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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

I hope you all had a good weekend and that everyone is enjoying the days beginning to draw out. Year 11 students are fully in the swing of their mock exams and are doing a great job. Year 9 students will either be on the ski trip or doing Science Week activities, including a trip to Colchester Zoo next Monday. As ever, there is a lot going on here in school.

We know that there is a significant disruption this week due to the industrial action on Wednesday and Thursday. Thanks for your understanding. There will be a menu of activities to do and we recognise that you may want to blend some of those with other things you may plan as a family.

I also wanted to offer my thanks to staff and to families for the very productive parents' evening events these last few weeks.

With best wishes,



KEY DATES

- 6th – 17th March : Year 11 Mock Exams
- 14th – 20th March : Y9 Ski Trip
- 16th March : Maths Kangaroo Challenge & Maths Olympiad Challenge
- 20th – 24th March : Y11 Languages Mock Orals
- 23rd March : Y12 Parents' Evening
- 24th March : Y9 Vaccinations

SCHOOL NEWS & EVENTS

International Pen Pals

Owing to the wonderful powers of social media, I have teamed up with a 9th grade class teacher at a school in New Jersey to start the process of her students becoming pen pals with 8PN. Both groups of students are really eager to have the opportunity to make friends on the other side of the Atlantic.

The aim of this project is to provide a unique, enjoyable and exciting way to help students build their communication skills, whilst learning about the similarities and differences between themselves and others in around the world.

-Katie Page, Head of Year 8



LANGUAGENUT

Congratulations to our Languagenut competition winners Mano and Faatima!

We're delighted to announce that Faatima Akkouche and Mano Muthuraj finished the final leader board on Languagenut, winning themselves an Amazon voucher and certificate. Both are currently in the top 30 Languagenut learners across the world, which is a terrific achievement.

We hope Languagenut will run another global competition soon. For now, each class has a weekly leader board, with positive points attributed to those with the highest scores each time. Keep it up, linguists!

- *Esme Challis, Teacher of French and Italian*



Languagenut

Digital Language Resources for Primary & Secondary Schools

DIGITAL CAREERS PLATFORM

I am excited to announce that Parkside is about to launch a new digital careers platform, initially with our Year 10s, called Unifrog (www.unifrog.com). This is an exceptional programme that will allow students to develop their thinking about careers and future pathways. We will initially be using Friday tutor times as a dedicated careers time for students to explore this new offering. The first few sessions are more quizzes and profile setting up for the students - then will be followed by more dedicated sessions about exploring careers opportunities, contacting employers and looking at CV writing.

Unifrog will also be linked to the Year 10 work experience programme later in the year and I will be contacting you shortly with more detailed information about that. As a reminder, students will be out of school for 5 days from Thursday 13th to Wednesday 19th July (5 days).

Please can you remind your child to bring in their Chromebooks on Fridays as this is an essential tool needed to access what we are doing.

If you have any questions about this, please contact either myself or Mr McKeand.

Many thanks
Mr Turner

The Unifrog logo consists of the word "unifrog" in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font, centered within a solid green square. The square is positioned in the bottom right corner of the slide, overlapping the blue geometric background patterns.

unifrog

DIGITAL CAREERS PLATFORM



SAVE THE DATE
DON'T MISS OUT

APPRENTICESHIP JOBS AND CAREERS FAIRS

- Cambridge Campus - 7th March 4:00pm - 6:00pm
- Huntingdon Campus - 9th March 4:00pm - 6:00pm

OPEN DAYS

- Huntingdon Campus - 9th March 4:30pm - 6:00pm
- Cambridge Campus - 27th April 4:30pm - 7:00pm

REGISTER HERE
CAMRE.AC.UK/EVENTS



Cambridge Regional College is running two jobs fairs next week beginning 7th March; one at Cambridge Campus and another at the Huntingdon Campus.

Students who do not attend CRC are welcome to join from 16-00 till 18-00 for the early evening session.

This might be of particular interest to year 11 and 13 students looking for Apprenticeships as there will be employers attending who are actively recruiting.

Employers attending so far can be seen at <https://www.camre.ac.uk/home/apprenticeship-jobs-and-careers-fairs/>.

Students in year 10 and 12 who are thinking of an Apprenticeship route might also be interested in making some initial contacts with employers and finding out what jobs might be available next year.

Mr Turner

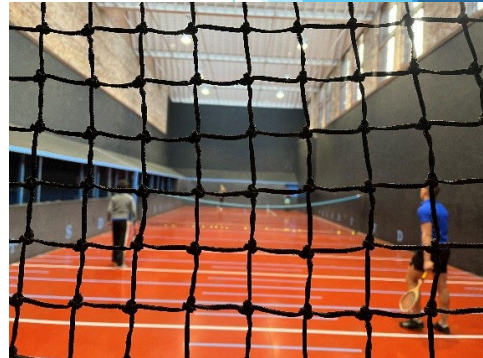
REAL TENNIS

A number of Year 7, Year 10 and Year 11 students have begun regularly attending the club and are joining as junior members. We would now like to take the opportunity to invite parents to have a go and a look around the club on Saturday 18 March at 6.00pm. Kees Ludekens, the Head Professional will put on an exhibition match and will invite attendees to get on court and have a go at hitting a few real tennis balls. If you are interested in attending, please email Kees directly at CURTCpros@gmail.com to let him know you are coming.

Year 10 and 11 students have been attending Cambridge University Real Tennis Club on Grange Road for some of their PE lessons.

Real Tennis is a game which has many unique and 'odd' features and is housed in an indoor court which is not familiar to most of us. The equipment is special with an asymmetric racquet and hand-made tennis balls.

Students have been learning about the history of the sport – over 600 years in Cambridge, the rules, and the techniques of the game. Alongside this we have learned about the language and etiquette in order to begin playing games.



LION KING TRIP

Year 7's had a fantastic trip on 22nd February to go and see the Lion King in London's West End. The students really enjoyed the puppetry and seeing Musical Theatre in action. They enjoyed the comedic moments and were amazed at how the whole production came together with the special effects and staging. We had fantastic seats which meant the students had the opportunity to see the characters up close, especially as they came alongside us!

"The moment Rafiki came on stage and started singing , I knew I was in for an emotional roller coaster"

"Every element was perfection. The costumes - wonderful, the singing - harmonious. The dancing - elegant"

"The costumes really flowed with the puppeteers, as if they were part of them! The effect was beautiful"

"I would love to see it again!"



A big thanks to everyone who took part in World Book Day!



PARKSIDE'S LIBRARY PRESENTS
WORLD BOOK DAY

WHAT HAPPENED?

We're so pleased to be able to celebrate World Book Day again! Thank you to everyone who took part.

ACTIVITIES



£460
RAISED FOR
THE LIBRARY

DRESS UP



WORLD
BOOK DAY
2 MARCH 2023

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CLUB UPDATES

SOCIAL ACTION GROUP

A circular logo with a blue center containing the text 'Social Action' in white. The logo is surrounded by a collage of blue and white paint splatters and abstract shapes on a brown background.

Social
Action

Social Action Group meets on Wednesday after school in Room 11. This is a student-led club.

Recent highlights include:

Developing assemblies on male privilege and the anniversary of Ukraine being invaded;

Fundraising for survivors of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria;

Litter picking;

Campaigning for improvements to the school toilets;

Developing plans for a Cambridge Schools Sustainability Conference to be held after the summer holidays.

New members are always welcome! Just turn up.

PARKSIDE NEWSPAPER CLUB

We are excited to announce a new club - The Parkside Newspaper Club. This will be starting Tuesdays March 7th in room 7, run by Ms Easthope. All are welcome.

Mr Turner



GENERAL NEWS

SAFER SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER

Dear Parent/Carer

Please find attached March'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:

- **Antisocial Behaviour: What can I do as a parent/carer**
- **E-Scooters -reminder about the law**
- **Keeping children safe online – FREE virtual workshop for parents/car**
- **KOOTH – Digital Mental Health Support Service**
- **Child car seats & belt safety – The Law**
- **Parenting guide to Whizz App**



Kind regards,

Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Children and Young People Team.

[CCC Safer Schools Newsletter -
March 2023.pdf](#)

FLU VACCINE DROP IN

Are you fully Protected?

Offering All Childhood Vaccinations

Have you missed vaccinations at school?

Come and see us at our Walk-In

Next Vaccination Clinic will be:

Date: -16th March 2023

Time: - 9:30am -1:30pm

**Location: - Ross Street
Community Centre, Ross Street,
Cambridge, CB1 3UZ**



Your dedicated Immunisation Service;
Providing children and young people with
the vaccines they need across
Hertfordshire & East Anglia.

Tel 0300 555 5055 option 4

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough

hct.csaiscambspb@nhs.net

**NO APPOINTMENT
NECESSARY**

YOUTH ROWING COURSE

Our rowing youth course is back for Easter!

Our fun filled course has proven to be to be very beneficial to students who have taken part in previous years, it's great to meet new people, try a new sport, helps with mental health and is a great add on with college and university personal statement to name a few benefits!

The age range for the course this year would be 14-18 years.



YOUTH ROWING COURSE

APR '23
11TH-15TH

MAY-JUN '23
29TH MAY-2ND JUN

14-18YR OLDS
Learn to row

JUL '23
24TH-28TH

JUL-AUG '23
31ST JUL- 4TH AUG

NO PREVIOUS ROWING REQUIRED

An exciting opportunity to learn the most iconic sport in Cambridge - in the most fun way possible!

- 5 day course at £150pp (+ booking fee)
- Learn and perfect the full rowing technique
- Proven to aid college and university applications
- Learn to row in an 'eight' boat - same as the Cambridge-Oxford Boat Race
- Work together as a team

*Limited spaces available - [Book now!](#)

- ✓ Safest boat in the fleet
- ✓ Led by a club captain
- ✓ Includes land and water training
- ✓ Row on the iconic River Cam

✉ info@cambridgerowing.com

🌐 www.cambridgerowing.com/summer-course

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SUPPORT

Please see the following flyers from **oneplusone** with supportive advice regarding:



[Debt and Relationships](#)



[Parenting Course 1](#)

[Parenting Course 2](#)



RECRUITMENT

We have a number of exciting vacancies across the United Learning Cambridge Cluster.

At Parkside we are currently recruiting for:

- ▶ Head of Years
- ▶ Assistant Head of Dept of Maths
- ▶ Teacher of French
- ▶ Head of RS
- ▶ **If you recommend somebody to come and work at one of our schools, you get £500 bonus once they pass their probation!**
- ▶ If you would like any information about any of our vacancies please contact rosie.holland@parksidecc.org.uk for more details.

