



Letter from the Head 29/11/24

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we near the festive season, I'm pleased to share a summary of an exciting and productive fortnight here at Park

Firstly, I would like to thank all those parents that completed the school survey I sent out in October. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive and incredibly useful. Over the coming weeks, I will share with you how we are acting on your feedback. An initial thread that stood out still, was the need for us to improve the way in which we communicate. As requested, we will endeavour to streamline how we communicate, and push all items through the MCAS app (This weekly letter included!). We will also endeavour to ensure that any changes to clubs i.e. cancellations of fixtures etc are communicated through the app in a more timely manner. I will also be continuing with the 'week ahead' video each Monday as that appears to be well received.

Furthermore, I would like to encourage all parents and carers to visit our updated website calendar, now accessible from both the home page and directly [here](#). This includes all our upcoming events and important dates, so please take a moment to familiarise yourselves with it

Amongst these events, I'm delighted to announce the return of our Christmas celebrations, which include Christmas lunches and our achievement assemblies that we hold to recognise the outstanding achievements of our students this term. A reminder that on the final day of term, we will all finish at 3pm, including Year 11. Please refer to the website calendar for all dates and times.

For the Christmas lunches, which will take place as part of whole-year group parties on Monday 16th December, we are asking all students who wish to sign up, to pre-order their meal on **MCAS by 11th December**. That day will also double as 'Christmas Jumper Day', and students are invited to wear a festive jumper and donate £1 to their chosen house charity

- Albert House- Cancer Research
- Chaffey House- Daisy's Dream
- Croft- Newbury Dogs Trust
- Joseph- Great Ormond Street Hospital

Numerous events have taken place over the past fortnight that I will do my best to summarise below;

- The Sixth form has enjoyed welcoming visitors from AWE, the British Army and also a developing life skills workshop from EBP to further broaden their perspectives and preparation for potential careers.
- The Geography department enjoyed their first visit to Reading School to compete in the Geographical Association annual quiz. A great experience and I am sure this will become an annual visit for us.
- Last week, 120 Year 7s enjoyed a school disco to let off steam. Organised by the Sixth form leadership team, it was a really successful event, and we look forward to further discos for other year groups in the near future.
- The Matilda rehearsals have continued in earnest, and from the sounds and brief glimpses I have managed to glean of the performing arts work, we look set for a breathtaking performance. Keep an eye out for tickets when they are released for sale in the new year.
- Sporting fixtures have been typically in abundance with a range of football, rugby and netball fixtures in the district and county competitions for the girls and boys teams. It was also good to see our female swimmers in action at the gala at Downe House School where they performed superbly. The highlight



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of the fixtures has been the two victories for our Year 10 and Year 11 rugby teams over Oratory School which sees them both through to the County Cup semi finals, we wish them the best of luck this coming week.

On an individual basis, I am delighted to share with you some exciting news. Molly in Year 11, playing her Bassoon is through to the semi-finals of the prestigious Oxford Junior Concerto Competition at St. Anne's College Oxford next week, and we wish her the very best of luck! Also, Henry in Year 8 has been selected to represent the England Under 14 ice hockey team. A huge honour, very well done!

Looking ahead to next week, it is now the turn of Year 12 and Year 10 to undertake their first round of assessment and we wish them the very best through the next few weeks

Thank you for your continued support and engagement. I look forward to sharing more updates as we head into the final weeks of term

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Yours sincerely,

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

Headteacher