



Letter from the Head 20/6/25

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another eventful and rewarding week at Park House School, and I'd like to start by recognising a truly momentous milestone; our Year 11 and Year 13 students have now completed their public examinations. Their focus, resilience and determination throughout the exam season has been nothing short of exceptional, and we are so proud of them all.

To mark the occasion, we held enjoyable and well deserved farewell events. Year 11 gathered on Thursday for their final assembly, complete with the traditional shirt signing, always a memorable way to celebrate this important rite of passage. We're very much looking forward to welcoming them back next week for our Sixth Form Taster Days. Year 13, ever the more sophisticated, celebrated with a sociable barbecue and shared their farewells in great spirits, a fitting send-off for a cohort that has given so much to our school.

Staying with exams, this week also saw the moderation of our Art, Photography and Textiles coursework. Typically a two day process, the quality of our students' work was so impressive that the moderator felt no need to return for a second day, an exceptional endorsement of their creativity and effort, and of the support they've received from their teachers.

With Year 11 and 13 now finished, our focus turns fully to end-of-year assessments and mock exams for other year groups. I'd like to give a special mention to Year 10, who have approached their mock exams with real rigour and maturity, an excellent foundation for the year ahead. Thank you also to the Year 10 parents who braved the heat of the main hall on Tuesday evening to hear about our Year 11 strategy; your continued support is greatly appreciated as we work together to secure the best possible outcomes for your children.

On the sports front, last weekend saw outstanding Park House representation at the County Athletics Championships as part of the West Berkshire team. Our students performed brilliantly:

Noah M – 9th in U15 100m

Ewan E – 7th in U17 Triple Jump

Melissa K – 6th in U17 100m

Josh B – 5th in U15 Triple Jump

Beth P – 3rd in U20 Discus

Tabatha D – 2nd in U15 Javelin

JJ S – 1st in U17 Shot Putt

Harriet S – 1st in U15 1500m



It was a day full of proud moments, and Harriet's victory was particularly special. Not only did she become County Champion (a year young) but she also achieved the qualifying time for the English Schools Finals in Birmingham this July. A remarkable achievement, we wish her the very best of luck!

On the cricket pitch this week, our students enjoyed continued success. We came close to a clean sweep against Kennet with wins for the Year 7 boys, Year 7 girls, Year 8 boys and Year 10 boys. Only a narrow loss for Year 9 in a thrilling game prevented a full house. Meanwhile, our Year 9 girls' rounders teams played at The Downs, the B team showed great spirit despite three losses, while the A team performed brilliantly, winning three of their four games.

Making the most of the sunshine, we hosted a charity ice lolly sale on Friday to raise funds for our school's good causes and a welcome treat in the heat, and one we plan to repeat next week while the warm weather continues.

Looking ahead to next week, with slightly cooler temperatures forecast, we are asking that students **return to wearing ties**, though **blazers may continue to be left at home**.

Finally, best of luck to our Silver Duke of Edinburgh students, who embark on their assessment expedition this weekend. The warm weather adds an extra challenge, but we're confident they'll rise to it with resilience and teamwork.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Regards,

James King
Headteacher