




Parents@Park 26/11/21

Broadening Student Horizons: Park's Reading Canon

As we continue to build the Park High reading canon, we are delighted to share that students will be receiving the first of our carefully selected novels next week ready for their tutor time shared reading. Please see below for further details.



Park High School Reading Canon

- Teachers can model fluency to help students become confident and happy readers:
- *“In schools that have success with their pupils’ reading, teachers read, talk with enthusiasm and recommend books, the results of which are seen not only in test results but also in an enthusiasm for reading which extends beyond the classroom” (Excellence in English Ofsted)*
- Help show correct pronunciation of unfamiliar vocabulary
- Can ensure enjoyment together – slowing the pace and enjoying reading
- Guide students through more challenging texts
- Exposure to more sophisticated vocabulary - adding to word repertoire will help in LIFE!
- Enriching our students
- Challenge students out of their comfort zones and help them enjoy a greater variety of text type
- Reading outside of subject lessons frees us from the restraint of content coverage / mark schemes and practice questions and fosters a love of reading – lets enjoy together
- We can enjoy being read to just like primary school and our early childhood days



Park High School Reading Canon

Our weekly shared reading now moves from short stories to fiction novels.

We have:

- Carefully selected novels to really engage students
- Selected to allow discussion of sensitive issues in a controlled, teacher led environment. We want to help students to address themes such as diversity, inequality, social deprivation and current affairs.
- Chosen novels **to increase understanding and exposure to a range of historical, social, cultural and political aspects of the world – building on cultural capital** and the ability to navigate the world we live in successfully.
- Found stories **to provoke discussion and debate and improve oral confidence**. As students progress through school life, we aim to develop confidence in their oral contributions, opinions and ability to understand the views of others.
- Aimed to **stretch students and expose them to tier 2 vocabulary to build their word repertoire**. Tier 2 words are often not met in spoken language. These words won’t all be remembered by students but they will have the opportunity to hear them in context and consider other contexts.
- Chosen novels that are age appropriate for our students enabling stretch, challenge, but most importantly enjoyment!

Selected Novel: House Dragon

No Fixed Address

Author: Susin Nielsen

Publisher: Andersen Press

Interest age: 11-15
Reading age: 11+



"This story introduces the reality of "accidental" homelessness. The author effectively tackles this gritty, contemporary issue with sensitivity and gentle age appropriate humour. Homelessness is not uncommon and the story promotes underlying messages about not being judgemental, the redemptive power of kindness and the need to understand differing people's needs and circumstances."



Selected Novel: House Pegasus

The Other Side of Truth

Author: Beverley Naidoo

Publisher: Puffin

Interest age: 11-15
Reading age: 11+



"A story based around a family who get on the wrong side of the Nigerian authorities with devastating consequences. This book won the Carnegie Medal back in 2000 but the trauma endured by the family in this novel - their experience of fleeing the familiar to become refugees in an alien country, is more so than ever relevant and poignant in the world we live in today. Seen through the eyes of two brave, but frightened, children, this is a story of terror, loss, love and humanity. The author never shies away from exploring complex emotions."



Selected Novel: House Griffin

How High the Moon

Author: Karyn Parsons

Publisher: Puffin

Interest age: 9-14

Reading age: 9+



"Inspired by the true story of George Stinney, the youngest ever American to be executed, How High the Moon is an ambitious novel weaving together family drama with a miscarriage of justice and the horrifying reality of the prejudice and racism faced by black and mixed race people.

Told from three different perspectives, it's not always an easy read (making it perfect as a shared read) - depictions of violence a feature - but author Karyn Parsons writes with sensitivity and heart to shape a tale that will stay with you.



Selected Novel: House Phoenix

The Supreme Lie

Author: Geraldine McCaughrean

Publisher: Usborne

Interest age: 11-16

Reading age: 12+



"Clever, twisting, dark and inspiring, The Supreme Lie is a thrilling look at political corruption and media transparency through the eyes of a teenage girl handed absolute power.

The novel is full of interesting conundrums, inspiring the reader to think about what they might do in Gloria's place, and encourages its audience to look critically at media stories and check the facts. Every 30 often, a chapter is presented in the form of a newspaper cutting with simple black and white illustrations and colloquial 'tabloid' language - often presenting the events of the previous chapter in a very different way to how they've just been read.

The mounting tension of each chapter is relieved by some brilliant flashes of humour and a beautifully tender subplot about the lost dogs of Afolia, in particular one who is desperately searching for the little boy he's been separated from."



This week's Words of the Week:

fundamentally

innate

reassess

Pendle Schools Cross Country Success

- Pendle Schools Cross Country saw some fabulous results from Park students in true cross country conditions - cold, wet and muddy! Park were victorious in 3 of the 6 category races and finished as runners-up in the remaining 3 with excellent individual performances. Full results:

The Year 7 Girls Team - Pendle Champions with **Lottie Hesketh** taking individual 3rd place.

The Year 7 Boys Team- Second Overall

The Junior Girls (Year 8 and 9) Team Second Overall with an excellent performances from **Leah Harvey** to take individual 3rd place,

The Junior Boys Team - Second Overall with a brilliant finish from **Callum Singleton** to take individual 3rd and **Charlie Reeder** finishing 8th,

The Inter girls (Year 10 and 11) - Pendle Champions once again! **Isabel Holt** dominated to take 1st place, **Eve Hartley** followed closely to take 2nd and **Gemma Kenniford** came home 3rd to get us off to a great start.

Inter Boys -Pendle Champions. **Will Walker** finished in 1st place followed by **Ben Stratton** in 2nd, **Declan Oldham** in 4th, James Ahsworth in 5th and Joe Hopkinson in 8th.

Mr Orme Head of PE writes:

"Cross country races are most definitely are character building!! We are incredibly proud of all the pupils from Park who contributed whether it be as a course marshal setting up the courser or a runner tackling it with with pride and determination to emulate the school ethos of being the 'Best you can be'".



PARK HIGH SCHOOL 'RAISING ASPIRATIONS'



Park Point Winners

Huge congratulations to the Ethan Craddock and Scarlett Atkinson who both received this week's Park Point Award. Pupils are awarded the Park Point for promoting and demonstrating the Park Family values. For example, students are aware of others and how they can support them, going the extra mile and being involved in all things Park.



Pupils of the Week 15th - 19th November.

Congratulations to **Henry Robinson, Mille Robinson, Amelia Redfearn, Lucian Forrester, Harry Sutcliffe and George Whitehead** who have been crowned Pupil of the Week! Each week students from each of the four Houses and the Seniors are awarded the Pupil of the Week award. This award is achieved by receiving the most credits that week in their House.



Further notices



- All Autumn term's lost property will be displayed in the LSDR on the following days next week;

Mon – 4a

Tues – 4b

Wed – 4a & 4b

Thurs – 4b

Fri – 4a

Anything remaining suitable items will be donated to charity at the end of this term.

- [An invitation to Year 11 Parents Evening Thursday 9th December](#) and to support you in booking appointments please see [instructions for booking appointments](#) and [a guide to accessing video calls see here](#)



- A reminder to parents that hoodies are not allowed in school and zip up tops /jumpers are not allowed under blazers.

- COVID-19 lateral flow testing at home will continue twice weekly until further notice.

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

As per the guidance please continue to log the results with both the NHS and school log.

PE Extra Curricular activities

After School activities

PE kit needed

Day	Activity
Monday	Year 7 & 8 Netball practice
Tuesday	U14 Mixed doubles badminton @ Park U16 Mixed doubles badminton @Fishermore
Wednesday	
Thursday	Basketball practice (all years)
Friday	U14 boys basketball v Darwen Vale (Home) Year 11 Lancashire Cup v All Saints (Home – 2pm)



Break time club every day in the Sports hall.
Badminton and Basketball
Trainers needed

And finally....



Year 7's Robert Haythornthwaite has recently been crowned Lancashire Young Farmers Club Junior Member of the Year 2021 and will now go on to compete in the Northern Area round. For this competition he had to submit a synopsis form, create a PowerPoint presentation, give a speech and have a 20 minute interview. He was competing against young farmers up to the age of 16 from across Lancashire, so this is such an amazing achievement. Huge congratulations Robert -we send the best of luck for the next round....!

Dates for diary -December

- **Thursday 7th December** - Year 11 Parents Evening
- **Friday 10th December** - Christmas Jumper Day 2021
- **Wednesday 15th December** - Inter house Sport
- **Thursday 16th December** - Year 7-10 PRP distributed to students

- **Thursday 16th December** - Year 7-11 Trackers distributed to parents

- **Friday 17th December** -Year 11 photographs

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School Holiday dates 2021-22

[Please click here to find the school holiday dates for 2012-22](#)