



Letter from the Head 08/11/24

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Dear Parents and Carers

I am pleased to share some highlights and updates from the first few days of term two. I am proud to announce that we have received a significantly increased number of Year 7 applications for September 2025. This exceptional interest from families across West Berkshire and Hampshire is a true testament to the high-quality teaching and broad range of opportunities that our students receive. It is wonderful to know that so many parents and students are excited to join the PHS community and experience the enriching education we provide.

This week marked the first round of mock exams for our Year 11 and 13 students, and I am delighted to report that these have gone exceptionally well. Our students have shown remarkable resilience, focus, and maturity as they navigate these exams. Their approach so far has been commendable, and I am confident that this dedication will stand them in good stead for their final GCSE and A level exams. Well done to each and every one of them for their hard work and commitment this week.

High standards of behaviour and a positive attitude are central to our ethos at Park House, and this week provided an excellent example. We have had numerous contractors on site this year, and they all have had high praise for our students. They regularly report being impressed by the students' politeness, attentiveness, and respect throughout their time on site. Such feedback is always heartening, as it reflects the values we uphold at PHS and the respect our students show towards others.

Away from the classroom, there has again been an abundance of sporting action this week;

- Our senior boys basketball team enjoyed a tough game against Kenne,t and after an early scare through to win 32-20
- The Year 7 boys rugby team continue to make great progress, and enjoyed two games this week, losing narrowly to Trinity and winning against Kennet.
- The Year 8 football team had their National cup interests ended in what was a very tough game against Maiden Erlegh School. Despite a very resolute performance, the boys lost out 3-1.
- Our Year 7, 8 and 9 girls badminton team was in action at a tournament at Downe House this week, and enjoyed lots of matches against other schools. The girls played with great energy, developed in each game and enjoyed a variety of wins, losses and draws versus the other schools.
- The Year 10 boys rugby team continue their successful season with a comfortable 54-7 win over the Downs in the district league, and remain unbeaten

On Friday afternoon, our senior netball players headed to the PGL netball tournament being hosted at Liddington Hall, Wiltshire. We wish them the very best of success and hope they enjoy the experience.



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Work hard. Be kind. Take responsibility.

To finish, a brief update on our attendance goals. One of our key priorities this year is maintaining an attendance rate of 95% or higher across the school, as we know that consistent attendance is key to both happiness and academic success. At this stage of the year, we are in line with that whole school aim, and currently sit an impressive 2% above the national average. Please remember to regularly check your child's attendance on the My Child at School (MCAS) platform and do reach out to their Head of Year if you have any concerns.

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'J. King', written in a cursive style.

Headteacher