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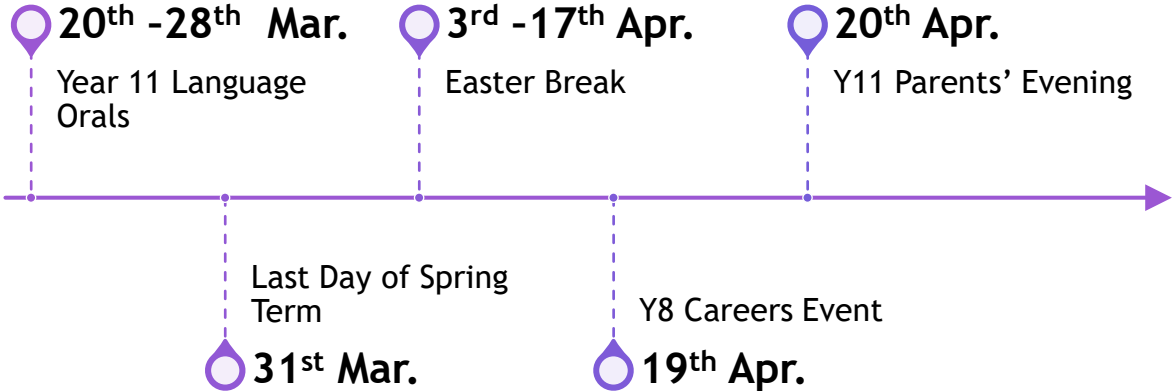
PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Families,

Over the last few weeks we have seen students enjoy several trips – to Leicester University, the Italy ski trip and the zoo trip in Year 9, also Lion King for Year 7. We are working on some trips for Year 10 and will be sending out details soon. There will be more information about a Year 8 trip to France soon and 6th Formers will be off to the seaside when they finish their upcoming exams. There is always a lot going on at Parkside. My thanks to all of the staff for leading on this and to all the students who have taken part.

KEY DATES



GCSE KEY DATES

18th - 26th Apr.
GCSE Language Orals

GCSE Drama Exam
20th Apr.

SCHOOL NEWS & EVENTS

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD SCHEME

We launched the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme with about 70 students who have signed up for the challenge. All participants have been given an eDofE online account to record their activity and progress on the four sections of the award: skills, physical, volunteering and the expedition.

Congratulations to all those who have started – some of the amazing variety of activities our group are pursuing include learning first aid, volunteering at a charity shop, coaching rowing, cooking, playing badminton and learning to play the piano.

Good luck to everyone!

For more information ask Mr O'Hare



OUR LATEST NEWS

PARKSIDE LIBRARY

NEW BOOKS

USING MONEY FROM A GENEROUS DONATION, THE LIBRARY HAS BOUGHT OVER 200 NEW BOOKS. THESE INCLUDE THE HEARTSTOPPER SERIES, MURDER MOST UNLADYLIKE, AND MUCH MORE. THEY WILL BE READY TO BORROW FROM MONDAY.



NEW DISPLAYS

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS WALLA AND VAISHNAVI HAVE CREATED A NEW DISPLAY TO CELEBRATE THE START OF RAMADAN ON THE 22ND MARCH. TO FIND OUT MORE, VISIT THE LIBRARY.



VISIT OUR WEBSITE!

YEAR 11 MENTAL HEALTH ASSEMBLY

This week we held an assembly for year 11's on exam stress and strategies. They spent the afternoon together working out techniques to help them through their summer exams.

The session was run by two Educational Mental Health Practitioners from the MHST team who encouraged discussions amongst peers during the session which was well received!

[Click here to review the slides.](#)

If there are any questions about these strategies, please don't hesitate to email daisy.ibsen@parksidecc.org.uk.



**Resilience in
times of stress**





The year 11 students are about to complete their last full term at Parkside (apart from those coming back in year 12!). They, like year 11s around the country, have had a disrupted time at secondary school, so it is very pleasing to see them approach the challenges of the last few months before their GCSEs with such maturity.

The year group have just sat a set of GCSE mock examinations and teachers are busy marking the papers and grades will be shared with families before the end of term. More importantly though, teachers are looking at what areas the students need to concentrate on in these last few weeks in preparation for the real exams. Talking to teachers we are already seeing evidence of some amazing progress since the November exams.

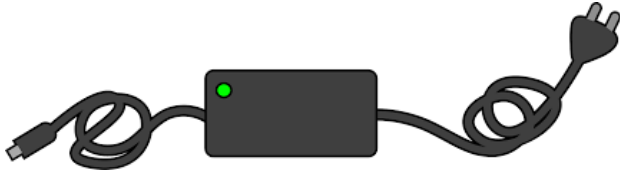
Best of luck to all the Year 11s next term we are all very proud of all the hard work you are doing.

Remember, as well as working hard you need to eat well, get lots of quality sleep and take regular exercise.

CHROMEBOOK CLINIC

NEW

Now for sale at Parkside –
Chromebook Chargers
[Chromebook Chargers.pdf](#)



Having problems with your
Chromebook, logging on, school apps
etc?

Then please attend Parkside's
Chromebook Clinic!

Held in the library every day during
break times!



EXPLORE CLASSICS



YEAR 12 ACADEMIC UP-REACH

Are you currently studying a Humanities subject or a modern language? Are you interested in the Classical World? Would you like to

- dive into exploring Latin texts from 2,000 years ago?
- deepen your understanding of how language works?
- find out how the Roman world can help us understand the power structures of today?
- find out how and why Classical literature influenced later English literature?

Explore Classics is an up-reach opportunity open to Y12. No prior knowledge of Latin is needed, just the ambition to learn more and to think more deeply about language, culture and identity.

In partnership with the Cambridge University Faculty of Classics, the Explore Classics programme offers:

- 5 one-hour online classes, at 7-8pm on Thursdays (27th April, 4th May, 11th May, 18th May, 1st June)
- classes are free and resources will be provided digitally
- one class will involve a guest speaker from the University of Cambridge
- follow-on opportunities for students keen to take their interest further via the Cambridge Classics Outreach initiatives.

For more information, please contact katharine.radice@parksidecc.org.uk.

To register please complete [this form](#) by Monday, 17th April.



PARKSIDE SIXTH

Y12 ACADEMIC UP-REACH OPPORTUNITY

In partnership with the University of Cambridge Faculty of Classics, Parkside Latin is launching a Y12 Explore Classics programme for students across United Learning.

Parkside Y12 students are warmly invited to join in – no prior knowledge of Latin needed!

CLUB UPDATES

ART HISTORY CLUB

With the knowledgeable assistance of Miss Bayford, Art History club have been looking at Egyptian Art and logography.

After the Easter break we will be focusing on the History of the museum, from the very first 16th century Cabinets of Curiosity, the French Salons and the 'White-Cube'. We are also hoping to take a field-trip to the Fitzwilliam Museum and the Heong Gallery at Downing College.



DUNGEONS & DRAGONS CLUB



The Dungeons and Dragons Club held their student leadership election this week; the first one for 3 years! Current student leader Arthur (11PE) had to make the decision following a three-way tie.

Our student leaders for next year will be Nuwan and Oliver (8PE).

Miss Buick and Mr. Pettit offer their congratulations and thanks to all the candidates who stood for election.

GENERAL NEWS

SAFER SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER



Dear Parent/Carer

Please find [attached](#) April's edition of our **Cambridgeshire Constabulary Safer Schools Newsletter**, which we hope will offer support and advice to you regardless of the age of your child(ren).

- The subjects that we have covered in this newsletter are as follows:
- **E-Scooters and the Law** : Fact File
- **Underage drinking**: Helping Children and Young People understand the risks
- **Cannabis Fact File**
- **Parent/Carer online hub**: help and support when caring for someone with additional needs

On behalf of Cambridgeshire Constabulary, we wish you all a very happy and safe Easter break.

Kind regards,
*Cambridgeshire Constabulary
Children and Young People Team.*