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# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Families

Whilst Mr Doza is away for a while, I have the pleasure of taking the Debate Society sessions on a Monday. What a great pleasure it was and a real reminder of how vibrant the students are here at Parkside! Every evening the school is abuzz with the clubs. Please speak to your son or daughter about the clubs they are attending and if they aren't currently, please take a look at the website together to see what is on offer.

I hope you have a lovely weekend,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cyril', written in a cursive style.

# IMPORTANT UPDATES

A **uniform reminder**: all students should bring a jumper to school during the Winter months. Hoodies and outdoor wear are not part of the uniform standards.

Please look out for a letter about a **pantomime production** students can be a part of. This is a project run by our 6th Form. Posters have gone up in school today with details of auditions!

# KEY DATES

- 16th - 20th January: Y7-10 Mid-Year Assessments Wk2
- 16th - 20th January: Y13 Mocks Wk2
- 17<sup>th</sup> January: KS3 Flu jabs
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> January: Y13 Mock Language Orals
- 25<sup>th</sup> January: British Maths Olympiad
- 25<sup>th</sup> January: Y13 UCAS Entries

# SCHOOL NEWS & EVENTS

## PKS LIBRARY NEWS

After a restful Christmas break, Parkside's library volunteers are back, ready, and rearing for action! Expect radicle improvements this half-term, as we plan to completely re-order **all** of our books, starting with the non-fiction section. We'll also be buying more brand-new books, so if you have any requests, come to the library, and let us know. Look out for our weekly updates on Parklife: we'll make sure to keep you in the loop!

The library will now be closed on **Mondays, from 12:20 to 12:55** to facilitate these improvements. If you have any questions about the work we're doing, email [anna.cano-martinez@parksidecc.org.uk](mailto:anna.cano-martinez@parksidecc.org.uk).



# SCHOOL NEWS & EVENTS

## THE PARKSIDE TIMES



We're looking for current affairs correspondents, op-ed reporters, and creative storytellers – whatever you're writing, if you want it published in the [Parkside Times](https://www.parksidecc.org.uk/parkside-times), send it over to [guy.doza@parksidecc.org.uk](mailto:guy.doza@parksidecc.org.uk).

Writing for the Parkside Times is a great opportunity to have your work published online. It also looks great on your personal statement!

All year groups are welcome to contribute. If you don't fancy writing an article, you can still [read through everything](#) that we've published over the years.

*Mr Doza*

# PARKSIDE SIXTH



Year 12 Geography students have combined service learning with their studies of resource consumption and security with litter picking on a windy (but sunny!) Parker's Piece - an excellent example of the IB in action!

We started thinking about the process of a geographical enquiry in their current topic, Resource Consumption and Security, to create enquiry questions about litter on Parker's Piece and begin the process of investigating.



# CLUB UPDATES

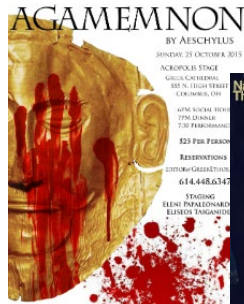
## PARKSIDE LATIN

Vote for the text for the next Big Read!

We'll be running another evening play-reading session this term (date tbc). Open up [this form](#) to see the options for texts and to vote for your favourite. There are some big-hitters listed, covering themes of murder, betrayal, revenge, responsibility, moral conflict and the cost of success.

As last term, the Big Read is open to anyone and everyone interested: students, parents, teachers. No prior experience of anything Classical is required!

Any questions, get in touch with [katharine.radice@parksidecc.org.uk](mailto:katharine.radice@parksidecc.org.uk)



# GENERAL NEWS

## SUPPORT AND WELL-BEING

Please follow the links for information on cost of living advice/events and online safety.



**Cost of Living  
Support Pop Up**



- [Free Online Safety Guide](#)
- [Cost of Living Information](#)
- [Cost of Living Event Arbury](#)
- [Cost of Living Event Cherry Hinton](#)
- [Cost of Living Event Downing Place](#)

# NTU SUMMER SCHOOL

Nottingham Trent University are offering a Summer School for 15 – 17 Year Olds in July and August 2023.



“On an NTU summer course you'll have access to our excellent resources and learn great tips about how to progress in your chosen subject. Combine the breadth of subjects we offer, the enthusiasm of our tutors and the convenience of on-campus accommodation and you'll have a week of creativity you'll never forget.”

[Please click here to view the full information](#)