



# InForm

**NEWSLETTER**

## Headmaster's message



Welcome to our final "InForm" of the academic year. It has certainly been a year that has challenged every single adult and child connected with the school and yet, in the end, I firmly believe we have grown stronger through the experience and there is a palpable sense of excitement about the prospect of a return to full school in September.

If anyone were to think this has been a year of missed opportunity, I only need to direct them to our special Celebration website which is jam packed with features such as our Virtual Junior Speech Night, with a speech from Mrs Stevens, guest speaker, Virtual Sports Awards and a collection of productions by our Virtual School Orchestra that proves how much has been achieved at Parmiter's in spite of lockdown. The website is also full of messages from staff including all our Form Tutors and Heads of Year for students in every year group across the school.

You can access the website through the following link: <https://sites.google.com/parmiters.herts.sch.uk/celebration/home>

The website is a huge testament to how well students, staff and of course parents and carers have all coped throughout the past difficult four months. I am so proud of our community spirit.

### **Congratulations Woolley (and Beven)!**

I hope it has not gone unnoticed by those who have accessed the site that Woolley have been crowned House Champions for 2019-2020. It was such a close run competition this year with Beven the front runners for most of the year. However, the students in Woolley took full advantage of the huge range of opportunities to earn house points during lockdown and in the event pipped Beven to the post by 2 points! There can have been fewer close calls in years gone by. Beven have not walked away empty handed though as they won the prestigious Sharples Cup through their efforts with our Virtual Sports Day. You can read a full report from Mr Brown on the website.

CHAMPIONSHIP SCORES		
JULY 2020		
House	Points	Position
Beven	1780	2nd
Carter	1552	6th
Lee	1629	3rd
Mayhew	1609	4th
Renvoize	1599	5th
Woolley	1782	1st

**Our staff changes for the end of this academic year and the beginning of the new year are detailed on page 4.**

### **Parents Association**

A huge thank you to the Parents' Association who have not been idle throughout the lockdown. Thanks also to all those parents and carers who were in a position to contribute so generously to our fund raising initiative that actually exceeded the sum we would have customarily have raised during this period. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Parents' Association AGM on Tuesday 6 October.

### **September 2020**

As I have written above, we are very excited about the return of all students to school in September. We are working extremely hard to ensure that we have robust risk assessments in place and protocols that ensure all students and staff can return in full confidence that they will be safe and secure.

There is so much to look forward to. The construction of our brand new state of the art Science block is due to commence shortly after we return with an opening date still set for September 2021. We are also determined to build on the newly developed independent learning skills displayed by so many students through new student voice and leadership programmes that we will be introducing.

### **Year 11 and Year 13**

I would like to save my last words for our Year 11 and Year 13 students. You may be aware that Parmiter's (as far as I am aware) have been unique in inviting all our students from these cohorts back into school for a celebration event before the end of term. I was delighted with Mr Poulton's entertaining and very personal address for the Year 11s that showed just how well he knows (and cares about) all the students in his Year Group. As I write, we are due to welcome back our Year 13 students over the course of the day on Friday, which will be a wonderful way of marking the end of term.

It only leaves me to wish you all a wonderful break this summer. The vast majority of students have clearly worked their socks off over the past four months and deserve a well-earned break. As with all disruption in life it teaches every one of us to value what we have, it makes us appreciate just how precious our **relationships** are and this more than anything else is what makes me so intensely proud of our school.

Nemo sibi nascitur!

**Michael Jones**  
Headmaster

## Parents' Association

We are sure you will all agree that this has been one of the most unusual and challenging terms that parents and carers have had to face in recent history. However, a number of things have remained constant despite this. Firstly, it was great to hear first hand from Mr Jones at our virtual PA committee meeting last week that, in the main, our children have clearly and effectively demonstrated their ability to overcome the obstacles and continue their learning and personal development, whether this is at home or in school. This has been made possible by the determination of our teachers to provide a multitude of challenging and creative learning experiences, resulting in measurable achievement and improvement in the vast majority of students. A massive well done to all involved.

In our last update we explained that our normal fundraising activities would not be able to go ahead and this would leave a big gap in the funds normally raised for school at this time of year. We asked if those that were in a position to do so, might consider making a voluntary donation to help bridge the gap. As always, you were quick to respond. We are very pleased to advise that your donations made through the PA Virgin Giving account ( [uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/parmiterspa](https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/parmiterspa) ) have so far totalled over £3,600 and continue to grow.

In addition, your support of the Bags2School event, organised and run despite lockdown restrictions, raised a fantastic £560. Thanks go to Angela Adams for organising and to all of you who took the time to deliver your many bags of clothes in a safe and secure way.

Following the PA Committee meeting last week we have, with regret, made the decision to postpone our much loved and well attended Christmas Gift Fair which was scheduled for November 2020. As you can imagine, this was a very difficult decision for us. The Christmas Gift Fair has been an annual event at Parmiter's for many years, bringing together the Parmiter's family and the local community in a joyous and festive event. Please do not be too disappointed; the Grand Draw will still go ahead and we aim to re-schedule the Parmiter's Fair to run in the Spring of 2021 – more details to follow soon from the organising team.

Our message to all parents, students and school staff is stay well, look out for each other in these exceptional times and, most important, enjoy the summer and keep smiling.

**Our next PA meeting and AGM is on  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 7:00pm  
Everyone is welcome !**

Stay connected with the PA social app:

[parent.classlist.com](https://parent.classlist.com)



**Parmiters School Parents Association**



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## Latin Club

Students from Years 8, 9 & 10 have completed their first year of studying extra-curricular Latin. They have been learning Latin once a week after school with Dr Harvey, following the Cambridge Latin Course. The students have continued with their studies in lockdown.

They have demonstrated what they have learned by making extraordinarily detailed and accurate replicas of Roman houses, using materials that were to hand. (Roman houses are one of the topics examined at GCSE.) We can't display the amazing models in a classroom right now, but here are photos of some of the models.



### IET Virtual Faraday Challenge - UPDATE!

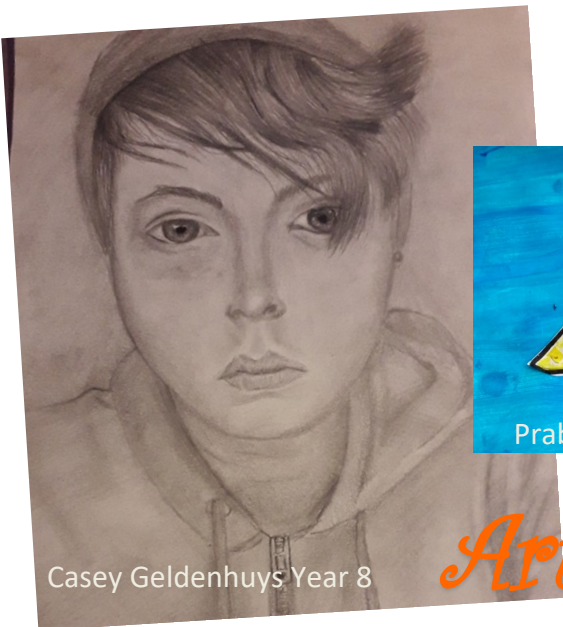
**Further to the article in the previous edition, we are now pleased to update you on our students' participation in the challenge.**

Students were invited to participate in the Institute of Engineering and Technology's Virtual Faraday Challenge; this was a country wide competition for aspiring engineers to design a product for Airbus that could deliver aid supplies to people who have experienced a natural disaster.

A number of Parmiter's students stepped up to the challenge and sent in their wonderfully creative ideas. One entry in particular caught the eye of the

judges and won an award. A huge well done to George Beasley! To win the award in usual circumstances is a significant achievement but to do so independently, with the challenges of home learning during a global pandemic is something else! Well done!





Casey Goldenhuys Year 8



Prabhuv Gautam Year 7



# Art showcase

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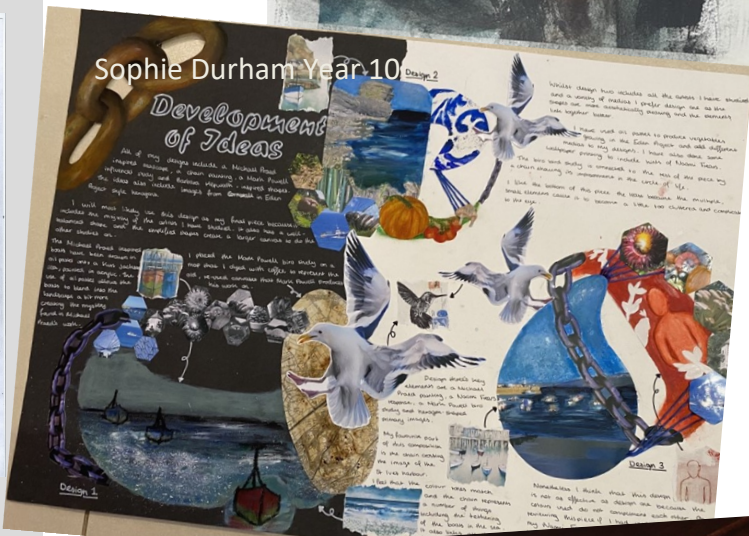
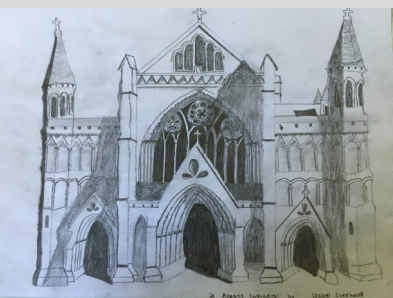
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WATFORD MARKET STREET  
By Anil Dabbari  
7LLA



Inside view  
of a Massy  
by Sofia, 7LLA



'High street' Old town  
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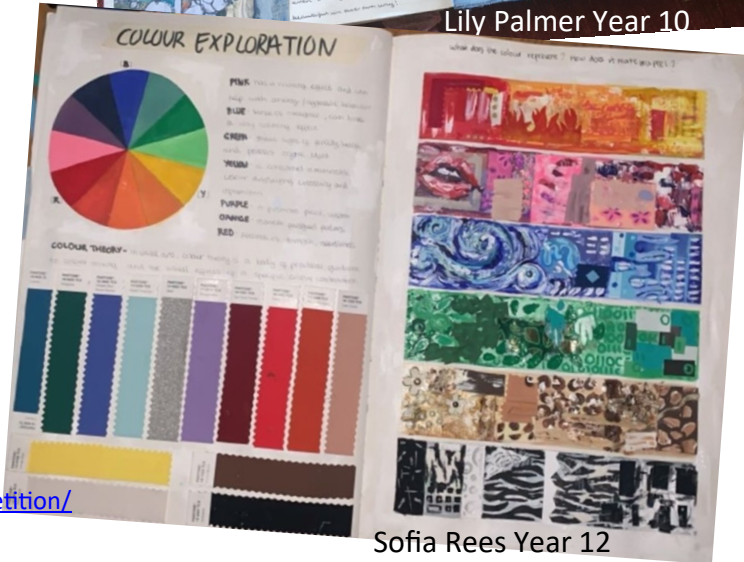


Sophie Durham Year 10

Rosalind Lymer



Lily Palmer Year 10



Sofia Rees Year 12

Isabel Shephard's drawing of St Albans Cathedral was chosen as a Runner Up from all the entries countrywide! Congratulations!



## Are you in the Parmiter's Lottery?

If not, you are missing out on the chance of winning a cash prize each month while, at the same time, supporting our school.

Joining is easy, please see all the information on the school website, just click on the link -

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

This year, the lottery is supporting the installation of a **brand new Fitness Suite** in our Sports Centre.

The suite will provide a fantastic facility for our students and bespoke membership will be offered to all the Parmiter's community.

Take a look at the virtual walk through on this link!

<https://youtu.be/VMvPn7IZDEA>



## This year's winners - It could be you!

January 2020		
1st	Mr Ball	£300.00
2nd	Mrs Coulling	£200.00
3rd	Mr Coulthard	£100.00
4th	Mr Parker	£50.00
February 2020		
1st	Mr Quinton	£300.00
2nd	GD Samuel	£200.00
3rd	S Maxen	£100.00
4th	L Burrough	£50.00
March 2020		
1st	RJ Bennett	£300.00
2nd	T Clark	£200.00
3rd	Mrs S Purcell	£100.00
4th	Mr P Lewin	£50.00
April 2020		
1st	Mr M Marsden	£300.00
2nd	Mr C Douglas	£200.00
3rd	Mrs S Lalchan	£100.00
4th	Mrs S Flanders	£50.00
May 2020		
1st	Mrs S Purcell	£300.00
2nd	Mr A Gunning	£200.00
3rd	Mrs C Elphee	£100.00
4th	Mrs C Crawford	£50.00
June 2020		
1st	Mr J Stevens	£300.00
2nd	Dr Sadia Naseer	£200.00
3rd	Mrs S Strugnell	£100.00
4th	Mrs S Lalchan	£50.00

## Staffing changes

### Leavers

We wish the following colleagues well as they leave Parmiter's: Mrs Stevens (Deputy Headteacher), Mrs Murray (Head of English), Mrs Harris (Maths), Mrs Nixon (Geography), Miss Harding (Art), Miss Campbell (Drama), Mrs Sankey (Maths), Mr Studley (PE), Mrs Twine (D&T), Miss Hossany.

### From September we welcome:

Mr Ahmad (Maths), Mr Farrell (Geography), Miss Smith (English), Mr Peters (PE), Mr Card (Maths), Mr Bunce (Geography), Mrs Lowe (English), Dr Belghitar (Maths), (Miss Hunter (Drama), Mr Collins-Pearson (Science, one term), Mrs Page (Science, one term)

### Trainee Teachers

Mr Coombs (PE), Mr Brothwood (History), Mr Hare (Physics), Mrs Agarwal (Chemistry), Ms Wrobel (D&T), Miss Bhatt (Maths)

### Two new peripatetic music teachers:

Ms Crowe (Flute), Ms Bartley (Clarinet)