



Letter from the Head 4/4/25

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of a busy week and a rewarding term at Park House, I'm delighted to share just a few of the many highlights from this final week before the Easter break.

Our Year 8 students had the opportunity to travel to Bristol this week to watch a live performance of Romeo and Juliet. It was a fantastic cultural experience and brought Shakespeare's classic tragedy to life in an exciting and modern way. The students were a credit to the school throughout the visit.

We were delighted to welcome so many families to our Year 11 Parents' Evening, which was a genuinely purposeful and productive evening. Staff were delighted that they were able to speak with so many of you as students enter the home stretch ahead of their final exams. The support and ambition across the year group are clear to see.

There were mixed fortunes on the netball courts this week: Our Year 8 team put on a dominant display to win 21-3 against The Downs and on the same evening, our Year 7 team came up against a strong Year 8 side from The Downs and, despite a 15-7 loss, they showed great resilience and skill throughout playing a year up! Our Sixth Form and Year 11 netballers enjoyed a brilliant match against Leighton Park this week, hosted at Reading University. Although it was a narrow loss, the team gained valuable experience and once again performed with real determination and spirit.

A special congratulations also goes to Jimmy Shakespeare, in Year 12, who has earned selection for the Berkshire Under-18 Rugby team – a tremendous achievement and testament to his dedication and talent on the field.

Our House Debating Competition has been a real highlight of the term, with passionate and articulate arguments from all participants. The final this week was a genuinely engaging spectacle, and it was fantastic to see so many students involved in such a high-level intellectual challenge. Congratulations to Croft who retained their title!

Our commitment to careers education continues to go from strength to strength and this was recognised this week with our annual audit. I'm proud to say we remain at 100% in achieving all eight Gatsby Benchmarks, a clear reflection of the breadth and quality of the careers provision here at Park House.

It's been a joy to finish the term with our achievement assemblies, recognising the hard work and contribution of students across the school. Whether receiving certificates or school colours, it has been a fitting way to celebrate what has been a really strong term.

The standout moment of the week, however, has undoubtedly been the analysis of our latest mock exam data. Our Year 13 students have made fantastic strides, with the majority now working at or above target levels and our Year 11 cohort is performing 9% above last year's record-breaking group at this stage, a remarkable achievement that is testament to their hard work and commitment. If this momentum continues, the summer outcomes could be very special indeed!



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As we head into the Easter break, I want to thank you all for your ongoing support. We wish our students and families a restful and enjoyable break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school at **8:30am on Wednesday 23 April.**

Have a very happy Easter!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'JK', is written over a faint, light blue grid background.

James King

Headteacher