredible.

The House year has got off to a good start with our new Year 7 students putting points on the board through their participation in the Sports Event held during their transition day. Well done to everyone involved. The popular Sixth Form Ten Pin Bowling tournament was attended by 80 students. Woolley dominated the scoring which was significantly aided by Mr Porter who scored the highest points in both the games played!

The under 13 Football Tournament was won by Carter with Woolley winning the top spot in the under 14s. All games were played prior to an Old Parmiterians v Parmiter's 1st X1 match and a most enjoyable time was had by all.

We are currently weighing confectionary to see which House will have donated the most amount of chocolate towards the Year 7 Chocolate Tombola at the PA Christmas Gift Fair. 100 points is up for grabs for the winners, so keep bringing in your donations, especially Beven and Mayhew!

### FINAL CHAMPIONSHIP SCORES

2018-19

House	Points	Position
Beven	3122	1st
Carter	2870	5th
Lee	3118	3rd
Mayhew	3039	4th
Renvoize	2836	6th
Woolley	3119	2nd

### CHAMPIONSHIP SCORES

October 2019

House	Points	Position
Beven	253	5th
Carter	310	3rd
Lee	309	4th
Mayhew	245	6th
Renvoize	314	2nd
Woolley	393	1st

This year we will be acknowledging the one hundred years since the introduction of the House system and, as well as the usual array of competitions, there will be some special events to celebrate this significant milestone in the history of Parmiter's.