

THE TELFORD PARK SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

SUMMER TERM - 2023



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Park School**

Message From The Headteacher

Dear families,

It feels like summer has finally arrived.

Please can we request that you send your child to school with a water bottle so that they can keep hydrated.

Year 11 exam season is now in full swing. We are so proud of our Year 11 pupils. We refer to them as 'pupils' however they are close to leaving us as responsible young adults. During this exam season, their conduct has been excellent, and they have been a credit to their families.

Our Year 7 intake for September 2023 is full and oversubscribed with first choices, what brilliant news this is once again for our school.

We will be hosting our Year 6 'Transition Days' on Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th July, with a transition evening for new Year 7's and their parents and carers on Monday 3rd July at 6.00pm.

Other exciting events/dates for your diaries for our summer half term 2 are:

Monday 5th June: Return from half term for the usual start time of 8.25am

Monday 19th June: PD Day

Wednesday 5th July: Sports Day

Friday 7th July: Year 11 Prom

Wednesday 12th July: Year 7 Parents Evening

Thursday 13th July: The 'Oscars' Reading Awards

Friday 21st July: Break up for the summer holidays.

14th - 18th August: Year 6 into 7 Summer School

Thursday 24th August: GCSE Results Day

As always thank you all for your ongoing support of the school.

Best wishes,
Mrs Rigby

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Performing Arts

Year 10 Performing Arts Trip

Year 10 Performing Arts students participated in a trip this half term to Theatre Severn in Shrewsbury to watch *Teechers* by John Godber. The students have been congratulated on their impeccable behaviour throughout the trip as they showed great respect for theatre staff, actors and other audience members, especially members of the public. They conducted themselves brilliantly, a real credit to Telford Park School. One highlight from a student as we walked into the theatre, "This is a bit posh isn't it; are you sure we're meant to be in here?". Other students are quoted saying "It was fantastic", and "I didn't think I was going to like it but I really enjoyed it". The performance featured 3 year 11 students recounting their time at Whitewall School, considering the impact their teachers had on them as they believed in them and encouraged them to be aspirational and follow their dreams, whilst also remembering funny stories from their time there. Three talented actors from the Blackeyed Theatre company faultlessly executed this performance, engaging our students from the beginning when they came to talk to the audience prior to the start of the show. The trip was designed to introduce students to the techniques used in Brechtian theatre and for them to experience a live performance in preparation for components 2 and 3 of the BTEC Performing Arts course which they will begin working on after half term.

We followed up our trip with a valuable and important evaluation and feedback session where students were keen to share their opinions of the play. The eager eyes of some students even spotted things that Mrs Bradburn didn't! Students were able to use specific vocabulary when talking about what they had seen and make evaluative judgements about artistic and creative decisions made by the director and actors. Full of aspiration and enthusiasm and a fresh passion for drama, students then immersed themselves fervently in a one and a half hour practical workshop where they explored multi-rolling and developed their skills of characterisation as they improvised and devised hilarious scenes based on characters from the play. Changes of voice, body language, movement and mannerisms were all evident in students' work. Well done Year 10.



Upcoming Dates

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| Performing Arts Summer concert | - Date to be confirmed |
| Rock School performance at Charltonbury | - 7th July 2023 |

PE

Over the last half term students have been completing their summer sport activities which include Athletics, Rounders and Cricket. The students have worked well in lessons and we have seen determination and resilience being demonstrated. It has been lovely to see everyone getting involved and giving it their best shot.

We have been involved in a number of competitions this half term including the Yr. 7,8,10 and 11 Athletics competitions at Oakengates stadium. The PE staff have loved seeing everyone getting engaged and wanting to represent the school.

A big well done to the following students who demonstrated some fantastic performances:

Daisy H (Yr. 11) - who came 3rd in her 100m

Jack H (Yr. 11) - who came 2nd in the Long Jump

Daisy, Daisy, Kiera and Worokiya (Yr. 11) - who came 3rd in the relay

Dan F (Yr. 7) - who came 1st in High jump and 3rd in the 800m

Daisy D (Yr. 7) - who came 3rd in Shot Putt

On Wednesday 21st June we have the Yr. 7-10 Athletics Championships at Oakengates. If you would like to take part please see Miss Oakley or Miss Campion ASAP.

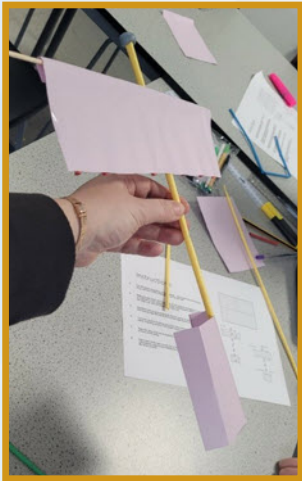
Well done to the Yr. 10 Football team for their game against Langley where you showed resilience and the way you conducted yourselves before, during and after the match was second to none.



Well done to all the students who have been bringing their kit to every PE lesson and giving 100%. We recently had the draw for the £50 voucher, well done to Darcie G and Teagen B who were the lucky winners. Please keep bringing your PE kit to lesson and ensure it is Park Kit or Plain Black.

SCIENCE

Monday 13th March saw the start of Telford Park School's Science week for KS3 pupils. The theme this year was 'connections' and pupils were involved with a number of activities including building a glider, making spaghetti towers and discussing sustainability goals.



Also, in March a group of Year 8 pupils participated in a workshop in school lead by RICOH which explored renewable energy resources. Pupils had to work in teams to build their own water wheels using paper cups, plates, and wooden spoons.



During this half term Year 7 & 8 have been learning about DNA and inheritance. As part of this topic pupils have been making DNA out of sweets. Year 7 set 6 also made genetic bracelets to show variation (differences) in a species (humans) using different coloured beads to represent different inherited characteristics including hair colour, eye colour and if they could roll their tongues.



FOOD

Hi Foodies! I hope you're enjoying this beautiful weather, do you find your food choices change this time of year? I know I've been eating a lot more salad and the BBQ has made an appearance.

In food we have been travelling around the world to exploring a range of exciting cultural food. Our first stop included a trip to the middle east. We cooked some beautiful falafel, they were so tasty, we served them in Pita breads with salad and mint yoghurt. We then travelled to South Asia to make some chicken tikka, which we served with homemade naan bread and salad. Next stop was Mexico, our Year 7 have made some scrumptious mixed bean burritos. A world tour isn't complete without a stop off in Italy is it? Our lovely Year 8 have made pasta bakes and our GCSE class made chicken parmigiana, just mouth watering! Our BTEC class journeyed to Germany for coffee cake and I have to say my cake didn't last very long at all, it was delicious.



We have enjoyed our cultural tour and we hope some of the food made it home for you to enjoy!



Rewards alert!

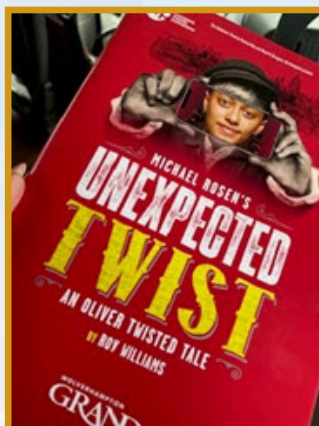
Last term food awarded students who received the most postcards with a cookbook, this term we wanted to make it a little more personal so we had some chopping boards engraved. Well done to all those who worked hard enough to receive one, we are very proud of you!



ENGLISH DEPARTMENT REWARDS TRIP

Year 8 English Department Rewards Trip

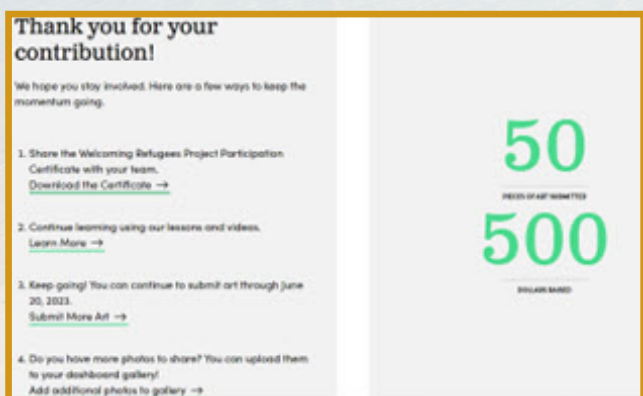
Last week, a group of students were given the opportunity to see a theatre performance of an adaptation of Oliver Twist by Michael Rosen called '*Unexpected Twist*' at the Wolverhampton Grand Theatre. Students were nominated by their English teachers for their brilliant attitudes towards their learning and we had a great afternoon. The play was a brilliant modern-day twist on the original text that we have studied earlier this year, teaching valuable lessons about how children can be exploited by criminal gangs. The students behaved impeccably on the day (despite some very noisy crisp eating during the performance!) and we felt like VIPs as we had the entire dress circle to ourselves and got to meet the cast and ask them questions afterwards! Thank you once again for all the staff who helped to make this trip happen.



YEAR 9 ENGLISH DEPARTMENT CHARITY WORK

Year 9 English Department Charity Work

Last term, Year 9 students did some work looking at the topic of equality and we studied extracts from a book by Alan Gratz called 'Refugee'. As part of our work looking at literature about refugees, we participated in a charity project with a global charity called 'Students Rebuild'. Students designed a postcard that could be given to refugees to welcome them into our communities. We raised \$500 for the charity with our submissions. Well done Year 9, we are so proud of you for using your language to make positive changes in the world.



REWARDS TEAM UPDATES

Rewards Team Updates

All students across years 7-11 have been working really hard to earn their R1 points this term. Several exciting rewards opportunities have taken place so far.

During the Easter holidays, the top 10 students in each year group were invited on a rewards trip to West Midlands Safari Park in collaboration with Telford and Wrekin.



We ran a cinema reward with the top 50 students in each year group. Students received complimentary popcorn and juice for their cinema experience.

7-TUT3, Mrs Oriade's tutor group, won a delicious breakfast hamper filled to the brim with croissants, pain au chocolat, cereal bars and juices for having the most reward points in the whole school.

We have given out two £100 vouchers for the top performing students and more to come!

Year 7 are currently holding the top spot on our whole school rewards leader board and have firmly stood their ground for weeks! Year 8 and 9 have been battling it out for second place. Which year group will be able to overthrow reigning champions Y7?

Check out the leader boards in the weekly broadcast and on the digital screens to see where your year group and tutor group are at as well as which student is the top rewards achiever in each year.

We recently teased information that the end of this year will be bigger and better. The more rewards points you get, the better your end of year reward will be. Names will soon be drawn – which tier reward will you receive?

Keep turning up, doing the right thing and being successful and you're in for a chance at those top rewards!

