



InForm

NEWSLETTER

Headmaster's message



Welcome to the final "In Form" of the 2023-2024 academic year. I would like to open with a special mention to our Year 11 and 13 cohorts who conducted themselves so well throughout their lengthy public examination period. It was a delight to see them all looking so grown up at their respective Proms.

I know for so many Year 11s we will meet again in September but I sincerely hope for all the students who are leaving us this summer that it is "au revoir" rather than "adieu" and they will return at some point to let us know how they are getting on. 'Once a Parmiterian, always a Parmiterian' and we are so proud of them all.

Staffing

We have a number of colleagues leaving us at the end of term; Mrs Elms (TA), Mrs Griffiths (MFL), Miss Hunter (Drama), Mr Hunter (MFL), Miss Kilpatrick (TA), Mr Porter (Head of Sixth Form), Mr Sheehan (Science), Miss Thomas (TA), Miss Crisp (Music). All colleagues leave with our grateful thanks and very best wishes for the future. However, I would like to make a special mention of three people who have dedicated a significant number of years to our school and students: Mrs Littlefair retires as Network Manager after 23 years; Mrs Berks, who has been a Senior Leader at Parmiter's for 16 years, plans to enjoy a slighter slower pace for a while and Mrs Rowland, Head of Sixth Form, is retiring after 34 years at Parmiter's. I am extremely grateful to them and all those leaving us for their years of commitment and dedication.

Sports Awards Evening

On Monday evening I had the privilege of attending our annual Sports Awards Evening. There was so much to celebrate as new records were set, once again, for the number of competitions where we have claimed trophies, cups and medals. Victory aside, what has been just as gratifying has been seeing the huge participation rates among our student body across the various summer sporting activities this half term. A particular highlight, as ever, was our annual Sports Day at Woodside and congratulations to Carter House who lifted the Sharples Cup for the second year running.

Summer Open Day and Celebrating Creativity

Celebrating Creativity was the centre piece of our summer Open Day, which provided prospective parents, carers and children with the chance to see the school in the daylight and have a proper look at what our amazing students and exceptional staff accomplish over the course of an academic year. The exhibition showcased exceptional work across Art, Photography, Graphics, Product Design, Textiles and Food from students from Year 7 all the way through to Year 13. A further highlight of the evening was the entertainment provided by our musicians and dancers in the plaza,

as well as the Music Block, and the drama rehearsals that took place in the Drama Studio. Those rehearsals led to the wonderful production of "Wind in the Willows" which graced our Main Hall last week. It gave the opportunity to our Key Stage 3 students to showcase their acting talents as well as highlight the stars of whole school productions to come.

Trips, extra-curricular achievements and adventure

It's been such a pleasure to see so many trips taking place this half term. Our Musicians have just returned from a tour to Aachen which included performances in Belgium, Holland and Germany. Year 7 students had the chance to sample French culture in Normandy and put their language learning this year to good use. Whilst Year 9 students visited Belgium and the World War One battlefields to deepen their understanding of the historical background and tragic nature of the conflict. Congratulations to our successful Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 students who completed their Bronze, Silver and Gold Duke of Edinburgh expeditions. A special mention to those Sixth Form Parmiterians who were invited to Buckingham Palace in recognition of their Gold Awards.

Ofsted called

And whilst we were busy with all the above, we finally had our Ofsted inspection – the first since 2011. Unfortunately, we will have to wait until September for the final, written report, but the provisional outcome and the verbal feedback the school leadership team and governing body received was extremely gratifying. Their judgement was that Parmiter's is an exceptional school with a curriculum offer and extra-curricular opportunities that far exceed those found in other schools. Students' behaviour and attitudes are exemplary. Nothing we didn't already know but it's always pleasing to have this endorsed by the 'Powers that Be'. Most pleasing for me was the staggering approval ratings from the Ofsted parents & carer, student body and staff surveys.

Junior Speech Night

On Tuesday night we had our final formal event of the year, hosting our Junior Speech Night, where our guest was my illustrious predecessor, Mr Daymond. It was wonderful to celebrate the many achievements of our student body across Years 7, 8 and 9. I do want to give a special mention to two superb musicians, Thomas Francis on violin and Lyxie Formento on piano, who provided exceptional performances, most fitting for an evening of excellence.

I wish you all a wonderful summer whatever you are up to. Having worked so hard over the academic year I can only urge you to play hard and I hope you enjoy the break. I look forward to welcoming staff and students back to school in September.

Nemo sibi nascitur!

Parents' and Carers' Association

Dear Parmiter's Community,

As we reach the end of another fruitful year at Parmiter's School, it is with immense pride and gratitude that we reflect on our collective achievements and extend a heartfelt thank you to all who have contributed to the success of the Parmiter's Parents' and Carers' Association (PCA).

Introducing Our New Logo

We are delighted to announce the winner of our logo competition, **Ruby Ghioc**, whose design received an impressive 147 votes out of a total of 452 cast. Ruby's design beautifully encapsulates the spirit of our community, featuring an inclusive circle theme, a border incorporating each House colour, and two figures representing the care and support provided by teachers, parents, carers, and students.

This logo will become a central symbol of our PCA identity, and we will soon begin the transition to feature it in all our PCA-related activities and communications. Ruby's thoughtful and creative approach has given us a design that will be proudly displayed and recognised by all.



A Year of Incredible Contributions

Our dedicated volunteers are the backbone of the PCA, and without your unwavering support and commitment, our efforts would not have been possible. This academic year, your contributions have enabled us to spend over **£38,000** in grants for the school, directly enriching the educational environment for our children.

Your generous support has funded a variety of projects, significantly enhancing our school's facilities and resources. Here are some of the key grants given:

- Smart Screens for the Art Department - £6,768
- Basketball Hoops - £5,000
- Elevate Programme for Year 8 & 9 - £3,450.50
- PE Camera - £1,332
- Outdoor Benches - £20,645

Event Highlights

We have also hosted numerous successful events throughout the year, each bringing our community closer together:

Quiz Nights: These fun-filled evenings were a perfect blend of entertainment and brainpower, fostering community spirit while raising significant funds.

Annual Christmas Fair: The festive season was celebrated with great enthusiasm, and our Christmas Fair was a tremendous success, bringing joy to all attendees and contributing to our fundraising efforts.

Second-Hand Uniform and Book Sales: These sales have been vital in promoting sustainability while raising funds.

Spring Concert Refreshments: It was wonderful meeting so many of you at the Spring Concert.

Headmaster's Evening: Great opportunity to meet and greet all the new parents and carers joining our school community.

School Open Day: The donuts were a hit, and it was fantastic to meet new families looking at Parmiter's as an option for their children's future.

As we plan for the upcoming year, we are eager to welcome more **volunteers**. Whether you can help at events, assist with setup and cleanup, or share your skills and abilities, your involvement is invaluable. By joining the PCA, you will be part of a thriving community dedicated to enriching the educational experience for all our children.

How You Can Help

Volunteer at Events: Even a small amount of your time can make a significant difference.

Donations: Every donation counts, and if your employer offers match funding, it can double the impact.

Join the PCA: No cape required! Your participation, ideas, and support are what make our community strong.

Please reach out to us at pa@parmiters.herts.sch.uk to find out how you can get involved. Together, we can continue to build a supportive and vibrant community at Parmiter's School.

Warmest regards,

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

"Wishing you all a wonderful summer break and looking forward to another year of success and community spirit at Parmiter's School."



Sixth Form Wear a Hat Day 2024!

Year 12 students raised a brilliant £550 for Macmillan Cancer Support, Parmiter's National charity this school year.

Year 12 students participated in a fun non-uniform and a 'wear a hat/headgear' event to raise funds for this amazing cause at the end of the summer term.

The Sixth Form Council and Charity prefects, Michael Tawfik, Alex Pasçaru, Ava Lehner and Grace Levy led the 16 Form Reps and organised a range of stalls over the festival lunch time including a Tombola, Cake Sale, Face Glitter and Henna Tattoos, Mocktails, Balloon Modelling, a Chopsticks Challenge, Photo Booth, Quiz Challenge and Festival Bracelets in the Sixth Form Common room.

Outside there was a Penalty Shoot-Out and some Water Guns/Balloons/Sponge throwing where some students ended up very soggy!

There were some fabulous hats and head accessories spotted around the school and a fun afternoon was had at the numerous stalls followed by retro silly sports in the sports centre or a game of rounders on the top field.

Winners of the 'Wear a Hat' Competition were Bella R, Elena K, Andrew W, James B, Mikey A, Grace L, Anya K and Taylor G.



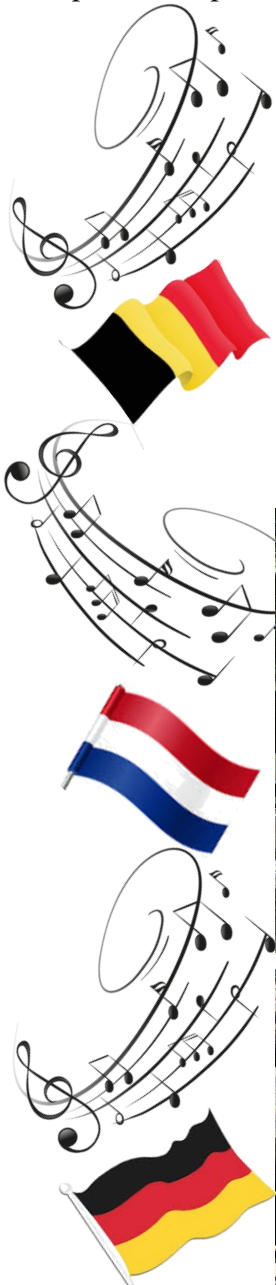
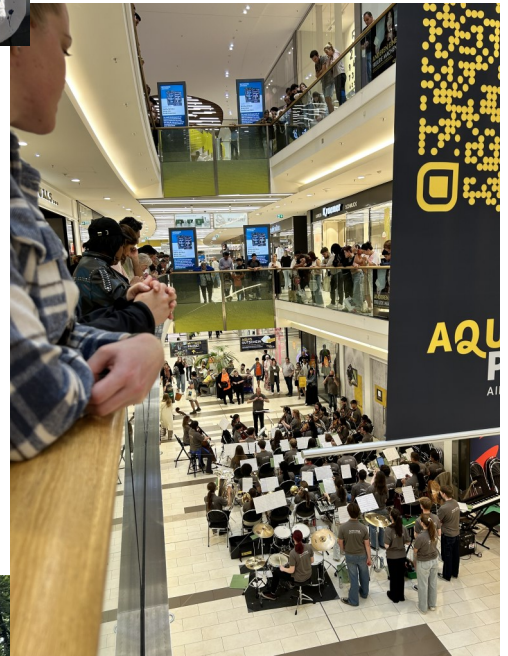
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Enrichment Week



Music Tour ~ Three Countries

The number 3 was significant to the recent Music Tour ~ 3 concerts in 3 countries with a 3am start on the penultimate Friday in the summer term! Students arrived slightly bleary-eyed in Aachen, Germany, after a long day travelling but were energised and ready to perform by the time they arrived at Drielandenpunt (Three Countries Point) the next day. The second concert took the form of a 'pop-up' performance in a shopping mall back in Aachen. Shoppers stopped to watch and listen as Parmiter's music filled the mall. Sunday's performance was enjoyed by those wandering through the sunny market place in Valkenberg, Netherlands, and local residents emerged onto their balconies to enjoy the show. As ever, our musicians were fantastic and returned to school on Monday evening filled with memories of their full-on, fun-packed trip.





Well, what an end to the year it has been! There have been numerous fantastic House competitions, challenges and events, which, of course, included our infamous Sports Day. As always, it has been wonderful to see so many of our students and staff getting involved!

Sports Day

Another year, another fabulous Sports Day (apart from the torrential rain at the end!) An excellent effort from all who participated and supported. The winning House in Year 7 was Carter, in Year 8, Mayhew took the lead, Year 9 saw Lee as the overall winner and in Year 10 it was Carter who came out on top. The Tug of War winner this year was Lee.

It was very close but it was Carter who lifted the cup this year - well done, Carter House!

House Humanities Competition

During this half term, the Humanities faculty launched a 'British Values' competition. This competition encourages students to create a poster based on what they felt British values meant to them. The winners were as follows:

- 1st Aran Sihotra (Woolley)
- 2nd Nivany Chandramohan (Beven)
- 3rd Fatima Zeeshan (Beven)
- 4th Raphael Adewunmi (Carter)
- 5th Riya Agarwal (Renvoize)
- 6th Surani Perera (Lee)

We cannot wait to see the posters displayed around school in September.

House Challenge: Euros Predictor

With excitement building for the Euros, Mr Poulton organised a House challenge that allowed students to make predictions for the Euros tournament. The winner, with the most accurate predictions, was Jaego Gardiner of Mayhew House.

House Rounders

An incredible effort from our students throughout this competition! Well done to all who participated.

Years 7 & 8:

It was Woolley House who took 1st place, followed by Mayhew in 2nd place, Renvoize were in 3rd, Beven in 4th, Carter were in 5th and Lee, who were 6th.

Years 9 & 10:

Lee House took 1st place, followed by Mayhew in 2nd place, Renvoize came in 3rd, Carter were in 4th, Beven in 5th and Woolley in 6th place.

House Cricket

Again another fantastic effort from our students throughout this competition! Well done to all who took part. In 1st place was Beven, in 2nd place was Renvoize, Woolley House took 3rd place, Carter followed in 4th, Mayhew was 5th and in 6th place was Lee.

Yearly Roundup

Zero Heroes: The House with the highest number of 'zero heroes' this year was Woolley.

Quiz of the Week: The House with the most weekly wins this year was Woolley!

Current Standings

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

Congratulations to Renvoize, who are this year's winning House! What an incredible feat, especially when you take into consideration that Renvoize finished in 5th place last year!

We would like to thank you for all of your efforts this year and we look forward to what the new school year will bring in the world of Parmiter's Houses.

BEVEN	3071
CARTER	2713
LEE	2857
MAYHEW	3326
RENVOIZE	3654
WOOLLEY	3494

Sport

Despite the torrid weather, this summer has been nothing short of warm and sunny in terms of success! Incredible commitment from our athletes to training and competition has been rewarded with remarkable results and success all round, including winning County titles in Athletics, Cricket and Tennis!

County League Athletics

Our summer athletics season begins with 6 County league events, competing against 5 schools during each meet. The points accrued during these events dictate whether you qualify for one of the finals, either the main final for those finishing in position 1- 4 or the plate final for places 5-8. It was extremely exciting to see our U14 girls, U16 girls and U16 boys all finish within the top 4 and qualify for the main final. Our U14 boys finished in 6th place and were rewarded with a plate place.

Whilst so many of our athletes competed incredibly well, special mentions must be given to the following athletes Anna Anene (U14 girls) for unrivalled success in the 100m sprint, Triple Jump and relay. Year 7s Dina Bozorgi and Gabi Olusanya-Artiles were also invaluable to the team with excellent performances in the Long Jump and 1500m respectively.

In the U14 boys' team, it was Alex Gow who was the standout performer, remaining unbeaten across 12 events in Long Jump, 200m and hurdles. Year 7 student, Jonah McNaught (pictured right) also ran exceptionally well in the 800m race.

The U16 boys' team had several top performers, none more so than Ramsey Gill in the Pole Vault, clearing 3.40m on his way to selection for Hertfordshire in the English Schools Championships, and Hayden Stapelberg who won several Javelin events. Alongside them, saw Luca Lazar, Peter Bansaghi, Charlie Henson, Jake Rayner and Keelan Skehill-White secure regular success in their own events. The U16 girls' team had consistent performers throughout with Hu Xin Sezille, Jessica Street and Autumn Rana being the most regular winners in their events.

The finals came with all four teams competing to the very best of their abilities. The U14 boys left nothing on the track to finish in 2nd place. The U16 girls finished 6th in the main final, followed by the U16 boys in 3rd position. The most remarkable result came from our U14 girls who were crowned Hertfordshire County Champions by 4 points, ahead of Berkhamsted and Queenswood School. This is an incredible achievement and one which will live long in the history of our school.



Watford District Championships

The annual Watford District Championships was another opportunity for our students to showcase their talents. We had 19 winners, all proudly being awarded the title of Watford Schools Champion.

Year 7

Emily Todd (200m)
Dina Bozorgi (100m)
Jonah McNaught (800m)
Harry Cox (Shot put)
Gabi Olusanya-Artiles (1500m)
Colby Brander-Stark (Javelin)

Year 7 girls relay

Year 8

Alex Gow (200m)
Anna Anene (100m)
Year 8 girls relay

Year 9

Luca Lazar (Triple Jump)
Hayden Stapelberg (Shot put)
Jaquim Veneracion (Long Jump)
Peter Bansaghi (High Jump)
Ramsey Gill (Pole Vault)

Year 10

Jake Rayner (Discus)
Keelan Skehill-White (Shot put)
Hui Xin Sezille (Shot put)
Year 10 girls relay



Hertfordshire Championships

In the Hertfordshire Individual Championships, we had 21 students compete with 5 of them being crowned County Champions:

Joe Kelly (Discus)
Zara Simon (Discus and Shot)
Hayden Stapelberg (Javelin)
Abi Charles-Ojo (200m)

Congratulations to Hayden Stapelberg, Ramsey Gill (pictured right) and Jaquim Veneracion who all represented Hertfordshire in the South England Combined Events Championships. The 5 event programme saw the boys make up $\frac{3}{4}$ of the Herts team competing against all other Southern Counties. 7 PBs across the boys events helped Hertfordshire to a second place finish behind Kent. The boys will now go on to represent Hertfordshire at the National Championships in September. At the time of writing, Ramsey is currently in Birmingham, representing Hertfordshire at the English Schools Athletics Championships and will be competing in Pole Vault, hoping to better his 3m 40cm Personal Best.



National Track and Field Cup

All four of our teams qualified from the County round through to the regional finals. Our U16 girls managed to qualify for the Final and performed incredibly well to win the event. Our U14 girls and U16 boys both performed against the best schools in the Southern Regional in the A final, surpassing their team score from round 1. The girls were exceptional throughout, finishing in 2nd place, only a few points behind the winners and narrowly missing out on a place in the National final. Our U16 boys also outperformed themselves, finishing in a very credible 4th place.

Tennis

It isn't only athletics success that I can report at County level. Huge congratulations to both our U13 and U15 girls' Tennis teams who were both crowned Hertfordshire Champions.

Our U13 team very nearly did the County double of winning the Nicola Mabbit Cup and the County League. The girls competed in Division 2 of the Hertfordshire league. The competition begins as a group stage with the winners of each of the four groups qualifying for the finals day. Wins against Watford Grammar, Queenswood and Tring left the girls unbeaten and rewarded them with a place on finals day. It was a match vs St Albans School and, despite a tricky start, they were able to record a win and play Ashlyns for in the final. Ashlyns were exceptional with two nationally recognised players in their team.

Despite giving everything, the girls had to settle for second place. However, in the Nicola Mabbit trophy, the girls went one better, winning the title. In the District stage, they won all 6 matches earning the right to represent Watford against the other District winners. On finals day, all 3 teams won 2 sets and lost 2 sets but because of our better games difference, we qualified for the final. We played Presdales who had won the other group and soundly beat them 4 sets to 0 to become County Champions.

The U15 tennis teams have had a superb run this year in both County and District Leagues. In the District League we played six matches and won 4. We didn't quite do enough to qualify for the County Finals but some thoroughly enjoyable matches were played. In the County Tennis League division 2, with the help of Michaela Yeung as our number 1, and Kitty Harrington-Smith from Year 9, Teodora Randall, Jodie Chan and Trinetra Garge won all their pool matches to qualify for the semi finals at Queenswood School. The last pool match was a nail biting shootout at 3 sets all against Beaumont, which we won 10-8.

In the semi final we played Dame Alice Owen's and convincingly beat them, to qualify for the final against St Albans High School. A quick win for Michaela put us one set up, and then 3 close sets followed. Teodora was the last player to finish, turning a 4-1 game down to a 6-4 victory. This sealed the win and we finished as County Champions for the first time.

Well deserved congratulations to the team!



Cricket

Huge congratulations to our Years 7, 9 and 10 Cricket teams who all achieved Watford District Premier League success this summer. Our Year 7s have proven to be a talented team with strong performances against all other teams in the league. Special mentions to Riyaan for his hard hitting batting, scoring his first school 50, Vihaan for scoring 50 on debut and Aman and Arjun for getting 6 wickets each.

Year 9 fell at the semi final stage of the County Cup but strong league performances resulted in another victorious summer for the squad. At the time of writing, Year 10 are due to play their County Plate final vs Simon Balle, where we hope they are successful. In the league, strong contributions from Nakul Trivedi and Thirshul Murunganadh with both bat and ball led the boys to 3 wins from 3 and a fourth consecutive league title.

Rounders

Despite the poor weather, it was brilliant to see our Rounders teams get the opportunity to compete in the annual Watford tournaments. The girls played with a fantastic spirit, plenty of smiles and a positive attitude throughout. It was our Year 9 girls who came closest to the title, finishing in 2nd place.

International Superstar Alert!

Congratulations to Year 10 student Hui Xin Sezille who continues to set the fencing world alight. Hui Xin has been busy, travelling across Europe and Britain to compete in many high level fencing competitions. We are delighted to announce that Hui Xin is now the British U17 Champion, following her victory at the British Championships, last month. In the European rankings, she is currently ranked 4th in Euro and this was vindicated in the recent European competition in Barcelona. Hui Xin fenced her way to 3rd place as an individual and contributed to the Great Britain team winning the gold medal and being ranked in 1st place. Well done, we are so proud of you!



We look forward to seeing the students back in school on ~
Wednesday 4 September (Years 7 and 12)
Thursday 5 September (Whole school)