



Letter from the Head 2/5/25

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another fantastic week at Park House, full of energy, engagement and impressive student effort across the board.

We've been treated to a series of thoughtful and inspiring assemblies from Mr Gianakakis, who challenged us all to consider our impact on the environment and the steps we can take to become more eco-conscious. These assemblies sparked meaningful conversations, and our 'Fun Friday' activity followed up the theme with students enthusiastically making seed bombs to help bring more greenery to our community – a fun and purposeful initiative.

It's also been a significant week for many of our exam-year students. Practical exams in Art, Photography, Textiles, MFL Speaking, Drama and PE have all taken place, and staff have been hugely impressed with the students' focus, creativity and determination. We look forward with genuine excitement to seeing how their efforts translate into results this summer.

For our Year 11 students, this marked their final full week of timetabled lessons prior to the exam season – and what a week it has been. Their focus and determination in preparing for the upcoming GCSE exams has been genuinely impressive. We are incredibly proud of the maturity and work ethic they continue to show.

The House Competition has also brought some light-hearted rivalry to proceedings, with this week's House Quiz led brilliantly by our very own 'quizmaster', Mr Wicks. It's been great to see students from across the school putting their general knowledge to the test and having a lot of fun while doing so. Full results will follow next week.

With the scorching weather this week, the cricket season is now underway. Our Year 8 team recorded excellent victories over The Downs and Ranelagh in the County Cup, while the Year 9s also enjoyed a well-deserved win over The Downs – a strong start to the summer campaign.

The undoubted highlight of the week, however, was the visit of former student and England Rugby star Jonathan Joseph. Jonathan returned to Park House to present us with one of his England shirts – a hugely generous gesture and one we will display with pride. He also took the time to speak with a group of our rugby-playing boys and girls, sharing insights from his career and answering their questions. It was an inspiring visit that left a lasting impression on all involved.

Next week, our attention turns fully to supporting our Year 11 and 13 students as they begin their written examinations. We wish them all the very best and know they will continue to approach this important time with the commitment and positivity they've shown all year.

Wishing you a relaxing and enjoyable bank holiday weekend. **Please also note that, with cooler weather forecast next week, students will be expected to wear their blazers.**

James King

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