



InForm

NEWSLETTER

From the Headmaster



A warm welcome to our first 'InForm' newsletter of 2020. Staff and students are all looking forward to a well-earned break and I wish to commend one and all for all their hard work and commitment throughout the past half term. A special mention goes to our Year 13 students who have come to the end of their Trial exams. Prior to this, I have had the privilege of meeting the majority of students in Year 13 and hearing their views on their Sixth Form experience to date as well as their exciting plans for the future. We have already set a new record for offers from Cambridge and Oxford this year and the range of offers received from Russell Group universities as well as apprenticeship opportunities demonstrate just how impressive this particular cohort of Parmiterians truly are.

Staffing

We said farewell at the end of January to Mr Tobin who has served our school as Design & Technology Technician for over 20 years. We wish him well and are very grateful that he has offered to continue to run a lunchtime Tech Club for our students' benefit.

Ms Bush leaves us at half term to pursue an exciting new role abroad. Until Easter, her classes and form group will be taken over by Mr Reaney, an experienced Physics teacher. From Easter, we are pleased to welcome back to Parmiter's Mr McLaughlin who taught in the Science department last year.

Performing Arts Show

The term opened with the outstanding Performing Arts Show, "Breaking Pointe", held this year at the Radlett Centre led by Miss Coakley and Miss O'Malley. As ever, it was a sincere privilege to enjoy the exceptionally talented dancers, gymnasts and actors/actresses as well as the choreography of our extremely gifted student Dance leaders.

Parents' Evenings

The Spring Term always involves a number of Parents' Evenings and it was a real pleasure to meet and see so many parents and carers supporting your children at the recent Year 11 evening. The partnership between home and school can only be of huge benefit to any student and it is a real factor behind Parmiter's success that you show such support for your children's education.

Picnic Concert

Naturally, at Parmiter's, a new half term means another concert and, as ever, a real range and variety of music and styles, all performed to the same incredibly high standard. It was a thoroughly entertaining evening enjoyed by all of us who were lucky enough to be there. Congratulations to Mr Bates, Dr Tyack, Mr Yeo, Mr Burnett and our peripatetic teachers who had the opportunity to show off the rich rewards of all the individual and group tuition that takes place as part of the vast Musical provision at the school.

I would like to sign off by thanking parents and carers for your patience during the issues we had with our heating work earlier in the term. I am pleased to say that we are well on the way to seeing this work completed and later this term we will begin work on constructing our brand new Science block!

Wishing you all a happy and healthy half term.

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

Fri 14th February - End of first half (3.20pm)

Mon 24th February - Second Half begins

Fri 3rd April - End of Spring Term (12 noon)

Mon 20th April - Start of Summer Term

Fri 8th May - Bank Holiday (School closed)

Fri 22nd May - End of first half (3.20pm)

Mon 1 June - Second half begins

Parents' Association

We are pleased to confirm that our annual Gift Fair will be going ahead on **Saturday 21st November**. I know this seems a long way off, but believe it or not, the planning and marketing starts now. Special thanks to Lynda Pool and Alison Collins for agreeing to take on the overall event organisation this year. Please remember to give them your full support when they come asking later in the year.

Watch out for other fundraising and fun events coming soon to brighten up the last of the winter months as we look forward to spring. Coming soon are:

- ◆ **2nd Hand Uniform and Study books sale: Saturday 29 February**
- ◆ **Family Quiz night (always fully booked!) : Saturday 21 March**

As always these events will raise much needed funds to directly benefit the enjoyment and wellbeing of your children. This year's fundraising will focus on our '**Sponsor a Classroom**' campaign for the new Science block, which we hope will achieve our target of £30,000.

We continue our appeal for donations for Gift Fair 2020, which can be made at any PA run event or just dropped off at reception at any time, labelled for PA attention. Unwanted Christmas gifts are always welcome, freeing up space in your cupboards, along with good quality, clean uniforms, sports kit and study books – it really is the best way to re-cycle!

The next PA meeting is on 3 March 2020 at 7:30pm, new joiners are always welcome.

Stay connected with the PA social app:
parent.classlist.com



Parmiters School Parents Association Group Page



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Year 7 and 8 students enjoyed taking part in a Robotics event run by under-graduate students studying STEM based degrees at Brunel University. As well as explaining all about their own studies and experiences, the Brunel team introduced our students to programming and controlling Ozobots!



Winter Picnic Concert
6 February 2020



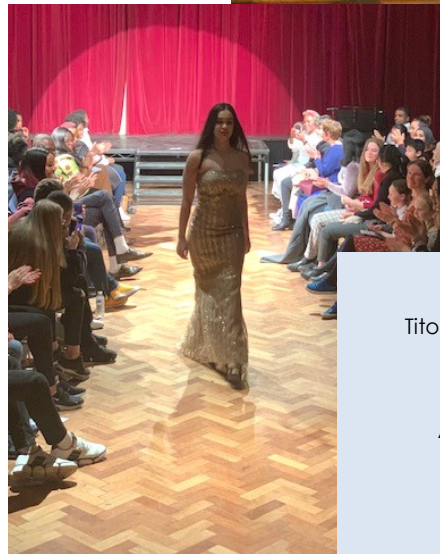
We were pleased to welcome Andrew Bateman, OP, back to Parmiter's earlier this week. Andrew and his brother Malcolm were Parmiter's students soon after the school moved to Garston from London in the late 70s.

Sadly, Malcolm died last year but had asked that his tuba be donated to Parmiter's Music department so that it might be used by others to encourage the love of music that he had developed during his time at school. The Batemans were delighted to be able to witness Albert Chinn, Year 10, playing Malcolm's tuba during Orchestra rehearsal that day.

Pictured from left to right: Mr Bates (Director of Music), Andrew Bateman, Mr Jones (Headmaster), Graham Bateman (Andrew and Malcolm's father)



Cultural Fashion Show



TeamPeace

Tito Banjo-Onasanya, Arianne Beers, Asu Cetin,
Josie England, Rory Head, Abi Hong,
Fortune Isoka-Onwordi,
Aimah Laezoh, Connie Smith, Tiana Sung

Cultural Fashion Show

The audience was treated to a multi-cultural spectacular at the fashion show organised by Dragon's Apprentice Team Peace on Friday 7 February. Student models filled the runways with displays of African, Asian and European fashion and even the Headmaster took a turn! Food from different cultures was available during the interval and beautiful henna tattoos were created on many hands! Congratulations to all members of Team Peace who did a fabulous job putting on the event, supported by our Careers staff team and The Peace Hospice, for whom the funds were raised.



Sports Round Up

Year 7 Football

The Year 7B Football team at Parmiter's continue to surprise others in their bid for National Glory. The boys are currently in the National Cup Quarter Final where they will be aiming to beat Grey Court School from Richmond for a place in the Semi-final.

The run started with an excellent 2-1 away victory over Rutlish School from Merton. Despite going a goal down, the team battled back to secure the win with a last minute goal. In Round 3, the team were asked to travel to St Paul's in Bromley where a fine performance from the boys resulted in a comfortable 2-0 success. Goals from Tobi Biobaku and Tom Aston were the difference against a strong and physical side. In the last 32, the team finally got their home draw and had to navigate Kensington Aldridge Academy which they did with ease. Some fine football was played with the team being 4-0 up at half time. With some resolute defending from the opposition in the second half, there were no further goals and the boys were into the last 16. Following on, another home draw was granted but this time against the boy's school, Ravenswood in Bromley. The Year 11 team had already travelled there this year and it was clear that it would be our toughest test yet. Despite being tested on a number of occasions, an outstanding team performance ended in a comfortable 3-0 win. Goals from Captain, Anay Meheshwari, and 2 from Daniel Jones means the boys are now in the quarter final. Their quarter final match will be played on Friday 28th March and we are hoping for a place in the semi-final.

Wishing our First XI Hockey Team the very best of luck in the National Hockey Finals at Reading Hockey Club on Tuesday 3 March
Good luck girls!

Year 10 Basketball

The Year 10 basketball team followed on from last year's success in being crowned Watford District Champions for consecutive years. The team are the first team to finish their season and remained unbeaten throughout their league. Although there were some close games, victories against Watford Boys (36-31), St Clement Danes (37-32) and St Michael's (28-25) saw the team lift the trophy for the 3rd time in 4 years. We are also hopeful that the Year 8 and 9 team will join them in being league champions but both teams still have a number of games to play before we will know the outcome.



House News



Beven and Woolley are still battling it out at the top of the championship scoreboard with only 14 points between them. Carter are currently trailing but the House year still has many more opportunities to enable their fortunes to change.

House points were recently awarded to all those students who provided entries for the photography competition organised by the Art and Design department. Students who have been participating in the Park Run, held during lunchtimes on alternate Fridays, earned points for each session they attended.

Those with the fastest times also gained valuable points for their House, with Josh Mercer of Woolley achieving the highest accolade.

A House hockey tournament has also been taking place during lunchtimes, with teams from Years 7, 8 and 9 enthusiastically competing with gritted determination. An amazing performance from Woolley House secured them an impressive overall victory.

House points are also awarded to students who complete the annual Maths challenges. The last event saw senior students being awarded 10 points for gold, 6 for silver and 3 for bronze. Mathematicians from Mayhew accumulated the highest number of House points.

Many thanks to staff and students who have helped organise events and to those who have participated this half term.

CHAMPIONSHIP SCORES		
FEBRUARY 2020		
House	Points	Position
Beven	1390	1st
Carter	1183	6th
Lee	1309	4th
Mayhew	1320	3rd
Renvoize	1224	5th
Woolley	1376	2nd