



## Letter from the Head 27/6/25

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we near the final few weeks of the academic year, the energy and enthusiasm around school remains as strong as ever, and this week has been a particularly full and rewarding one at Park House.

We began the week with a positive meeting with 'Newbury in Bloom', building new links to support the continued growth of our gardening and ecology clubs. This is a fantastic opportunity to connect our students with local expertise and develop our green spaces even further.

Year 10 and Year 12 have now concluded their mock exams, and I must commend them on the superb way they've conducted themselves throughout the process. Their mature approach and determined effort have been hugely impressive and we look forward to reviewing the outcomes and using them to shape further progress. Attention now turns fully to our students in Years 7, 8 and 9 who face the core subjects of English, Maths and Science next week.

The House Competition is back in full swing, with Year 7 and Year 8 girls and boys completing the fixtures in cricket and rounders. Croft made a strong early statement with two wins, while Chaffey and Albert also secured victories. As a result, the competition is wide open, and there's everything to play for as we head into the final stretch.

In sport, our Year 9 girls' rounders team enjoyed a strong win against Trinity (22½ - 16), and the Key Stage 3 tennis team had a great evening of friendly and competitive matches at St Bart's. A particular highlight this week on the cricket pitch was the 1st XI's superb 6 wicket win over St Bart's, with a number of excellent performances and another standout batting display from Jack Rider, who top-scored with 33 runs. Meanwhile, our Year 9 girls' cricket team narrowly lost out to The Downs but gained valuable experience and insight from the match. A number of our Year 7 athletes also travelled to Bracknell this week to represent West Berkshire in the county competition, following their strong performances at the district event. The students competed brilliantly on the day, with the highlight being a second place podium finish for Florence Hayes, a fantastic achievement!

This week also saw us welcome our new Year 6 parents to Park House for a presentation ahead of the upcoming Transition Day on Monday. It was a pleasure to meet both new and familiar faces and to share our plans and expectations for a smooth and successful transition into secondary school. We're very much looking forward to welcoming the students themselves on Monday.

We also hosted our Sixth Form Taster Days, giving both current and external students a real insight into life in the Park House Sixth Form. It was fantastic to see so many students engaging with the opportunities available and starting to shape their post 16 journey. A big thank you to Mr Wicks and Mr Holland for delivering such a valuable few days.

Undoubtedly, the highlight of the week for many was Thursday's Sports Personality of the Year Awards. This wonderful event gave us the opportunity to celebrate not just individual achievements but also the breadth of sporting opportunities and participation across the school. It was a heart warming evening, full of pride and applause and a fitting way to mark what has been another remarkable year of sport at Park House. Huge thanks must go to Ms Tregear for organising such a brilliant event, her hard work and attention to detail made



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the evening truly special and also to Steve Frews, the former GB gymnast who provided us with a fascinatingly insightful speech about his sporting journey. A full list of award winners will be shared in the end of term newsletter.

Finally, a quick update about uniform arrangements for next week in response to the warm weather forecast:

- On **Monday and Tuesday**, students may wear PE kit to school.
- On **Wednesday**, we return to normal school uniform, but blazers will not be required.

Thank you for your continued support. I hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'JK', written in a cursive style.

James King  
Headteacher