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NEWSLETTER

Headmaster's message



Welcome to the May edition of our half-termly newsletter. The Summer public examination season is in full swing – it seems to start earlier and earlier each year – and I'd like to start by heaping praise on both our exceptional Year 11 and 13 cohorts for how they

have conducted themselves in preparation for these. They certainly deserve all the success in the world for their commitment and dedication to their learning. And, they also deserve credit for their exemplary conduct on their respective "stand down" days. I would also like to thank our staff who oversee the examinations season as well as the team of invigilators who attend every day. This is no mean feat and I am grateful for the hard work of all involved in ensuring that the process runs smoothly. As ever at Parmiter's, it hasn't been all work and no play, as you will see by the pages celebrating our co-curricular activities. Our packed programme of summer sports is in full swing and it has been great to hear so much about our students' successes and participation in athletics both in and out of school.

Summer Concert

Affectionately known as our "Leavers' Concert", our annual Summer Concert, following on so swiftly from last term's Spring Concert, was a particular highlight of the past half term. It was so charming to see our Year 13 musicians following our tradition of wearing floral button holes and being celebrated by our Director of Music, Mr Bates, at the end of the evening.

Many of these talented musicians, who have entertained us so well over the past seven years, joined their younger peers in contributing to our annual concert at St Lawrence's Church in Abbots Langley on Saturday 4 May. In addition to these events, the Music department, thanks to the leadership of our Guitar teacher, Mr Gates, also hosted a delightful Guitar recital evening which, yet again, had impressive contributions from students across every age group of the school.

Staffing

We said goodbye to Mrs Nixon (Geography) earlier this term, as she left to spend more time with her family. We were pleased to welcome Mrs Kerai (Mathematics) who was able to join us early, before the start of the new academic year. We are also looking forward to welcoming Mrs Clark (Head of Geography) back to school after half term following her maternity leave.

The Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expedition

A personal highlight of the half term for me was the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award training event on Sunday 12 May. What better way to spend a glorious day in the Hertfordshire countryside than with seven Year 10 boys all blissfully singing the Abba hits collection at the top of their voices? And being Parmiterians, naturally, they knew every word! My thanks to those colleagues who lead and organise the Bronze Expeditions and the many, many staff and friends of the school who give so generously of their time to support our students.

Year 10 Work Experience

Finally, last week, our Year 10 students all took part in their Work Experience week, led and managed by Mrs Zanetti, our Careers Advisor. We have been delighted to receive such positive feedback and so many compliments about our students from employers both locally and further afield. They are a real credit to their school and have yet again done their bit to promote Parmiter's as an exceptional school. My thanks of course go to Mrs Zanetti for overseeing the programme and to the many staff who made visits to our students and supported such an important experience for them all.

Please be reminded that Monday 3 June is an Inset (staff training) day and only those students taking exams should be in school.

I wish all of you an enjoyable and relaxing half term and look forward to seeing students on their return to school on Tuesday 4 June.

Michael Jones



Parents' and Carers' Association

Dear Parmiter's Family

As we conclude this vibrant and eventful term, I would like to take a moment, on behalf of the entire Parmiter's **Parents' & Carers Association** team, to extend our heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you. We are hopeful for brighter days and warmer weather as we head into summer!

We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all those who have supported us behind the scenes and at our events. Your dedication and efforts are the backbone of our successes and continue to enrich our children's educational journey at Parmiter's School.

Speaking of successes, we have some exciting updates to share:

The logo competition is now down to the **last 7 entries** (pictured right) which will be voted on by all students. It's been an incredible journey of creativity and community spirit. Watch this space for the winner!

Our recent events have been fantastic, with the **Second-Hand Uniform and Book Sale** bringing in an impressive **£569**.

The Bags2School Initiative also raised £136, showcasing our commitment to recycling and fundraising.

We also supported the **Careers in Maths Talk**, donating **£450**.

Finally, the **Summer Leavers Concert** was supported by the team with refreshments for up to 300 parents, carers and students.

Now, we're on the hunt for your support for upcoming events:

As we move forward into another exciting term, we are reaching out for your invaluable support to restock our second-hand uniform store. Offering good quality second-hand uniforms is now more important than ever and we rely on your generosity to ensure this initiative's success. We kindly request that you donate any unwanted items of uniform, especially PE uniforms, blazers, and ties, which are in high demand. Ties, in particular, are like gold dust and your contributions can make a significant difference. In addition to uniforms, we are also looking to collect walking/hiking boots for our students participating in the Duke of Edinburgh expeditions.

Please send any donations to Reception as soon as possible and before 10 July. We will hold a sale at the **Headmaster's Evening** for new students, providing them with the opportunity to benefit from these resources.

As we continue to grow, our aim is to raise even bigger funds for projects that will benefit all our students. To achieve this, we need new volunteers and people who are keen to own or drive some of our initiatives. We understand that everyone is busy, so please note that PCA meetings are not mandatory. Notes and minutes are kept and shared, ensuring that everyone stays informed and connected.

Joining the PCA doesn't require a cape but, if you have one, we wouldn't say no! Seriously though, your involvement, no matter how big or small, can make a world of difference. Whether you can help at events, contribute ideas, or simply offer moral support, we welcome you with open arms (and possibly a cup of tea or coffee). Reach out to us via email at pa@parmiters.herts.sch.uk to find out how!

Support Through Donations:

Every donation helps and, if your employer offers match funding, it's a fantastic way to double the impact of your contribution. Again, drop us an email if you need help with this.

Easyfundraising: A simple, cost-free way to support our school with your regular online shopping. Click the [link](#). It's easy to sign up and use.

As we step into this break, I wish you and your families a wonderful time off and we look forward to hearing from you (cape and all) next term.

Warmest regards

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



PARMITER'S PARENTS & CARERS ASSOCIATION



Stand down!

The Year 13 students came together to celebrate the end of their A level studies and enjoyed a very sunny morning on the top field with the 'it's a knock-out style' games and challenges which included lots of water, blindfolds, flour and eggs.

As ever, students made a fabulous effort with their fancy dress outfits. This was the year of the Queen's soldiers, her Majesty and a corgi. We had Three Wise Men, The Adam Slanders, Scooby Doo Crew, Evil Disney Villains, Toy Story Cast, The Ken's (no Barbies), Disney Princesses and R  t  touille characters accompanied by lots of fab rats. We also had Alice in Wonderland, a Mariachi Band, Batman, the Joker, Deadpool, Teletubbies, Baymax, Mr Bean, Alvin and the Chipmunks, Mean Girls and Two Clovers!

Amongst other great group costumes were the Fire girls, Prison Escapees, Vector and Gru, Adventure time, Subway Surfers, Ninja Turtles, Little Miss Bossy and Mr Nonsense, Little Red Riding-hood and the wolf, some Monks, Thing 1 & 2 and the characters from SpongeBob!

The Sixth Form Team's favourites were the Super Mario collective including so many toads & Princess Peaches, Top Gun and who could miss the Sumo Man and Dinosaur!



Parmiter's School



2019-2024

Year 11 Stand down

On Wednesday 8 May we said a formal goodbye to our current Year 11 cohort as they embarked on study leave ahead of their upcoming GCSE examinations.

Year 11 students enjoyed a day of shirt signing, with some beautifully decorated shirts, collecting their yearbooks and their leavers hoodies. Afterwards, they took part in one last assembly to mark the end of the final time as a year group. We wish them every success for their exams and look forward to dancing the night away at prom in June!



The Duke of Edinburgh's Award continues to go from strength to strength here at Parmiter's. Last year, 176 of our students earned an award, including an impressive 15 gold awards. This massive amount of effort from students and staff means that we are the 4th most successful centre in Hertfordshire for awards completed!



On Sunday 12 May, 130 Year 10 students took part in the Bronze DofE training day at Ashley Green. In glorious sunshine, the student's took part in a 10km walk to improve their navigation skills along with learning campcraft while erecting tents and using stoves.

We look forward to a busy summer of qualifying expeditions and, hopefully, an even bigger number of awards. To help us support the student's in completing their award and ensure we have enough equipment, donations of unwanted hiking boots in good condition, suitable for 14-18 year olds would be greatly appreciated and can be left at reception.



Charity Update ~ Thank you!

As ever, Parmiter's families were amazing with their donations of new and nearly new board games and puzzles collected before Easter, which has enabled us to give lots of fantastic games, activities, board games and jigsaw puzzles for all age ranges to the Starfish Children's Ward at Watford General Hospital.

Their specialist playworkers, Shannon and Helen, were incredibly appreciative and let us know that they will be put to extremely good everyday use on both the ward and in their play/activity areas. This initiative all came about from one of our brilliant student's ideas, when they met with the school Charity committee earlier in the year. They themselves have spent considerable time in hospital and wanted to make other's time there that little bit more enjoyable with family and friends. Parmiter's hope lots of children and young people will benefit from these new resources.

Despite the unpredictable nature of the UK's weather, the summer activities have started with promise and we are looking forward to a final half term of success.

Before you read about this term's activities, we are delighted to report on the success of the Under 13 girls' football team who was crowned Hertfordshire Schools Champions! In the final, the girls played Presdales, a tough and technical team from Ware. Our girls went a goal up, against the run of play, with Anna Anene scoring her 50th goal of an outstanding season. Presdales then hit back, quickly scoring 2 goals to lead at half time. An inspired team talk from Ms Hall and Mr Beecher resulted in the girls being on fire in the second half. 2 more goals from Anna secured her hat-trick but also the County title. This is the first time, in over 20 years, the girls have been crowned Champions.



Despite it still being early in the cricket season, our teams have begun in earnest with some promising performances. At the time of writing, the Year 7 team is unbeaten in their first three matches. A brilliant 123 victory over Verulam in the Hertfordshire County Competition has been the standard. Vihaan Goyal and Rhiaan Patel have both amassed 50s, with Riyaan yet to go out in his three innings. The Year 8 team are the only ones to lose, with a defeat to Westbrook Hay School in the County Cup. The team never got going and, on a wet wicket, were not able to set enough runs to defend. The Year 9 team had a comfortable win over St Edmunds School to progress to round 2, where they will play Hemel School. For the first time, we entered our Senior team into

the National T20 Competition, a prestigious competition that pitches the best cricketing schools against each other. We played Haberdashers Boys School, losing on the very last ball. Having set 132-2 from our 20 overs, with captain Anay Maheshwari scoring an unbeaten 69* and Year 10 student Nakul 39*. We were always hopeful of taking the game deep. Into the last over, Habs needed 6 runs to win with 2 wickets left. Nakul removed one of the wickets, leaving Habs teetering on the edge of defeat. Despite a huge LBW appeal, Habs scampered a single off the last ball to win by 1 wicket. It was an incredible performance from such a young team.

Our tennis teams have hit the ground running with some excellent performances so far. The Under 15 girls set the standard with a fine 12-0 victory over Berkhamsted. The Under 13 girls matched them with an equally impressive 10-2 win over Watford Girls. In the District League, the Year 7 and 8 boys' team both beat St Joan of Arc 8-0, with the Year 10 girls' and boys' teams inflicting the same defeat on St Margarets.

At the halfway point of the athletics season, all of our teams are in a strong position to qualify for the County finals in July. There have been some impressive performances, with all teams picking up big points in the County League events. Special mention to Year 8, Anna Anene, who broke the school record for her 100m running a time of 12.7. Anna now owns the Year 7 and 8 record, as well as the Year 8 triple jump honour. In the English Schools Track and Field Championships, we hope to hear shortly on our teams qualification for the regional round. The U14 girls and U16 boys were beat placed, scoring nationally recognised points. We hope to be able to update you, in the last InForm of the year, on end of season successes.



Houses Report - May 2024

Wow, what a brilliant couple of months it has been in the world of Parmiter's Houses! As always, it has been an absolute pleasure to see so many students and staff involved with House competitions and challenges



House Photography Competition

This year's House Photography Competition saw students challenged with capturing an image that represented the theme of 'texture'. Congratulations to Year 12 students Lola Baigent (Mayhew) & Rosie Thomas (Lee), Year 7 student Madhav Praveen (Renvoize) and Year 10 student Arran Sihota (Woolley) for their excellent photographs! Each winner gained 100 House Points.

House Business & Economics: Branding Challenge

The Business and Economics department challenged students to create a new brand of cereal! A huge well done (again!) to Anupriya Dutta of Mayhew House, who won this competition. Congratulations also go to Erika Kukukulka (Renvoize), Shay Rose (Woolley), Raphael Adewunmi (Carter), Lex De Freitas (Renvoize) and Aryan Punjani (Lee), whose entries were all highly commended.

Duolingo Challenge & The Translation Bee

During Languages week, students took part in an array of challenges and events, including two House competitions. The first of which was a 'Translation Bee', in which Carter, Mayhew and Woolley won. The second challenge was a 'Duolingo Challenge' - Beven, Mayhew and Renvoize jointly scooped the winning spot for this competition. All winners earned 50 House Points!

Rubik's Cube Challenge

This was an intense challenge set by Mrs Kosky! Who could correctly configure a Rubik's Cube in under 60 seconds? Congratulations to Year 8 student, Garv Kumar of Beven, who had the quickest time and earned 100 House Points. Well done to all involved.

House Science Poster Competition

In March, the Science department celebrated 'British Science Week' by challenging students to create a poster about 'time'. Congratulations to Ruchie Chowdhury (Renvoize), Dineth Karunanayake (Woolley) & Aryan Punjani (Lee) for winning the competition!

House English: Just Talk Poetry Competition

This competition was linked with a countywide competition that encouraged students to explore their imagination and pen their very own piece of poetry. Although the theme for this competition was 'the power of small', the entries were anything but 'small'! The standard of writing for this competition was incredible, making it very hard to choose just one KS3 and one KS4 winner. Congratulations, once again, to Keya Patel (KS3) of Beven House and Surani Perera (KS4) of Lee House who won this competition. Both winners earned 100 House Points for their respective Houses.

House Easter Egg Hunt

A huge turnout for this year's Easter Egg Hunt, which saw Year 7 students Shemi (Renvoize), Jaydan (Renvoize), Mallolan (Woolley) and Madhav (Renvoize) solve the clues and work out the anagram the quickest. Renvoize was the overall winner of this competition, both in placing as well as participants!



House Geography Competition

During April, the Geography department set a very exciting House competition that focused on Spring in the UK. Students were asked to take a photograph that they thought encapsulated Spring in the UK and to then write a short paragraph about their photo and why they felt it encapsulated springtime. In joint first place was Martha O'Donnell (Beven) and Cleo Tyack (Mayhew), in second place was Lily Wittick (Lee) and in joint third place was Rhia Raj (Lee) and Roma Sadarangani (Mayhew). A special mention was also given to Bertie Caplan and Avleen Sohal for their excellent entries. Well done to the winners and all who participated!

Regular Competitions

As ever, there are regular ways of winning some all-important House Points for your Houses. Every Friday, Mr Perkins emails the Houses Quiz of the Week, with the House with the most participants winning 10 points and second place winning 5. You can also take part in the Park Run every other Friday. We also award House Points to students who gain only achievement points across the term - these are our 'zero heroes'.

Current Standings

And finally, at the end of this half term, we are delighted to announce the current standings are as follows... *drum roll, please*

Congratulations to Renvoize, who are holding strong at the top of the leaderboard.

We would like to thank you for all of your efforts so far and we look forward to what the final half term will bring in the world of Parmiter's Houses.

Ms O'Malley & Mr Perkins

BEVEN	2424
CARTER	1929
LEE	2093
MAYHEW	2636
RENVOIZE	2821
WOOLLEY	2623

Full details coming soon



Summer School

Summer School activities will run for students in Years 7 ~ 10 from
Tuesday 23 until Friday 26 July
Monday 22 July is dedicated to our new students starting Year 7 in September

Activities this year will include ~

- Sport ~ Food ~ Science fun ~ Board Games ~ Treasure Hunt ~ Go Outdoors ~
- Philosothon ~ Orienteering ~ DC Marvel Activity



"What's On?"

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WALK IN NATURE

Go to Cassiobury Park for a walk in nature and visit The bluebells at Whippendell Woods, the ancient trees including the 'Cedar of Lebanon' dating over 100 years.



Visit the wildflower meadows and nature reserve and spot the different varieties of butterflies, insects and birds.

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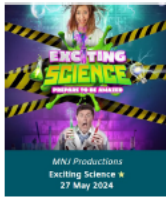
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Merry-go-rounds, bumper cars and candy floss will all make a comeback this summer.

The fair has operated in the town for over 70 years and in 2023, it brought new rides to Watford, including 'The Giant Star Flyer', 'The Extreme', and 'Super Trooper'.

No need to book, just pay as you go. Rides from £2.50 to £5.

<https://watfordtowncentre.com/event/watford-fun-fair/>



FREE Activities to do at home

- **Build a Habitat** - use natural materials - sticks, moss, soil, wood and make an insect hotel.
- **Have a Family Bake Off** - challenge yourself against another family member to make something creative and delicious using ingredients you already have in the house.
- **Arts & Crafts** - get stuck into some colouring, making pictures with leaves, flowers or a collage from cutting out pics in old magazines.

Showing at Watersmeet Theatre this half-term. <https://www.watersmeet.co.uk/shows-and-events>

WildPlay Sessions



May dates should be displayed on their website shortly <https://www.threerivers.gov.uk/services/leisure-parks-culture/nature/wildplay>

EATING OUT

TESCO Kids Eat Free when an adult makes any purchase when dining in the café between 27-31 May (excludes weekends).



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Ages 4-10 and 11-16's
£25 per session or £75 for 4 days
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The main camp will cover major shots as well as fun games, activities and matchplay
All equipment will be provided but a packed lunch and drinks will be required
Daily enrichment activities.

Manor House Grounds
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Abbots Langley 9-1pm
Tuesday 28th to Friday 31st May
Ages 4-10 and 11-16's
£25 per session or £75 for 4 days

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