



# InForm

NEWSLETTER

## Headmaster's message



Welcome to the first InForm publication of 2021, at the end of a half term that fulfilled our worst fears on its commencement back in January. A seemingly endless lockdown accompanied by another year's uncertainty around Year 11 and Year 13 assessment was

certainly not the start we had looked forward to or expected at the end of last term. We entered a world of remote teaching and learning and lateral flow tests although, finally, we can see the light at the end of the tunnel and have much to look forward to during the half term ahead and the Summer Term beyond that.

### Remote Learning and Engagement

I have so appreciated the feedback from parents and carers, as well as students, regarding the live and recorded lessons over the past six weeks. As was the case last year, student engagement has been so impressive and belies the national media portrayal of students being disengaged and "falling behind". Our monitoring across all Year Groups shows that students are making strong progress and also appreciating the Form Time activities and House Competitions on offer. This edition of InForm contains a celebration of just some of the creativity displayed by students from all Key Stages on our 'Break from Screen-time' days at the end of January.

As was the case last September, we are extremely confident that students will return at some point next month ready to hit the ground running and full of appreciation of the opportunities we offer at Parmiter's, in and outside the classroom.

### New Staff

Mr Mark Lewis was appointed as our new Catering Manager on the retirement of Mrs Crawford at Christmas. Staff and students in school have been enjoying sampling the new menus over the past weeks - students have a treat in store when they return! We said goodbye to Ms Tunstall, one of our TAs, and wish her well in her new role.

We have welcomed Ms Southernwood back to the Art, Design & Technology department from maternity leave. We are very grateful to Mrs Cordell who has taught Ms Southernwood's classes in her absence.

### Looking Ahead!

Naturally, responding to Ofqual's announcement (when it finally comes) regarding grading Year 11 and Year 13

will be a priority as we return after half term but there is so much more to look forward to. As I drive into school each morning I can see the roof of our new Science Block, now in place. We are now at the stage of considering the hi-tech equipment that will be put into every laboratory to make our students' experience of Science second to none.

Away from the curriculum, we are also looking forward to being able to run our customary Music, Drama and Art celebrations and concerts in the Summer term – the experiences that our students and staff (as well as parents and carers) were denied last year. And that goes for our Summer Sports programme too.

Optimistic as ever, we have a date in the diary for our annual cricket match against the MCC. Students will also discover that the Fitness Suite in the Sports Centre has had a complete refit (generously funded by our Foundation) further enhancing their experience of Physical Education.

So, in spite of the extremely challenging start to 2021, I am confident that this will still be a year with so much to offer each and every Parmiterian.

Michael Jones  
Headmaster

## Parmiter's Parents' Association

The Parents' Association held a virtual meeting in January and continues to think of ways to support the school, albeit remotely at the moment! After trialling a 'virtual quiz' we are looking forward to establishing this as a weekly event - you will receive details very soon! At our next meeting in March, we look forward to hearing feedback from the Science teachers about the teaching screens that we hope to fund for each of the laboratories in the new Science block. Please join the meeting if you would like to watch the presentation.

**Our next meeting is on  
Tuesday 2 March at 7.30pm**

Please email [pa@parmiters.herts.sch.uk](mailto:pa@parmiters.herts.sch.uk) if you are not already a member of the PA and would like to attend the meeting.

Stay connected with the PA social app:

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



**Parmiters School Parents Association**

**@parmiterspa**



## Break from Remote Learning ~ House Competitions

During the afternoon of Thursday 28 January and for the whole of Friday 29, remote learning was suspended and students were offered the opportunity to try something new. From baking to home science experiments, photography to Mr Rana's Tower Challenge, students were spoilt for choice with the diverse list of activities on offer. As ever, the response was fantastic and we were delighted to receive the evidence of our students' impressive interpretations of the various challenges and activities.

### Eco Art Challenge

Create the school Badge from recycled items



1st: S Durham, Woolley 2nd: E Abreu, Renvoize 3rd: L Sharman Woolley

### Come Dine With Me

Create a three-course meal

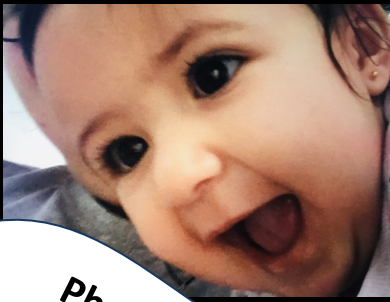


We had 33 outstanding entries to this competition, with the best courses (in Mr Perkins' opinion!) being: **Best Starter:** H Sezille (Year 7, Lee) for her Leek and Potato soup, garnished with bacon and homemade croutons. **Best Main Course:** S Abid (Year 8, Woolley) for her Chicken Biryani.

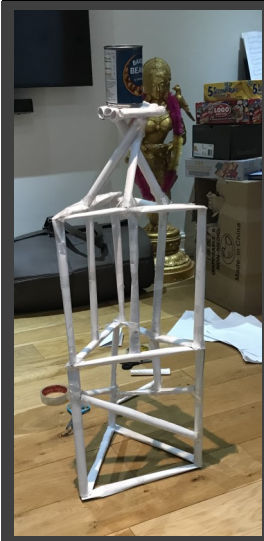
**Best Dessert:** C Pearson (Year 11, Renvoize) for her Chocolate and Orange Pie with Italian Meringue. **Special mentions** should go to H Mapp (Year 9, Woolley) for his steak, E Thorp (Year 7, Mayhew) for his Parmiter's Pastry, A Gill (Year 8, Mayhew) for his Oreo cheesecake and H Kilpatrick (Year 11, Beven) for her Japanese inspired menu. Well done to all our chefs!



Thursday 28 and Friday 29 January



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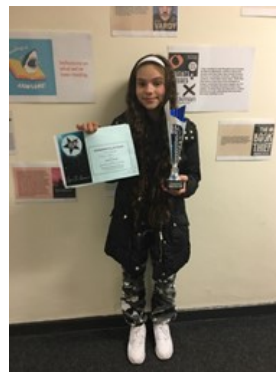


## The Great Big Dance Off

Miss Burnham entered Parmiter's for The Great Big Dance Off; the only National dance competition designed solely for schools. Auditions were held for students in Years 8, 9, and 10 with a fantastic turnout. Every student who auditioned really impressed. It takes a lot of courage to stand up in front of your peers and perform your own work, all students should be immensely proud!

The competition was extremely tough with over 120 entries in Key Stages 3 and 4/5 groups. Our five students were placed very highly. In the Key Stage 4/5 group, Rose placed 35<sup>th</sup> and Gimhara placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. In the Key Stage 3 group, Holly placed 35<sup>th</sup>, Tabitha 27<sup>th</sup> and Elena 1<sup>st</sup>!

Given we have never entered this competition before, coming out with a National Champion really proves how much talent Parmiter's has. All the hard work and dedication really paid off; we are excited to see where the dancers at Parmiter's can go from here. Thank you to Miss Burnham who organised and mentored our students throughout the competition. Well done!



## And then it snowed!.....

### Snowman Competition

When the snow fell it was the perfect opportunity to get outside and compete in the House Snowman Competition! We received **153 entries** from staff and students!

Entries varied from a large igloo to a giant cat sculpture.

The results were:

- 1st Woolley
- 2nd Renvoize
- 3rd Mayhew
- 4th Carter
- 5th Beven
- 6th Lee



Individual winners were:

- 1st J Dalton
- 2nd A Lavin
- 3rd C Wilson
- 4th L Rebaudengo
- 5th L Sharman



### Three Rivers Slogan Competition

Students were asked to create a slogan to appeal to young people in the aim to reduce the spread of COVID19. Three Rivers Council selected their favourites and the slogans were made into social media adverts.

**Congratulations to**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: E Tuhey (Lee)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: A Wilson (Carter)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: L Rebaudengo (Carter)