



Parents@Park (15.01.21)

Covid Updates

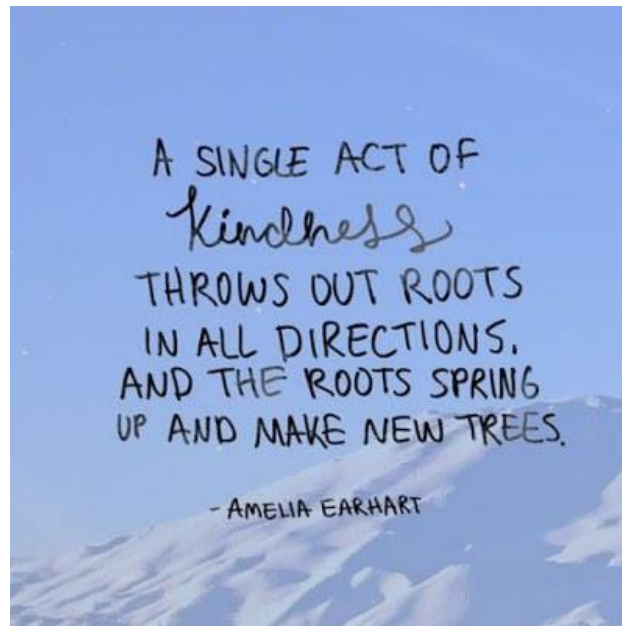
- Please [click here](#) for a letter from the Headteacher in response to the most recent National lock down.
- Despite all students working remotely, if your child tests positive for Covid 19 or indeed has an illness that prevents work completion then please phone reception who will ensure all staff allow a break from remote learning and work submission.
- Please read this [read this link](#) for details of a DfE scheme that allows us to apply for increased data on your child's mobile phone.

Increasing data allowances on mobile phones to help with remote learning



If you have no broadband, we can support you.
Check your Parents email.

A Community coming together



Park have been very lucky to have received a number of donated laptops and electronic devices from members of our local community to support our students with remote learning. These generous acts of kindness will go such a long way for students in helping them to continue their studies. Here are a few pictures of members of our leadership team collecting donated laptops to support the school during this difficult time. We as a school feel so very lucky and humbled to be part of such a wonderfully supportive and caring community.

Please [click here for further information](#) from the company leading this initiative and if you feel you could support school please email info@park-high.co.uk.



Notices

- Please [click here](#) for this week's school assembly **Thursday 14th January**

- From Monday 18 January @3pm there will be a daily live '**PE at THREE**' with a member of the PE department in each Year 'Best you can be Team'. This will kick off with Year 7 on Monday when Mr Curran who will put the pupils through their paces, Year 8 on Tuesday with Miss Ratcliffe, Year 9 on Wednesday with Mr Allen, Year 10 on Thursday with Mrs Harris before Mr Schofield finishes off the week with Year 11 on Friday. The sessions will focus on **fitness and wellbeing**. We hope to see you there along with other teachers joining in **#TeamPark #GreenMachine**.



- The Covid 19 pandemic has been difficult and emotionally draining for our community with many of us often separated from, families support networks and established routines. This can be worrying for children and as such the following information [click here](#) aims to **provide support for emotional wellbeing and mental health during these challenging times**. If you have any concerns or would simply like to speak about your son or daughter for reassurance please do not hesitate to contact Mrs C Bridges (Safeguarding lead) on cbridges@park-high.co.uk **who will be happy to help and support**.



Academic Language Years 7+8

[Please click here](#) to find the vocabulary word lists for Year 7 and 8 students week commencing 18th January.

Students need to spend time making sure they understand the meaning of each word as well as being able to give examples of using it within a sentence. Students will then work with Mrs Kegg (remotely via Year group TEAMS) to ensure they understand the words accurately .

By sharing the weekly word lists for parents and carers to be aware of to support students in their learning of new and varied words. The weekly words have been carefully selected using our teachers' expert knowledge of the assessments and the language they will be exposed to on exam papers in the future and the recognition of the need to widen our students repertoire of vocabulary to prepare our students to be ready, informed and excellent communicators beyond school their school days .



Students should aim to be able to: • Spell the word correctly • Explain the meaning of the word • Use the word in a sentence • Discuss words with similar meanings.

We would be grateful if you could also support school in encouraging students to focus on widening their academic language.

Remote learning and feedback during lock down



- Please click here for [Remote Learning FAQ's](#)
- [Top tips for using Microsoft Teams on mobile devices click here](#)
- [Please click here for the protocols for live lessons](#)

Park believes the key to *effective* remote learning is **variety**. The format will be a mix of the following:

- **POSTS** (posted for timetabled daily lessons) directing lesson instructions

- **Microsoft Teams Assignments** with instant feedback (Quiz or Extended questions)
- During the Autumn Term we trailed live lessons with Year 11 classes isolating at home. Live lessons do have a place in our provision, but we believe that a variety of remote learning strategies will develop to ensure that children can continue to learn to the very best of their ability.
- **Pre-recorded lessons** / sound within power points (Loom/Microsoft Stream),
- **Links to Videos** or GCSE Pod

LIVE LESSONS – EXPECTATIONS STUDENTS


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 Your teacher will POST a reminder of the time and date of the live lesson. Live lessons can be viewed in your calendar (click join) If you have MS Teams open a join meeting box will appear on screen – press join)

 **Your camera and microphone will be turned off before joining.** This protects your privacy and stops any background noise at your location from disturbing the lesson. These can be turned back on by your teacher later if you need to ask questions. Ensure you are appropriately dressed in case your camera accidentally turns on.

 The lesson might be recorded. You will be advised of this. This allows you and any absent pupils to play it back later.

 When you 'join' a lesson, this tool bar will be available. Hover over the screen, about 1/3 of the way up from the bottom to display it.

 Let your teacher know you have a question using this tool. Please wait to be asked to speak, just as you would in a lesson. If you click  you will see that your hand is raised. Speak clearly and use appropriate language.

Be confident, calm and caring
Sometimes the technology doesn't always work; sometimes internet connections 'lag'





Students may receive **feedback** in some of the following formats:

- **Whole class feedback via POSTS** following marking, to share and address common misconceptions

- Whole class **live lesson verbal feedback**
- Microsoft Teams **quizzes** which provide instant grade scores and therefore an indication of understanding
- **Comments on assignments and quizzes** written on student work
- **Emails** to individual students or groups providing misconceptions and individual/group feedback and tips for improvement
- **Voice recorded messages** via Microsoft teams apps

Assessments January - April 2021

Spring Assessments - Adaptations due to Remote Learning

It is important we continue our remote learning and complete all PRP tasks as directed in preparation for our Spring Assessments. These have been adapted by your teachers in order to take place online and measure your progress.

Date	Year group	Assessment
Monday 1 st Feb to Friday 5 th Feb	Year 7, 8, 9, 10	All assessments will take online either through Microsoft Team Assignments or in live lessons
Monday 22 nd Feb to Friday 5 th March	Year 11 Formal Mock Examinations	Postponed
Monday 22 Feb to Friday 26 th March	Year 10 Formal Mock Examination	Formal Mock examinations scheduled
Monday 12 th April to Friday 23 rd April	Year 11 Formal Mock Examination	Formal Mock examinations scheduled

'best you can be'

The week ahead (18th January 2021)

- Year 7 Parents Evening Thursday 21st January 2021 [click here](#) for the details and here for the [online booking instructions](#)

Dates for diary - further ahead

- PRP's continue for yrs7-10

- Please note there has been a change of Parents Evening running order - **Year 8 Parents Evening will now run on Thursday 11th Feb** and **Year 10 will run on Thursday 11th March**

[School Holiday Dates 2020-21 \(click\)](#)