



## Letter from the Head 15/11/24

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**In this issue; a memorable Remembrance service , trips and visits and lots of sporting action....**

Dear Parents and Carers,

The week began with the whole Park House community coming together to observe a wonderfully respectful Remembrance service and two minute silence. The parade by our Cadets made the occasion especially poignant, and I was incredibly proud of their dedication and composure. It was a deeply meaningful start to the week and a reminder of the values we uphold as a school.

Also on Monday our Year 7 boys battled through a tough football game versus Royal Wootton Bassett school to book a place in the 4th round against St Birinus School, Oxford after a 3-2 victory.

The Year 7s continued their successful week, when the rugby team overcame Reading School on Tuesday. Also on Tuesday, our Year 8 girls lost out in a district football match against Trinity and the Year 8 boys rugby team were successful against St Barts and Kennet.

On Wednesday, a group of thirty Year 10 girls visited Scottish and Southern Energy as part of our STEM focus led by Dr Yates. The day delivered an insight into the company's work and is aimed at encouraging girls to study science at KS5, at university, and hopefully to inspire students into the STEM fields of work.

Also on Wednesday, our Year 11 rugby team overcame Kennet School, the Year 9 boys football team lost out to Wildern School in the national cup, whilst our girls sports teams were trying their hand at two sports that we don't see much of - badminton and hockey. I am really grateful to the PE department for creating this wide array of opportunities for our students.

Further sporting action took place on Thursday, with our girls basketball team in action, making the trip to Denefield School for a tough game against an organised and experienced team. Our Year 9 rugby team continued their district fixtures with a narrow loss. However, the Year 10 rugby team continued their unbeaten season with a comfortable win over Reading School.

Alongside all of this, our students have continued to be busy with academic assessments as Year 13 and Year 11 have continued with their mock exams this week. In addition, Year 10 and 12 have started preparing for their upcoming mid year assessments. These are vital opportunities for students to consolidate their learning and develop crucial exam skills. As a reminder, details of assessments can be found [here](#).

The week concluded with a late return for our 6th form students who visited the Royal Shakespeare Company to see a performance of Othello on Friday night. A slightly later than expected return after students opted to remain for a Q and A with the actors such was their enjoyment of the production.

To finish, I would like to remind you that **Friday 22nd November** is an inset day where we will focus on the marking and moderation of students' mock exams and other upcoming assessments.

Thank you all for your ongoing support. The achievements and progress we've seen this week wouldn't be possible without the collective efforts of our students, families, and staff.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Yours sincerely,

Headteacher