



## Letter from the Head 7/3/25

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### **In this issue; DofE, mock examinations, a focus on career and as ever... more sporting endeavours!**

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been another fantastic one at Park House, with students excelling both in and out of the classroom.

We start by celebrating the Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award students, who successfully completed their expeditions over the weekend. Their resilience, teamwork, and determination were on full display, and they should be incredibly proud of their achievements. Well done to all involved!

Our Year 11 and 13 students have continued their mock examinations, applying themselves superbly. Their focus and dedication have been excellent, and we are confident that their efforts now will pay off significantly in the summer.

The Sixth Form interviews have also continued this week, with record-breaking numbers of applications. Mr. Wicks and the Sixth form team have once again been highly impressed by the calibre of students and the confidence they have displayed in their interviews, exciting times ahead for our post-16 provision.

A big thank you to Mrs. Tebble, who has delivered a series of engaging careers assemblies this week, providing valuable insights into future pathways and inspiring students to think ambitiously about their next steps.

Another very busy week on the various sports fields...

#### Hockey:

A number of KS3 students took part in a Hockey Development Day, working on their skills and game play, a brilliant opportunity to develop their interest and talents further.

#### Cross Country:

We sent a strong team of runners to compete at Mary Hare this week and eagerly await the results. The students represented the school brilliantly, and we are hopeful for some excellent performances.

#### Football:

Year 10 girls put up a strong fight in the County Cup but lost out to St Bernard's School.

Year 7 boys enjoyed an impressive week with a 4-1 win over Trinity and a 3-2 victory against St Barts.

The Senior boys team faced a tough fixture against Reading Grammar, but despite the result, they thoroughly enjoyed the game and are eagerly preparing for upcoming matches.

Year 11 boys secured two hard-fought 1-0 wins, defeating Kennet and The Downs.

Year 9 boys also had a great week, winning 2-1 against Kennet and putting on a dominant display with a 4-0 win over The Downs.



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Year 8 boys showed tremendous character, coming from 2-0 down to draw 2-2 in the County Cup, but unfortunately, they missed out on progressing further in the competition after a narrow loss on penalties.

The standout moment of the week, however, was undoubtedly the English department's trip to see 'Dracula' at the Theatre Royal in Winchester. Students were captivated by the performance, and it was a fantastic opportunity to bring literature to life in such a dramatic setting. A truly memorable experience! A huge thank you to the English department for providing this opportunity.

To finish, a polite Reminder. As always, we appreciate your support in keeping drop-off and pick-up times as smooth as possible. We kindly ask parents to be mindful of our local residents when parking before and after school, ensuring that driveways remain clear. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and we look forward to another exciting week ahead.

Enjoy the weekend, the improving weather, and hopefully a positive England result!

Yours sincerely,

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

James King

Headteacher