



# Parents@Park (26.03.21)

A fond farewell.....







Its hard to believe we have reached the end of term 2 already but the end is indeed here and it marks the end of an era and a fond farewell.....

Dr Paul Parkin our Chief Executive of the Trust and former Headteacher of Park High retires today after many happy years working in education.

Dr P actually started his career as a nuclear engineer but after spending many weekends involved in youth work supporting disadvantaged young people, he was inspired to make a career change, a decision which proved to be transformational in improving the opportunities for many thousands of pupils over the course of his career.

Paul joined Park High School as a deputy head in 2001 and went on to become a hugely successful and popular headteacher in 2006 and most recently took up the post of chief executive of The Pennine Trust. He was integral to the formation and development of The Pennine Trust which under his leadership, has been committed to a relentless drive to deliver the very best education for all of its East Lancashire pupils and helping students to truly believe in themselves.

One of the most poignant and enduring straplines that will remain synonymous with Paul is 'Ensuring no one is left behind'; initially this was adopted by Park High School and subsequently underpinned the ethos and values of The Pennine Trust.

Chairman of the Trust, Marie Burnham said: "Paul has created a nurturing ethos in the Trust's schools that has resulted in an environment where pupils can thrive...he never believed that pupils should be selected for schools based on their ability, religion, or wealth mainly as it led to much wasted talent and contributed to the unending cycle of growing inequalities in our society. I have entrusted Paul with my children's education and it is something I have never regretted. Finally, not only as a colleague but as a friend, I look forward to seeing Paul enjoying his retirement with some of the hobbies that have taken a back-seat whilst he has been educating the children in our area".

I am sure you will join staff here at Park and across the Trust in thanking Paul for everything he has done - we remain incredibly grateful for the strength of legacy he leaves behind. We will miss him greatly but we all wish him the very best for a long, happy and fulfilled retirement.



## Notices

- Please ensure twice weekly Covid testing and logging continues throughout the Easter holidays. As a school we have been asked to ensure our families are logging results with both school and the NHS results tracking.

[Report student Covid home testing results to school click here](#)

- Please note additional Covid home testing kits should be arriving home this evening. [Click here](#) for the instructions and the [training video](#) shown is here.

**The Spring Remote Learning Tracker has been emailed home to all year groups and uploaded to MCAS this week.**

**Remote Learning (ATL)** - in this report we have assessed ATL over the remote learning period and included a table of the *new level descriptors* to explain this.

**Remote Learning Award** - during the remote learning period students were issued credits. Students have been issued an award based on their ranking in the year group; Elite, Professional, Apprentice, Collector and Not Yet Achieved in recognition of their engagement over this period.



- The Words of the Week for the week beginning 12th April

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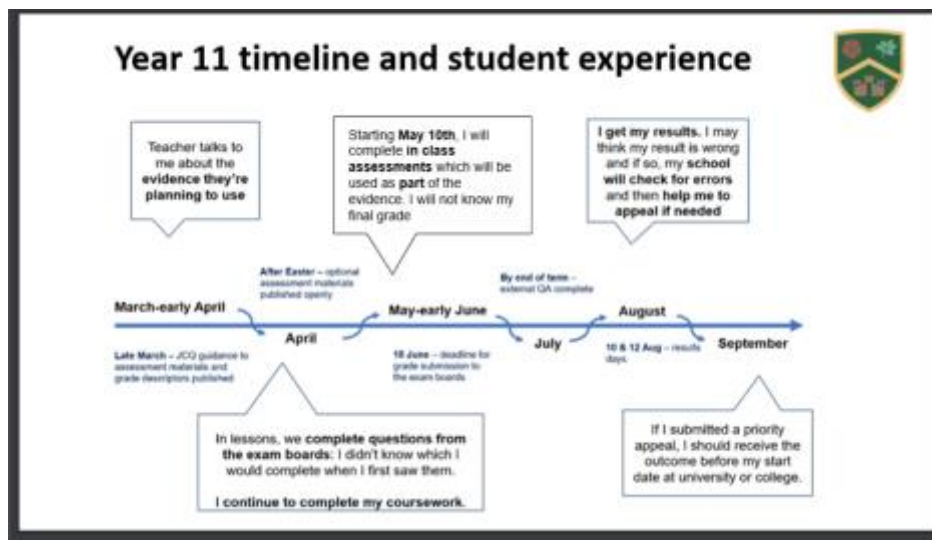
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- A message for Year 11 from Mrs Eulert

"Massive congratulations to all our Y11 students who have been working really hard since returning from lockdown. We are so proud of the essays, assignments and assessments you have been doing. All of this hard work strengthens the evidence we already hold to award you the grades you deserve. Keep going #itsyourtimetoshine"

Year 11 leavers day is Friday 28th May after which they will no longer need to follow their timetables and attend formal lessons. Students, may however, be required to spend some time in school after half term up until 18th June to fill assessment gaps and/ or complete any unfinished coursework.



## Work experience and Careers Update

- Please [click here](#) for this week's careers newsletter
  
- School careers email address is [careers@park-high.co.uk](mailto:careers@park-high.co.uk)

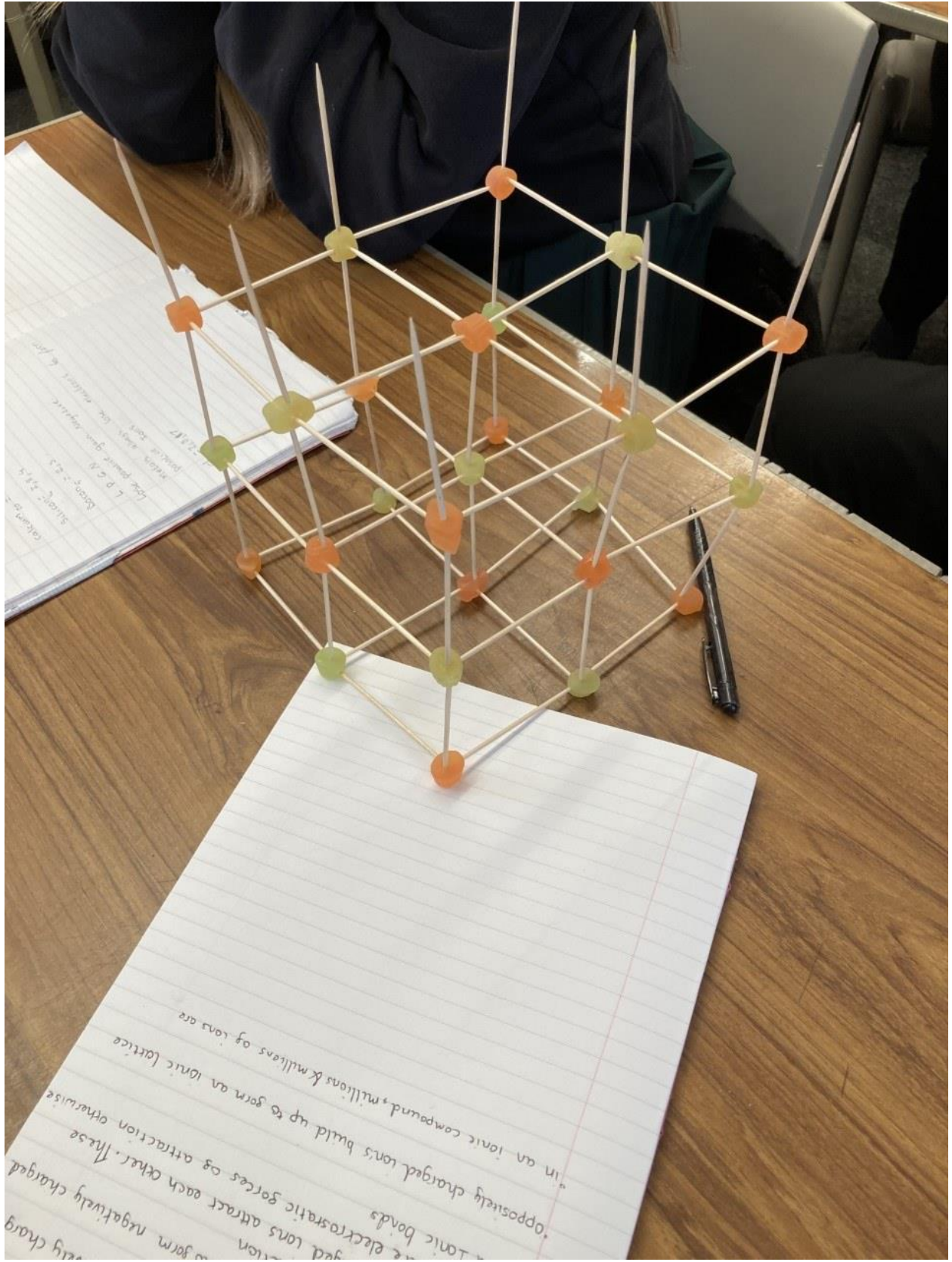
## The week ahead

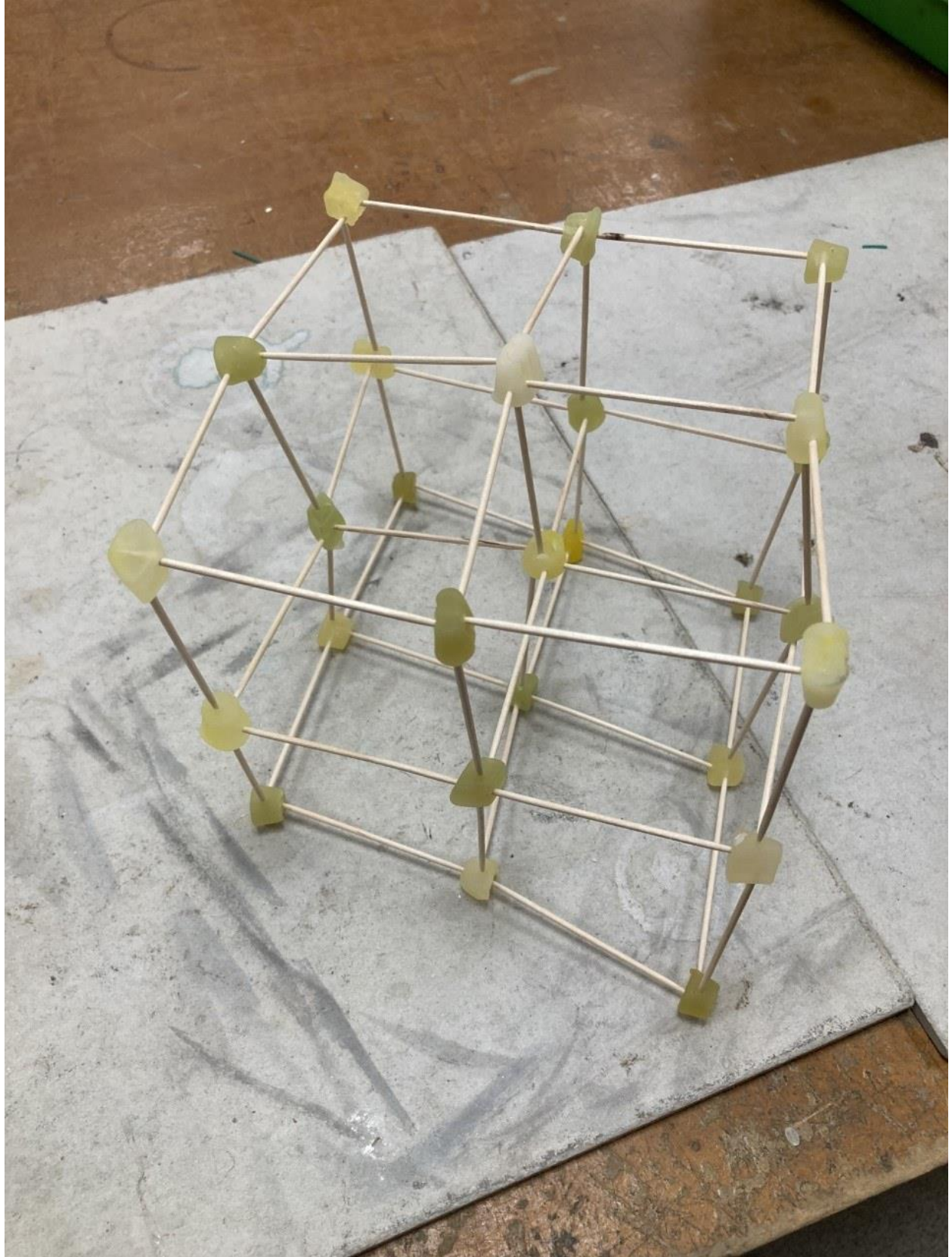
- We finish for the Easter break today. School reopens on Monday 12th April 2021

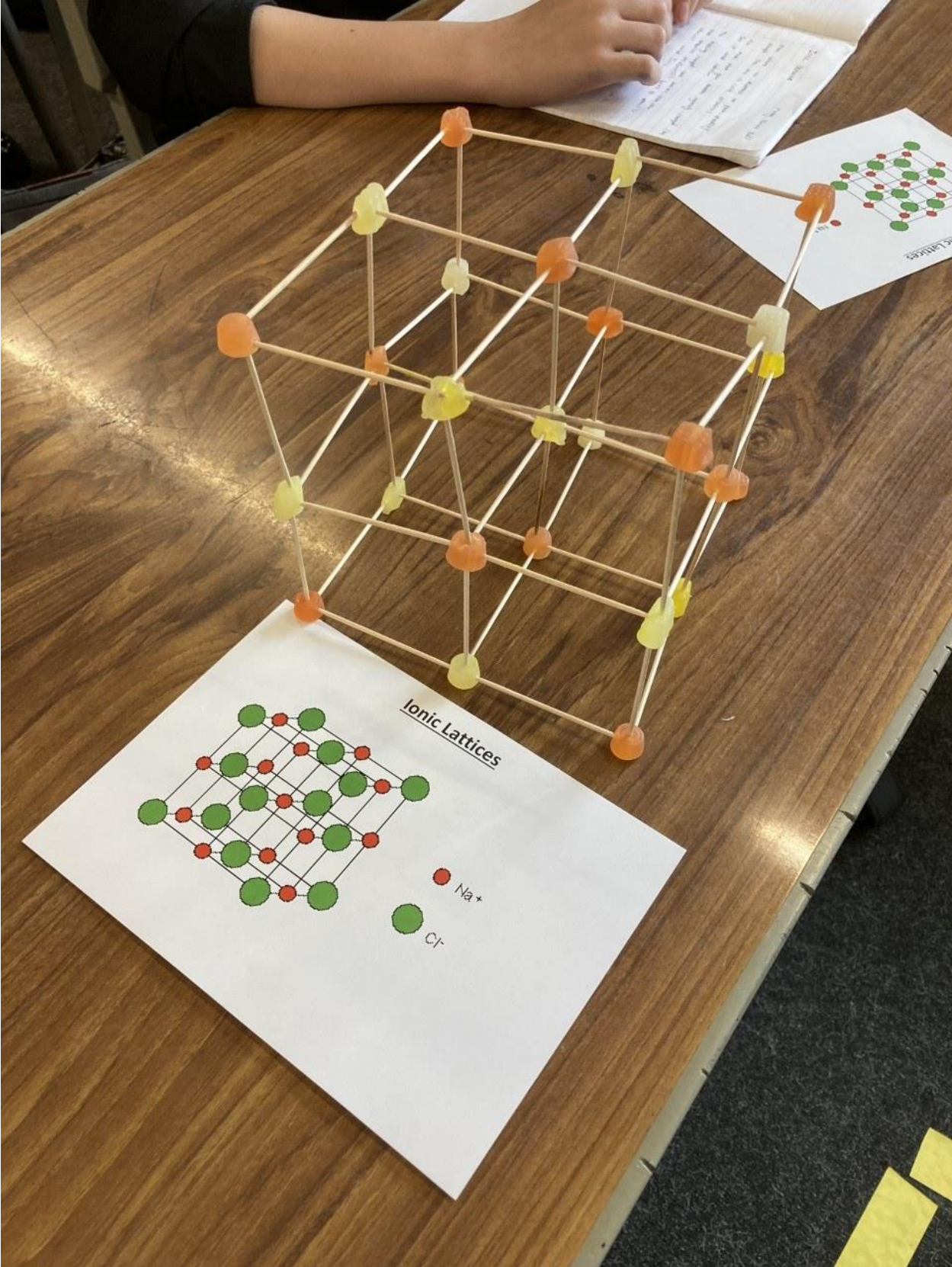
## Park news

Not wishing to be outdone outdone by the brilliant Biologists, the cracking Chemists took on the creative mantle this week .....









## Become part of the Park family

Please visit our website for [Job opportunities](#). We are currently advertising for talented and committed individuals to join our team in the following roles:

- Teacher of Geography
- Teacher of Mathematics
- Lead Practitioner in English



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Pennine Teaching Alliance (PTA) is a Multiple Teaching Alliance consisting of partners spanning across the full age spectrum from Early Years Foundation stage to post 16 education, offering Secondary teacher training. Our Alliance facilitates opportunities for our schools to work collaboratively to drive improvements within the education system.

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## Dates for diary - further ahead

- 03rd May school will be closed for the Bank Holiday.
- Year 7-10 PRPs (to assist with student assessment and exam preparation) will be distributed to students on Friday 07th May in preparation for 10th May start. PRP's will run for three weeks.
- Year 11 assessments start 10th May

- Year 10 assessments start 07th June

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