

# THE TELFORD PARK SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

### SPRING TERM 1 - 2023



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Park School**

#### Message From The Headteacher

I wanted to start this newsletter by congratulating the staff and pupils involved in our production of Grease. 'WOW' – the only word I can use to describe the school's production. I spoilt myself by watching the performance twice and the cast absolutely blew me away on both occasions. It was amazing to see pupils 'letting their light shine' so brilliantly. A special thank you to all who supported the cast behind the scenes, hours of time going into costumes, scenery, and rehearsals. As you will see from this newsletter, we had a busy and successful half term.

It is really important to us that pupil's feedback is acted upon. I have included some (not all) examples below of actions we have taken as a result of feedback received.

Can we move the pastoral bases so that they are closer to the canteen, near where the pupils are?  
(Year 10 girl, June 2022)

Year 9, 10 and 11 bases were moved to the ground floor. We are looking at the year 7 and 8 bases too  
(Sep 2022)

The end stairwells feel unsafe when are going down them  
(Pupil Voice, Sep 2022)

We have changed the one way system so that pupils now go down the centre staircase. There are more staff visible here.  
(Nov 2023)

The LINK is too far away from reception. SEND learners don't like having to go through the whole school.  
(SEND Survey June 2022)

We have moved to the ground floor near reception. Focus and Thrive have been rebranded in quieter spaces  
(Sep 2022)

I don't know who to go to when I have a problem  
(Year 7 girl, May 2022)

We now have Trusted Adult Cards in place. All pupils have two pre-set trusted adults and a third that they can nominate for themselves  
(Sep 2022)

When a member of staff deals with a problem I don't know what to do if things carry on  
(Year 9 girl, Oct 2022)

Mrs Rigby now has a post-box outside her office. You can post any concern you have to Mrs Rigby. She is the headteacher and will take action for you  
(Nov 2022)

How can I report a problem if I don't want to talk to someone?  
(Year 8 boy, June 2022)

You can use the online referral form on our website, you could use the QR codes around school, you can use our new Toot Toot app.  
(Sep 2022)

Sometimes I feel unsafe at break and lunchtime because I don't know which members of staff are on duty  
(Year 8 girl, June 2022)

All duty staff now wear orange high vis jackets. You can see who is on duty and will notice how many staff are there to support you and keep you safe  
(Sep 2022)

How will my voice be heard?  
(Year 11 girl, June 2022)

We complete regular pupil surveys. We also have pupil led groups where you can talk about how you are feeling and how the school can improve. We have a new 'Safe Squad' in school.  
(Sep 2022)

We all need to say no to Misogyny and Body shaming  
(Year 8 boy, Sep 2022)

This topic has been explored in assemblies and PSHE/SRE lessons. Loudmouth have completed theatre group sessions. Teachers will call this out for what it is. Its never OK!

Safeguarding is everyone's collective responsibility  
(Staff survey June 2022)

We have a new pupil led 'Safe Squad' in school. They meet with Mr Ward once a fortnight to help embed a culture of safeguarding within the school.  
(Dec 2022)

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## Grease is the Word!

Wow! What a week! Grease is the word!

The cast of Grease performed 5 shows in a week, 2 matinees to primary schools and Year 7, and 3 evening performances. The longest running show at Telford Park School!



Students have worked incredibly hard, sharing their talents, showing their enthusiasm and dedication during the last 6 months, preparing for the amazingly funny, professional and entertaining performances! Congratulations to all involved, cast, lighting and sound technicians, set, scenery and prop designers and backstage crew.

What a show! Bring on next year's production!

## Talent Show

We will be organising a Talent Show next half term, open to all year groups and all talents! Information to follow.





## Christmas Activity Days at The Telford Park School

Christmas feels like a long time ago now, but on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December, The Telford Park School opened its doors to families over the Christmas holidays.

Following on from two successful Year 7 Summer Schools, we teamed up again with Telford and Wrekin Council to run two action-packed days full of enrichment and academic activities. The scheme, which saw the school open for two days during the holidays, was part of Telford and Wrekin Council's Happy Healthy and Active Holiday programme.

We had over 50 children attend on both days. Pupils got the opportunity to bake biscuits, play sports, go on treasure hunts and make Christmas crafts with their friends. We have a lovely warm building and an amazing catering team who provided hot lunches for our pupils. We also have enthusiastic staff who wanted to give up their time in the Christmas holidays to put activities on and we have fantastic pupils, who just wanted to come and get involved in everything we've got on offer. Some pupils turned up halfway through day two when they heard about how much fun we were all having. The highlight for some was a school wide game of hide and seek. We were also delighted to be able to send our pupils away with food parcels full of fresh vegetables, tinned foods and recipe cards to help them and their families prepare some meals over the holiday period.

Shirley Reynolds the council's cabinet member for children, young people and families, attended the school during the first activity day. She commented on the pressures of rising energy and food bills, meaning that more children needed help this winter. We were also paid a visit by BBC Midlands Today who enjoyed sharing our school and seeing first-hand what our pupils were getting up to.

We are already planning our next Summer School in August. We would also like to expand our holiday provision with a rewards trip this Easter and an enhanced Christmas provision later in the year.

We are not a term-time-only type of school. We think about our pupils and community all year round and look forward to seeing our pupils again during the Easter Holidays.



## Maths Easter Sparx Competition





## Physical Education

In PE the students have been working really hard on their most recent topics, where they may have covered Fitness, Badminton or Football. There has been an increase in the number of students in Telford Park PE kit in KS3 which has been fantastic to see. Engagement in lessons has also been brilliant – keep up the fantastic work!

Outside of PE lessons there has been great involvement in our extra-curricular programme. On offer this half term was KS3/4 Fitness, KS3/4 Football, KS3 rugby, KS3/4 Basketball and KS3/4 Trampolining.

During clubs, students have demonstrated an array of skills and knowledge and have demonstrated outstanding performances.

Trampolining club has been a great success where students have been learning how to do shapes, twists, seat landings and front drops! Telford Park students have also been involved in Football and Rugby afterschool fixtures where they have shown an abundance of teamwork and leadership.

A special mention goes out to the Yr. 7 Football Team. After a tough well contested game that ebbed and flowed, the match finished 0-0 and went to penalties which our Year 7 boys won meaning they will now progress to the next round of the cup competition.

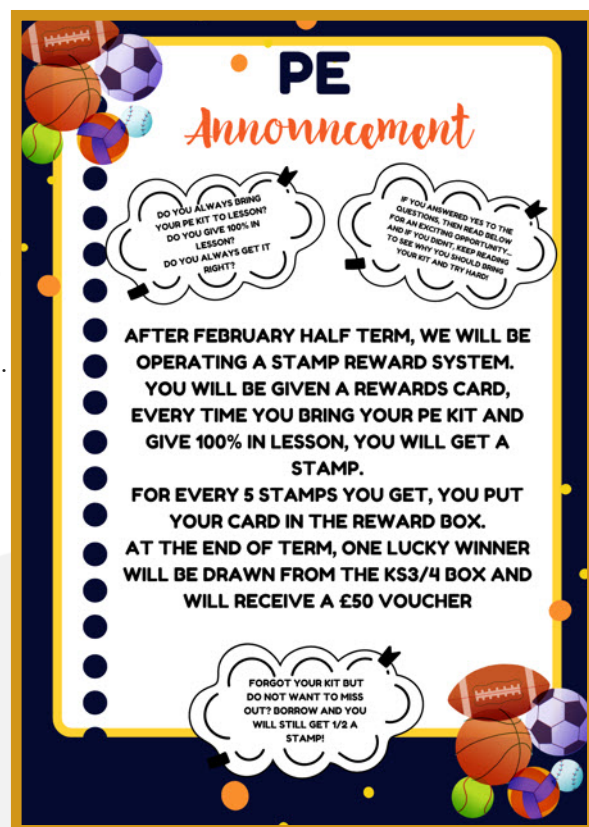


### Notices in PE:

We are now operating an exchange policy in PE. If a student forgets to bring their PE kit, they will be expected to borrow spare. They will exchange their blazer for PE kit and once returned, they will get their blazer back. This is being operated by the PE staff, so students will not have access to other students' blazers.

After February half term there will be a new rewards system in PE.

Please see the poster for information.



**PE**  
*Annoucement*

DO YOU ALWAYS BRING YOUR PE KIT TO LESSON? DO YOU GIVE 100% IN LESSON? DO YOU ALWAYS GET IT RIGHT?

IF YOU ANSWERED YES TO THE QUESTIONS, THEN READ BELOW FOR AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY... TO SEE WHY YOU SHOULD BRING YOUR KIT AND TRY HARD!

**AFTER FEBRUARY HALF TERM, WE WILL BE OPERATING A STAMP REWARD SYSTEM. YOU WILL BE GIVEN A REWARDS CARD, EVERY TIME YOU BRING YOUR PE KIT AND GIVE 100% IN LESSON, YOU WILL GET A STAMP.**

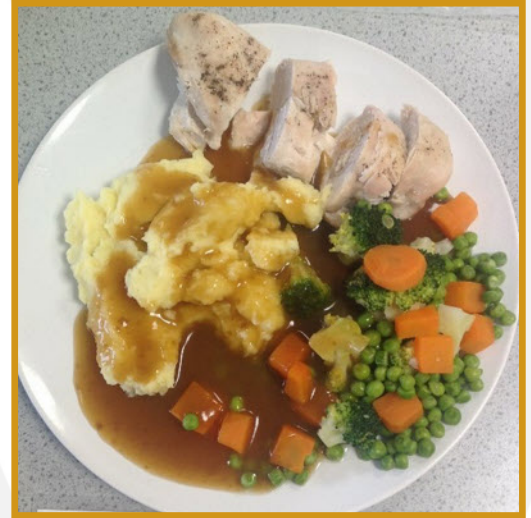
**FOR EVERY 5 STAMPS YOU GET, YOU PUT YOUR CARD IN THE REWARD BOX.**

**AT THE END OF TERM, ONE LUCKY WINNER WILL BE DRAWN FROM THE KS3/4 BOX AND WILL RECEIVE A £50 VOUCHER**

FORGOT YOUR KIT BUT DO NOT WANT TO MISS OUT? BORROW AND YOU WILL STILL GET 1/2 A STAMP!

## Food

Hi Foodies! Its been a busy half term in food, can you believe its February already? Spring is on its way! We've been making the most of the winter warmers here though, our BTEC students cooked a beautiful roast dinner this half term. Some of the students even made their very own cauliflower cheese.



Now after a delicious roast, there's always room for pudding right? Did someone say chocolate cake, oh go on then.....



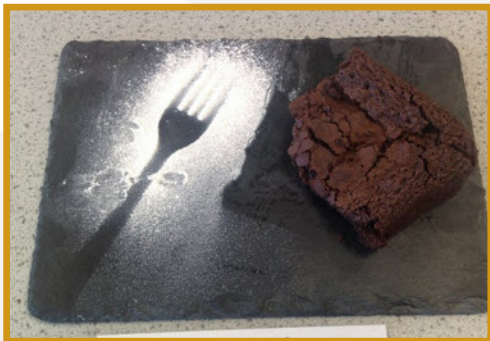
Our Year 10 students have been developing their high level practical skills and have made a delicious meringue pudding and lemon tart.





### Food (Continued)

Year 11 have to prepare and cook a range of American dishes for their coursework, it's been lovely watching them demonstrate a range of different flavours, textures and skills. I can't wait to see what they make for their final exam in March.



Our KS3 students have been learning about functions of ingredients this half term and have been experimenting with different flours and sugars. In one experiment we made scones using a range of different flours and carried out a sensory analysis test to decide which one we liked the best.

Thank you to our wonderful Year 9 foodies who have attended after school cooking club, our first session was so lovely! We made bakewell tarts, they demonstrated lots of high level skills including pastry making, layering, and decorating. Well done!





## Ski Trip 2023

The Telford Park Ski Trip departed and ran from January 7<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> to Alpendorf, Austria. The students and staff had a fantastic experience, with some great conditions. The trip included flights from Heathrow to Munich, 5 days skiing, 6 nights accommodation and all meals. We will attempt to run the trip every year, if you are interested in your child attending the next trip, in January 2024, please contact Mr Phillips at school for a letter as soon as possible. Attached are some pictures from the trip.





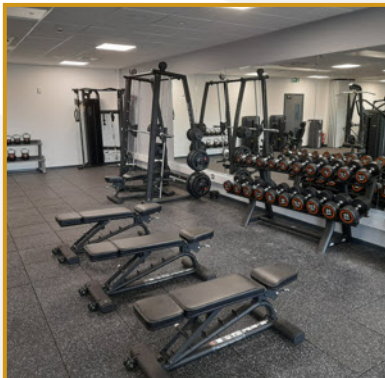
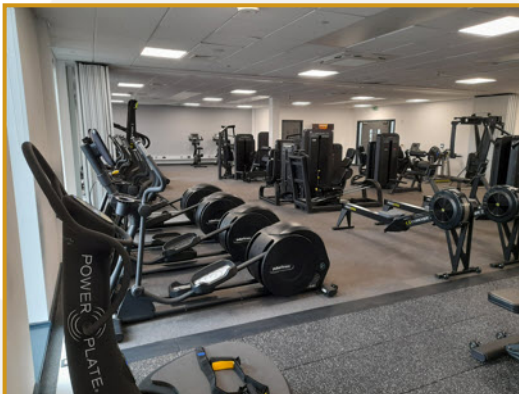
## Gym Refurbish

Exciting news! Telford Park's gym has undergone a major refurb during the February half term and is now open for our students.

This includes full replacement and upgrade of all cardio and resistance equipment, introduction of a floor workout area and full decoration including wall-to-wall mirrors on adjacent walls.

If any parents or associates would like to know more about joining the gym in the evenings and weekends please visit

*Stirchley Sports and Leisure @Park School Information - Telford and Wrekin Leisure Services.*



## Installation of Solar Panels

With rising energy costs heaping pressure on school budgets, Telford Park School and The Community Academies Trust have invested in a large number of solar panels on the roof of our school.

This will not only free up valuable resources to enable us to invest into curriculum but will also dramatically improve our carbon footprint, a win for our school Eco Council!





## Art Club

Students have been working extremely hard in art club making Jewellery and Clay work, here are some great examples.



Have a great  
Spring Term 2