



Letter from the Head 28/2/25

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an action-packed first week back at Park House School, filled with success, challenge, and exciting opportunities for our students.

First, we reflect on our school ski trip which was a resounding success, with students returning full of incredible stories and memories from an amazing time on the slopes. A huge thank you to Mr. Sutton and Mrs. Bunn for their dedication in making the trip such a fantastic experience. Their time and effort ensured that students not only developed their skiing skills but also built friendships and resilience in a truly memorable setting.

As per my letter earlier this week, the DfE released the KS5 progress data, and it has been a moment of real celebration for our staff. We are absolutely delighted with the outstanding performance of our Sixth Form students, reflecting their hard work, commitment, and ambition. These results reinforce our drive to raise the bar even higher, ensuring that Park House continues to provide an exceptional post-16 experience. The strength of our Sixth Form provision is evident in the significant rise in applications, and this week saw the first wave of internal candidate interviews. Mr. Wicks has been incredibly impressed with the calibre of students and the high quality of discussions, a promising sign of the talent and ambition we have within our school.

This week our Year 11 and 13 students have shown an excellent attitude towards their second round of mock exams, tackling these important assessments with focus and determination. Their hard work now will pay dividends in the summer, and we continue to support them in their final preparations.

On the sports front, our teams have once again represented the school with great energy and skill:

Netball:

Year 7 A team secured two impressive wins against Kennet and Willink, while the B team demonstrated great progress in their matches.

Year 10 netballers fought hard but were narrowly defeated by Theale and Willink.

Year 11 celebrated a solid win against Willink, followed by a thrilling 7-5 victory over St Barts.

Football:

Year 8 boys secured a 5-2 win over John O'Gaunt in the district competition.

Year 10 boys also won their district match with a dominant 5-0 victory over JOG.

Year 11 boys sent two teams to a 6-a-side tournament at Trinity, where they performed brilliantly, losing only two games all evening while securing several wins and draws.



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Beyond the classroom and the sports field, our student leaders in Years 7, 8, and 9 had an inspiring visit to the Houses of Parliament. They met with Newbury MP, Lee Dixon, took a tour of this historic institution, and engaged in thoughtful discussion, posing their own questions on current issues.

Science has also been in the spotlight this week with our STEM house competition, where students put their physics knowledge to the test by designing and building bridges capable of withstanding the greatest load. We also welcomed the National Science Academy, who put our Year 12 and 13 scientists through a series of rigorous challenges – with the Biologists emerging victorious!

Finally, as we head into the weekend, we wish the very best of luck to our Bronze Duke of Edinburgh students, who will be embarking on their expedition. Hopefully, the sun will continue to shine on them as they demonstrate their teamwork and perseverance in the great outdoors.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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

James King

Headteacher