



Letter from the Head 26/4/24

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Dear all,

The return from the holidays by our students has been nothing short of spectacular and they have certainly hit the ground running over the past fortnight. Lessons have been super focussed, and students have got straight back into the groove of working to incredibly high standards. A good example of their focus last week was during our termly fire drill where students were exemplary.

The GCSE season got underway last week, and Year 11 students studying French or Spanish had their speaking and listening assessments. Our drama students also undertook their final performances. Both Miss Knights and Mr Sutton were full of smiles last Friday, and were delighted with how students had performed. This week has been the turn of the A level art, photography and textiles students who have worked through their 15 hour exams, a testament to their concentration and academic endurance!

Summer term sporting action has kicked off this week, albeit amongst rather chilly conditions! Our Year 8 girls cricket team have been in action with narrow defeats against Kennet and Theale Green School. The 1st XI had the privilege of playing on Falklands Cricket Club first team pitch on Wednesday, in their league match against Reading Grammar School. Despite some strong cameo appearances with the bat, the boys fell short of Reading's total, but it has been an enjoyable start to the season for all those involved this week, and we look forward to the other year groups getting started.

Back at school, we saw the conclusion of House sports with the eagerly anticipated Year 7 competition taking place on Thursday. Top spot in netball was shared between Chaffey and Croft, and Albert took the glory in the football competition. We look forward to seeing how the overall standings are affected by these latest results.

Students have benefited from lots of opportunities this week, with sixth form trips out to sociology, psychology and business studies revision conferences, and Year 13 Chemists headed over to Reading University to utilise their facilities for the required experiments.

To finish, can I please remind, as per our recent newsletter piece, that we have a large collection of black coats and we wanted to give you the opportunity to contact us about any that you may have lost.

Every coat has been itemised by brand/type/size. Please email office@parkhouseschool.org with the details of your child's coat by 3rd May 2024 to claim. After this time all coats will be retained by us to be sold in the second-hand shop – details about the shop will be coming out next week.

Once again, thank you for all your support.

Have a great weekend.

Regards,

Headteacher