

## Headmaster's message



Welcome to the first "In Form" newsletter of the academic year. The past eight weeks have certainly flown by. In the opening weeks we were able to celebrate both the 'Outstanding' judgement of our recent Ofsted report, as well as another set of record-breaking A Level and GCSE results. Since then the school has been its usual hive of activity with students both working and playing hard. It has been such a pleasure to welcome our new Year 7 cohort and to meet so many during their annual 'Bushcraft' trip to the "wilds" of Northamptonshire. Year 7 aside, every Key Stage has had the opportunity of at least one trip or special event since September. These have included Key Stage 3 trips to Germany and Spain, as well as GCSE trips to Cornwall and Dorset to support their academic study. I had the pleasure of accompanying the Year 13 Psychology trip to the Freud Museum and a theatre trip to see "Our Country's Good". Sixth Formers have experienced a range of academic trips together with other social outings which help to foster the community feel that exists across our Sixth Form.

### New Staff

Our new colleagues have settled into life at Parmiter's and have quickly become integral members of our staff community: Mr Ali Lauzzana (TA), Miss Arroyo (D&T), Ms Chan (Maths), Dr Coren (Science), Mrs Diegnan (D&T), Mrs Godfrey (TA), Mr Hornby (MFL), Mr Jones (Peripatetic Music), Ms Ma (TA), Mrs Morris (English), Mr Riviere (Peripatetic Music), Mrs Walsh (MFL), Miss Windmill (Drama), Miss Thomas (History), Mrs Scott (TA), Miss Udomjit-Taylor (TA). We have three trainee teachers this year; Mr Cullen (PE), Miss Flowers-Ellis (Music) and Mrs Leach (Science).

### Senior Speech Night

Former School Captain (1984 – 1985), Geoffrey Grose, was our Guest Speaker at this year's Senior Speech Night. Mr Grose is the Head of Vehicle Development at McLaren Automotive and arrived in a suitably impressive sports car, to the delight of our prize winners and guests.



It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening and a terrific opportunity to celebrate so much academic achievement as well as the many students who have contributed so much to our school over the past year. We were entertained by superb solo musical performances from saxophonist Joshua Jones and harpist Amelia Watson. And the evening was concluded by an excellent Vote of Thanks from one of our current School Captains, Elena Sementini.



### Christmas Gift Fair

As ever, the second half of the Autumn term promises even more activities including this year's School Show, our Carol Concert and so much more. One particular highlight is our annual Christmas Gift Fair organised by the Parents' and Carers' Association. Please do ensure you mark Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November in your diary and come along and support your school.

I do hope that you will take the time to read the pages of our newsletter where you will find details about what your children have been up to over the past seven weeks. They and my colleagues are due a well-earned break and I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

*Michael Jones*  
Headmaster



Dear Parents & Carers

As we settle into the rhythm of the new term, the PCA is excited to share the successes and impact we've had within the Parmiter's community. This term, we've focused on bringing parents, carers and students together while continuing to support school activities. Thanks to your generous contributions, we've made a meaningful difference in enhancing the school environment and enriching our students' experiences.

Our community events this term were a huge success. The **Cheese & Wine Evening** for Year 7 parents and carers fostered new connections, bringing families together in a fun and engaging atmosphere. The recent **Second-Hand Uniform & Book Sale** was also a well-attended event. A special thank you goes to all volunteers who made these events possible this term.

Looking ahead, the highly anticipated **Christmas Gift Fair** is just around the corner on **16th November**. We are thrilled to announce some fantastic **Grand Draw** prizes: £350, £150, a **Putt Shack voucher** (£150) and a family ticket to **Warner Bros. Studio Tour** (£150+ value). **Use the QR code on the right to enter!** Don't forget to visit the 48+ stalls, indulge in delicious food and capture memories at the new **Selfie Pod**.

### Call for Volunteers

We are still seeking volunteers to support the Christmas Fair, especially for the **kitchen team, stalls** and **event setup** the night before. Whether you can offer **30 minutes, an hour, or two hours** of your time, every bit helps. We also need assistance with clearing up after the event. If you can help, please get in touch!

### Looking Ahead: Our Goals for the Future

We're excited about what's next and would love for you to be a part of it! Our goals include:

#### Building a Stronger Support Team:

Your involvement strengthens our community. We are also looking to develop the social side for parents & carers, so you have a space to engage outside of regular events.

**Exploring New Funding Ideas:** Fresh perspectives lead to innovative solutions.

**Enhancing Our Social Platforms:** Let's stay connected and keep the conversation going!

### Ready to Make a Difference?

If this inspires you, don't hesitate! Reach out, get involved and let's continue to create an exceptional environment for our students.

### Here's How You Can Get Involved

**Attend Our Events:** Your presence brings joy and builds community spirit. Every smiling face counts!

**Volunteer Your Time:** Whether it's an hour or a day, your time can make a huge impact. Many hands make light work!

**Join Our Meetings:** We're a friendly and welcoming group. Come share your ideas and be part of the conversation.

**Donate:** Can't be there in person? Your financial support helps us fund vital projects for the school.

**Check for Match Funding:** Some employers match charitable donations—double the impact without doubling the cost!

### Explore Other Opportunities:

from **Easyfundraising** (<https://tinyurl.com/PCA-easyfundraising>) to our

**Amazon Gift List** (<https://tinyurl.com/PCA-Wish-List>), there are many ways to contribute.

For more information, scan our QR code or drop us an email at: [pa@parmiters.herts.sch.uk](mailto:pa@parmiters.herts.sch.uk)

**Together, we can achieve extraordinary things!**

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to celebrating with you all at the Christmas Fair!

Warm regards

**Greg Longmore (Chairman) & the Parmiter's Parents' & Carers' Association Team**



# Trips and Visits



## Year 7 at Bushcraft





At the start of this term, Year 9 set themselves a Charity Project. This project was to raise money for

Guide Dogs



and

Great Ormond Street Hospital



GREAT ORMOND STREET HOSPITAL CHARITY

(two charities closely associated with this year group). Each form set up different stalls to see who could raise the most. We had a range of different

stalls such as selling candy floss, Indian sweets and guess the sweets in the jar. There were also lots of interactive games like; sponge the teacher, sports corner, penalty shootout and nerf gun knock over! Both lunchtimes were absolutely packed out and it was great to see so much support from the wider school community in supporting the Year 9s to raise money. The hard work, dedication and good will from the Year 9s has generated a total of £1700 split between the two charities. A special shoutout must go to 9TPE who managed to raise £325.91 in just 30 minutes!! Well done to all involved.



Sixth Form Charity Work for Stargardt's Connected



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Raising awareness. Giving support. Seeking a cure

**Thank you for helping us raise**

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Thank you to everyone who bought a treat from our bake sale. All money will be going to Stargardt's Connected to help with research for a cure.

For any more information please go to: <https://stargardtsconnected.org.uk>



## In the Sixth Form ...



Our amazing Society leaders (we currently have 34 student-led societies running at Parmiter's) held an extremely busy, very noisy and successful Freshers Fair one lunchtime during the second week of September in the Common Room. Each society had a stand and made a display to promote their lunchtime activity meetings. The Fair is held annually to showcase what's on offer and invites new Year 12 students to find out what they are about, ask any questions of the leaders and sign up to attend if they want to know more or give something a go.

To further help new Year 12 students fully embrace their Sixth Form experience, the Sixth Form team hosts a bowling event just down the road at Hollywood Bowl one afternoon directly after school. We hired out all the alleys and students had a fun and enjoyable time getting to know each other socially whilst, hopefully, scoring some strikes and spares!



Next half-term sees the return of the infamous **Sixth Form Quiz** which will take place during the evening of Friday 15 November, in the Conference Centre.



Full details will be shared soon!

## Donations

Over the past 20 years, generous contributions from various benefactors have enabled the school to complete numerous vital projects, ensuring that the campus remains a modern and vibrant space for education. Donations from members of our community of parents, alumni and supporters, have helped maintain and develop our facilities, resources and programs for students.

Funds raised go towards key initiatives, including upgrading school facilities, enhancing technology for modern learning, supporting extra-curricular programs and providing financial assistance to students in need. Every donation, large or small, directly contributes to the success of Parmiter's students and helps maintain the high standards for which the school is known.

With the continued support of our community, we can ensure that Parmiter's remains a place of excellence and opportunity for all students.

If you are interested, please see our [website](#) for more details.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr J Whitehouse, Business Director, [j.whitehouse@parmiters.herts.sch.uk](mailto:j.whitehouse@parmiters.herts.sch.uk)

Donations can be made via one-off or monthly contributions, with Gift Aid offering an additional 25p for every £1 donated by UK taxpayers.



## Boys' Football

This half-term has been a football frenzy as usual, with matches flying thick and fast in District leagues, County and National cups across all age groups. The Year 7 team showed early promise, clinching some district league victories, led by Danie Palone's impressive five-goal haul against St. Joan of Arc - talk about making an entrance! Year 8 has been battling it out with a couple of hard-earned draws, sprinkled among some tough losses. Year 9A and 9B teams started in classic fashion - winning, of course! Both squads are making strides in the national cup. Meanwhile, Year 10 is off to a solid start, with two wins from three matches and some big games on the horizon. The 1st XI have started the season in fine form winning both their first round matches in the County and National cups. Looking forward to seeing this team play some more. Here's hoping they keep up the momentum and bring some silverware home!



## Girls' Football

The girls' football season at Parmiter's kicked off in style, with the 1st XI clinching a win against a strong Reach Free team - though they couldn't quite repeat the magic in their second game. Once again, Anna Anene is doing what she does best: scoring goals! She's leading the charge for the U14 and U15 teams, both of which have kicked off their seasons with two wins apiece. The girls have their sights set on keeping that county trophy in the cabinet and going far in the National cup. The U13s have had a tricky start with two losses, possibly feeling the absence of some key players who've moved up, but there's still plenty of spark in the squad. Watch this space!



## Rugby

Year 7 and Year 8 rugby teams took to the field at a district festival at Fullarians RFC in October. Year 7 got off to a shaky start, narrowly losing their first game, but they bounced back to finish third - just a whisker away from second place. Shoutout to Kyle Hopping, Jayden Eiremiokhae and Tom Wall for some standout plays. Year 8, dusting off some rugby cobwebs, began a bit sluggishly but turned it around with a solid defensive performance against Watford Boys. They saved the best for last, taking down SCD with a thrilling one-try win to wrap up the day. A great finish and plenty of muddy fun!



## Netball

The netball season is off to a flying start, with every team from Year 7 to Seniors showing skill, spirit and smiles. Year 10 and Year 11 strutted their stuff with some stylish wins. Year 10's also diving into national competitions this year, and they've begun with all the right moves. Training attendance across all year groups has been top-notch and it's paying off big time in matches. High-level netball is on display and the excitement is only just beginning. Stay tuned!



## Badminton

Wow! Parmiter's badminton teams are smashing it - literally. We're proud to say we've already claimed the district champion title in U14 boys, U14 girls, U16 boys and U16 girls without dropping a single game! Talk about a clean sweep. Now, both boys' and girls' teams are taking on national competitions, with high hopes of advancing to the later stages and maybe (just maybe!) challenging the very best in the country. With the county round coming up in December, we're aiming for even more success. Badminton at Parmiter's is truly flying high, with students turning up in droves for practice and competitions alike. What a racket!



**Cross-Country**

The cross-country season got off to a chilly and soggy start at Dame Alice Owen’s School in early October, but a bit of rain never stopped our runners! Competing in county rounds of the national championships, our junior, intermediate and senior teams took on a course that was more mud bath than race track, with tough terrain to boot. But our runners took it all in stride, showing the grit and determination Parmiter’s athletes are known for. We had some fantastic results to cheer about: Gabi Olusanya-Artiles (2nd, Junior Girls), Jonah McNaught (2nd, Junior Boys), Peter Bansaghi (2nd, Intermediate Boys) and a brilliant 1st place finish for Gina Luckhurst (Senior Girls). A wet and wild afternoon, but a fantastic one! The district cross-country is coming up after half-term - bring on more mud!



**Honouring Excellence in School Representation:  
The Launch of Parmiter’s PE Caps**

In recognition of our students’ outstanding achievements and contributions to school sports, we are proud to introduce the Parmiter’s PE Caps initiative.

**The Importance of School Representation**

School representation plays a vital role in fostering a sense of belonging, pride and responsibility among students. When students represent Parmiter’s in competitions, they not only showcase their talents but also embody the school’s values of community, aspiration and opportunity through their unwavering commitment and performance. Awards will be given to those who earn 50, 75 and 100 caps, with a badge presented to mark each milestone: Bronze for 50 caps, Silver for 75 and Gold for 100. Students will proudly wear these badges on their blazers, reflecting their accomplishments and dedication.

**PE Caps Launch**

We will officially launch the PE Caps initiative with a special lunchtime event in the next half term. This celebration will be dedicated to recognising students who have already reached significant milestones in their PE representation. The caps will not only honour their athletic achievements but also highlight their dedication, commitment and the countless hours of effort they have put into representing Parmiter’s with pride.

At this launch, we will take the opportunity to explain the significance of the caps to the students, reinforcing how proud we are of their contribution to the school’s sports culture. This event will also be a chance to celebrate their individual journeys and encourage continued participation in the school’s extra-curricular activities.



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- o Snacks for snack break
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### Dates

October 28th 29th 30th 31st and  
November 1st



### Our Venue

Hemel Hempstead Sports Centre  
Park Road, Hemel Hempstead, HP1 1JS