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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



This week I have been delighted to hear of how well auditions went for a production of Beauty and The Beast our Year 12 students are putting on.

As part of the Creativity, Action and Service aspect of the IB Diploma, they are offering this wonderful opportunity to our younger students. Our 6th Formers were incredibly impressed by the wealth of talent and have put together a great cast. What a wonderful example of **community**: students working together across the year groups to achieve something fabulous. We wish them all the best in their rehearsals and look forward to the finished production!

IMPORTANT UPDATES

Key links this week:

[Click here to see this weeks Parkside Sixth Weekly Bulletin - 27th January 2023](#)

[Remote Learning - Information for Wednesday 1st February](#)

KEY DATES

- **30th January:** Y11 Intermediate Physics Challenge
- **31st January:** KS3 Flu Jabs
- **1st February:** Intermediate Maths Challenge
- **1st February:** PSHE Event Y9&10
- **3rd February:** TEACHER PREP DAY
- **6th - 10th February:** Y12 Mid-Year Language Orals
- **13th - 17th February:** Half-Term

SCHOOL NEWS & EVENTS

PERFORMANCE BY MADDOX JONES

On Thursday 2nd February, we have arranged for the singer Maddox Jones to come and perform for years 8 and 9 on the themes of drugs awareness and mental health.

Maddox is a singer songwriter from Northamptonshire and has done arena tours with The Killers and Placebo as well as working with Adele. You can see a couple of links to him here:

[Maddox Jones - Can't Wait For The Summer \(Official Music Video\)](#)

[Maddox Jones - Somewhere There's A Plan \(Official Music Video\)](#)

If you have any questions about this please contact me.

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CAREERS AND FUTURE PATHWAYS

Year 7 Tutor time Careers: This spring term (January 2023), we are starting a new programme during tutor times for Year 7 - investigating different careers and how those careers are linked to our curriculum. Over the next few weeks, students will investigate Maths, English and Science first.

In the following term they will begin looking at other careers to do with Humanities, Languages and Create subjects.

Students will be given a small homework task each Friday. Please ask your child about this and support them with their homework.



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CHEMISTRY

On Tuesday 17th Year 10 Science students went to the University of Cambridge's Chemistry Department. Prof Erwin Reisner spoke about careers in science and the work that his group does looking at using artificial photosynthesis to produce hydrogen fuels from water and waste materials. We saw hands on demonstrations and the students had the chance to ask questions about the research and generally about careers in science. If you are interested in finding out more about the Reisner Group's research, I have included some links.

Mr Robert-Rayne



NEW REWARDS



“Spotlight on dreary January & February!”
This will start from week beginning 23rd January.
Members of the middle and senior leadership
team will be dropping into lessons and form time
to distribute “spotlight on success” cards.

Introducing the new diamond badge!!!

We are now introducing the DIAMOND badge
which you can achieve after your platinum badge

[Click here to see more information about the new rewards.](#)



On **Tuesday 31 January, Wednesday 1st February and Thursday 2nd February**, our Year 12 and Year 13 students will be running the Sixth Form Winter Fair in the school gym.

WINTER FAIR

PARKSIDE SIXTH

SIXTH FORM WINTER FAIR

Students will run stalls, games, bake sales and activities for the younger year groups to take part in and the money raised will go to charity and the end of year prom.

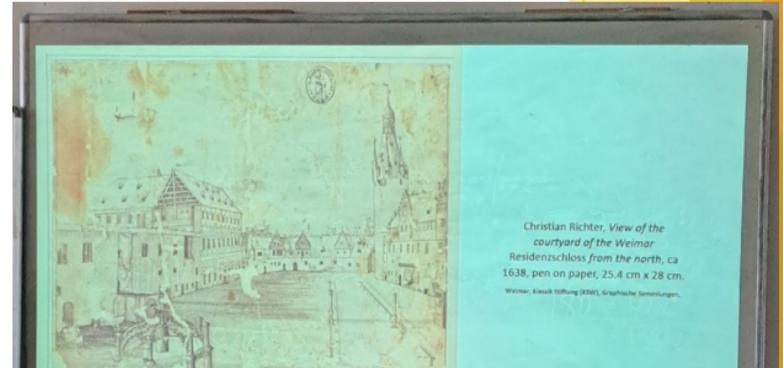
Lower school form groups will leave their classrooms during form time for 15 mins and go to the gym to visit the fair. If pupils are able to, please bring in a few coins to spend at the fair. We look forward to seeing you there!

The Sixth Form Team

HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURE

Daide Martino, a PhD student in History, discussed his research into historical architecture on Friday 27th January.

Year 12 enjoyed it, and there were some great questions at the end!



SUBJECT NEWS

PARKSIDE LIBRARY

Parkside's library volunteers have made fantastic progress this week. We've started constructing new displays, half of our non-fiction section has already been sorted, and so many books have been cleared! Thank you to everyone for your cooperation over the library being closed on Mondays: it's a great help!

Having recently received an extremely generous donation, the library volunteers are planning a trip to Heffers to buy all sorts of new books. These will include the latest releases by trending authors, bringing the library right up to date. **If you have any suggestions, please let us know using this form: <https://forms.office.com/e/xMLH2e4xAu>.** The books will be available to borrow on World Book Day, so hang tight!



Parkside's library volunteers have made a breakthrough!

This week, we finished sorting our entire non-fiction section. Now, every single book is in *exactly* the right place. That's 2,500 books meticulously sorted. The fiction section is next in line!

proud of himself!

World Book Day is fast approaching, so expect to hear much more about that in the coming weeks. This year, we hope to celebrate in style, with events and activities throughout the day.

Finally, a special well done to Jay Tasker. Jay was a late addition to our team, but this week he was the first to receive one of our 'librarian' badges. This is for his continued hard work and dedication to the library. He should feel very proud of himself!

CLUB UPDATES

PARKSIDE BASKETBALL



Last Wednesday, Mr Thornely and Miss Buick took the U-16 and U-14 boys basketball teams to an away fixture at Coleridge. Pleased to say both teams won their respective games! We are all really pleased with the level of participation in and the culture of basketball here at Parkside. Watch this space for future results!

U-14 Player of the Game: Edenai (9PW)

U-16 Player of the Game: Ben (10PS)



DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

We have now completed the sign-up process for students wishing to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh programme (Bronze and Silver). Many thanks to those who have signed up. We are excited to announce we have more than 52 students signed up for Bronze and 9 for Silver.



An information letter has gone out to all parents about what to do at this point and with dates for diaries. We will shortly be meeting with all students in school to go through the next steps.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate

to contact: John.O'Hare@parksideecc.org.uk



**YOUTH
WITHOUT
LIMITS**

HISTORY/ART HISTORY CLUB

Year 7 and 8 Historians and Art Historians will be visiting the Pepys Library at Maudeline College, Cambridge in the next couple of weeks as part of the investigative work they are doing on Samuel Pepys. A letter will go out to parents shortly with details.

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PARKSIDE CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY



We are writing some creative Chinese characters this Wed to celebrate Lunar New Year. This year will be year of the rabbit according to the Chinese zodiac. we will also be wishing every one a wonderful 2023. The characters they were practising were Xu Hao Kong Meng ,which means we are aiming to improve our academic learning in 2023.

GENERAL NEWS

CYBER OFFENCES

Cyber offences are committed when someone is using a computer or other digital technology. There are two main types of cyber offences - cyber-enabled crime and cyber-dependent crime. Cyber-enabled crime is where technology has been used to enhance another crime, like fraud. Cyber Choices deals with cyber-dependent crimes which are offences that can only be committed through the use of technology, where the devices are both the tool for committing the crime and the target of the crime.

[Cyber Choices - National Crime Agency](#) – read more
[Cyber Choices Challenge - Cyber Games UK](#) – they can sign up to play now



CAREERS AND FUTURE PATHWAYS

Apprenticeship Opportunities:

Anglian Water are delighted to be able to share with us the first of 55 Apprenticeships are now live. If you are interested, follow the link below for more information about the roles.

[Practical Apprentices - Anglian Water Careers](#)

If you have any questions, please contact:

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 FORM THE FUTURE



APPRENTICESHIP CAREERS FAIR

6TH FEBRUARY 2023 | 10AM - 2PM

IMPINGTON VILLAGE COLLEGE, NEW ROAD, IMPINGTON, CB24 9LX

Apprenticeships Fair Monday 6th February Impington Village College.

I have reserved 10 places for Parkside Students. Please contact me immediately if you wish to attend. Places will go fast so please contact me right away.

Please see: [Funding – Henry Morris Memorial Trust](#)

Mr Turner

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Table Tennis

Wednesdays
18th January to 22nd February
@ Ping Parlour, Grafton Centre
4-5pm

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Cambridge**

**PING PONG
PARLOUR**
The Grafton

SUPPORT



Please click the links to find more information on the workshops/webinars for supporting young people.

[Helping Parents/Carers to Support Young People with Self-Harming Behaviours](#)

[Would you like to understand more about county lines in Cambridgeshire?](#)

[Join our panel of experts for a live webinar](#)