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Headmaster's message



Welcome to the latest edition of our half termly school bulletin. As I have become accustomed to writing – it has been another half term with a difference as we have adapted to the latest set of Government guidelines and coped with the huge challenge of administering in-school assessment opportunities for all students in Years 11 and 13. Those

students, along with every single member of staff, are to be highly commended for the superb job they have done and the resilience they have shown throughout the past month.

As I write, we approach “Stand down” for our examination year groups on Friday and I am delighted that we will be presenting Full and Senior School Colours to some very deserving students across Year 13 as well as School Colours to some equally deserving Year 11 students. They have given so much service to our school community as well as taken full advantage of the many, many opportunities Parmiter's has afforded them throughout their school career. It will be sad that for so many this will be the end of their time at Parmiter's but as I always say: “Once a Parmiterian, always a Parmiterian!”

For me, the highlight of the past seven weeks has to be the return of so many extra-curricular activities and to see so many students taking part. Looking ahead to after half term I know there will be much more to come, including our Sports Day, as well as Drama, Music and creative arts activities.

Of course, for Year 10 and Year 12 students there will be in-school formal assessments on our return in June. I would like to send out a plea to all parents, carers and of course students across these year groups to be mindful of your mental health. Please be assured that every single member of staff is fully aware of the impact of recent lockdowns on students' learning and there is an appreciation that for many students they may struggle, quite naturally, to show their full capability having not sat a formal examination for so long. It is also quite likely (as current Year 11s and 13s have found) that many students will surprise themselves with how well they do! Whatever the case, it is important that our students get used to formal examinations now so that they can begin preparation for the “real thing” next year.

The examinations are an important opportunity for staff and students to get an honest picture of where they are now. This will ensure that when students begin Year 11 or Year 13 they have a clear understanding of their strengths and the areas they need to work on as they move towards their final GCSE or A Level examinations.

Staffing

We wish Mrs Griffiths well as she starts her maternity leave and welcome Miss McEwan who is covering her classes until the end of July. ***Stop Press*** Baby Griffiths was born on Thursday afternoon - Mum and baby girl both doing well! A full list of staff changes will be published at the end of the academic year in July. We are currently recruiting for a Librarian and a PE apprentice, details are on the school website.

I wish all of you an enjoyable and relaxing half term and look forward to seeing the students on their return to school on Tuesday 8th June.

Michael Jones, Headmaster

Parmiter's Parents' Association

Following recent difficult times, the Parents' Association is approaching the coming months with a sense of optimism. We have a number of new joiners and will be saying a fond farewell to members who have given their time and effort to this worthwhile cause. Our next meeting will be on Thursday 8th July at the school. This will be another welcome return to normality following many virtual meetings, which can feel a little impersonal. We welcome anyone who would like to participate, so do come along if you wish.

The first scheduled event is the **Bag2School** clothes collection on Tuesday 16th June. These are always popular and provide a way to donate used clothing to charity, while making a contribution to the PA.

Next is the Second Hand Uniform and Book Sale event on Saturday 19th June. No doubt you will have seen the advertisements on Classlist, Facebook and Twitter. This is always popular and will run between 10-11am in the Dining Hall. We will aim to run Uniform Sales during other events later in the year, assuming we have enough volunteers (hint, hint!). You'll be happy to hear that we will be trialling the use of a card reader at this event, which will provide the benefit of reduced Covid infection risk and cash management. Exciting times and this will hopefully pay dividends during larger events like the Christmas Gift Fair.

Finally, best wishes to all of our students, carers, parents and school staff. We look forward to engaging with many of you during the coming months.

**Our next meeting is on
6 July at 7.30pm in the Dining Hall
All welcome!**

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Touch typing

The touch typing lunchtime club that started last year has gone from strength to strength since it was reintroduced after Easter. Over 60 students from Years 7 and 8 are currently following the online programme on a Monday lunchtime in the LRC and at home. With over 600 levels to complete, students spend 15 minutes learning new elements at the beginning of each session, followed by a series of games and challenges which reinforce their new knowledge. The programme, which builds and enhances muscle memory, is particularly beneficial for those who find processing skills a challenge.

If you would like to know more, please contact Mrs Mullett in the LRC:
d.mullett@parmiters.herts.sch.uk

House Wellbeing Challenge

To promote the importance of nature in wellbeing, students were given a challenge to look for different plants and animals on their outside walks.

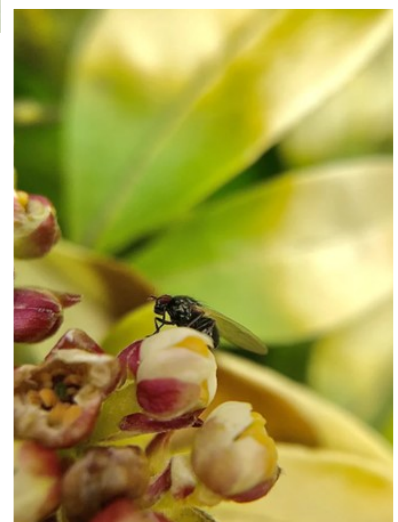
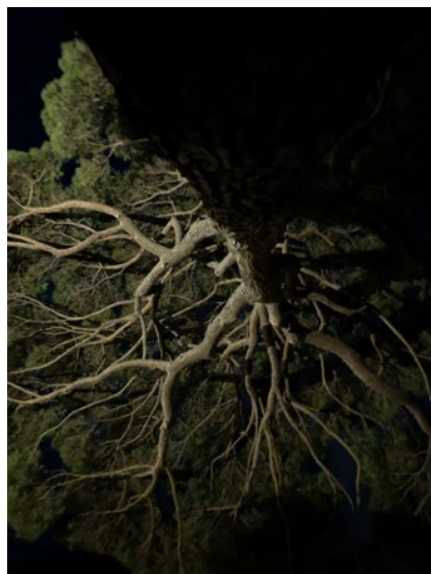
They then took a photograph of what they saw, or drew a picture. We were incredibly impressed by the talent displayed.

Entries were ranked by creativity and originality.

Well done to everyone who entered and congratulations to the following students:

1st: Caitlin O'Connor	RENVOIZE
2nd: Julia Gui	BEVEN
3rd: Nyah Patel	LEE
4th: Elsa Perrault	MAYHEW
5th: Jessica Dalton	WOOLLEY
6th: Henry Ball	CARTER

Miss Coakley and Mr Perkins
Heads of Houses



Industrial Cadets



A team of six students from Year 12 took part in the **Industrial Cadets Gold Award**, in partnership with Taylor Woodrow, who provided a team mentor. We were given the task of implementing different forms of sustainable energy generation into a current setting to improve the building's energy efficiency, considering costs, design and the environment. We worked together as a team by allocating different roles according to individual strengths and interests and decided to implement heat pumps, solar cells, a vast array of green measures, phase changing materials and wind turbines to the planned new science block. The final product was a 3D model showing each of the different measures, as well as 2D plans made using the actual science block designs, and a report detailing the research and conclusions made throughout the six months. Ultimately, we successfully completed the project and won an award for our innovative design.

Shannon Heffernan

Industrial Cadets Bronze Project Winners

Some of my friends and I participated in the Industrial Cadets Bronze Project STEM competition with Ms Hooper. We took part against other schools and we chose to do an eco-friendly sports centre, as this is what interested us as a group. We had to do a lot of research on different eco-friendly materials and we had to create a Google Form for our families to fill in, a report about our sports centre, a model of our centre and a presentation which included a video and a PowerPoint. Once we had completed the project, we submitted it and then we had an interview with some of the examiners. At the end of the project, we attended a virtual awards ceremony and were given our award; we won the Determination Award as we lost one of our participants and still managed to carry on with the project and we came runners up for the Best STEM Solution Award. Throughout this project we developed many new skills, some of which were time management, working individually and as a team, basic accounting, computer skills and many more. Each team was allocated a different set of mentors and we were allocated our two mentors from a leading aerospace company called Leonardo and we learned about their roles and jobs in their company. We really enjoyed this project as it was a new experience and something different that we had never done before. We would also like to give Ms Hooper a special thank you for giving us this opportunity and to helping us develop our understanding for future careers.



Raya Patel, Riya Doshi, Jessica Dalton, Elizabeth Garelic and William Taylor

We were delighted to start the summer term with a full extra-curricular programme, focusing on tennis, athletics, rounders, cricket and basketball. The number of students attending all the clubs has been fantastic and they have all participated with real enthusiasm.

Senior Basketball

We were pleased to be able to host our one and only senior basketball fixture of the year against Watford Grammar School for Boys.

Over the years, we have had some close matches with the Boys' Grammar and the lack of games and training meant that we really did not know how the game would go. There was no need to worry!

With a mix of students from Years 10 to 13, the boys got a quick lead, playing hard at both ends of the court. However, over the next three quarters, Watford slowly clawed their way back into the game, eventually drawing level towards the end of the third quarter. However, that was as close as it got. In the fourth quarter, led by top scorers Nathan Thomas (39 points, including six three pointers) and Cieran Barry (27 points on his final appearance for Parmiter's), the boys were excellent over the final 10 minutes, finishing with a satisfying, hard-fought victory.

Final score: 76 – 66 (an undefeated season!)

The team consisted of Cieran Barry, Oscar Roach, Nathan Thomas, Joel Peters, Tyler Channer, Joe Fagan, Leon Clachar and Lloyd Clachar. Congratulations boys!



Tennis

In our competitive events, the U13 boys' tennis team remain unbeaten in their County League group with wins against St Albans School and Edge Grove. The U15 boys have also performed well, with a comfortable victory over Longdean and a narrow defeat against Watford Boys.

The girls' tennis teams have also started their season well. The U13s were victorious against Berkhamsted School and the Senior Girls team have successfully navigated two rounds of the Aberdare Cup, with a strong win against St Albans School in Round 2.



Athletics

In athletics, we have had 2 County League events in which we entered 4 teams (2 girls and 2 boys) to compete against a range of schools in Hertfordshire. Points are awarded for individual events and a team score given at the end of the event. There have been some outstanding individual performances so far, with wins for the following students:

Thalia Mann (200m)

William Denning (Long Jump and 300m)

Gina Luckhurst (Long Jump)

Daniel Ikuwe (Hurdles)

Tiago Baros (400m)

Ben Hopkins (Discus)

Gemma Nottage (Shot)



Cricket

The cricket season has started slowly, mainly due to the weather! So far, only the Year 10 team have played and were unlucky in defeat against a strong St Edmunds School. Captain Rohan Phillips was the outstanding performer; taking two wickets and scoring an unbeaten half century.

The number of students attending our cricket sessions has been fantastic and we can really look forward to some real positive years of cricket ahead.



Old Parmiterians' Netball

Past students and current Parmiter's teaching staff have founded the school's very first Old Parmiterian's Netball team. The squad has been training (restrictions permitting) at School on Thursday evenings. The team got off to a fantastic start in the league, winning the Winter League and then smashing the Spring League, emerging undefeated with an impressive goal difference of 83. The team have currently been promoted to Division One for the Summer League.

If you are interested, or would like more information about Old Parmiterians' netball or football teams, please contact the school.