

The Telford Park School Newsletter

Autumn Term - 2023



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Park School**

Message From The Headteacher

Following another busy half term, I wanted to take this opportunity to say a big thank you for your support. Many of our pupils achieved so much over the last half term and we are extremely proud of them.

As you are aware we have taken the decision to 'ban mobile phones' from November 7th, 2023. Many pupils are in favour of this decision, and we ask for your support also. We will be operating a policy of 'see it, hear it, lose it'.

Some key dates for families over the next half term are:

Wednesday 15th November 2023 – Year 7 'settling in' parents evening 4pm-6pm

Wednesday 13th December 2023 – Year 9 Parents Evening 4pm-7pm

Our year 11 mock exams are taking place between Monday 20th November and Friday 1st December. These are very important examinations and will inform pupils predicted grades for their sixth form, college, and apprenticeship applications.

The exams are taking place as follows:

Y11 Mock & Exams Timetable 2023-2024		
Version 4		
Morning Exams:		Afternoon Exams:
At 'Start of day' go to Tutor to be registered then escorted by their Tutor to the Drama Studio		At 'End of Lunch' go to period 4 lesson to be registered then escorted by their subject teacher to the Drama Studio
Morning Exam (8.45am start)	Date	Afternoon Exam (1.00pm start)
Science - Biology (1hr 15 mins)	Mon 20 Nov	Health & Fitness (1 hour 30 mins)
Maths P1 - Non Calculator - (1 Hour 30 Mins)	Tues 21 Nov	Business (1 hour 30 mins)
English Language Comp 1 (1 hr 45 mins)	Wed 22 Nov	Geography (1hr 30m)
Maths P2 - calculator (1 Hour 30mins)	Thur 23 Nov	Computer Science (1 hr 30 mins)
English Literature Christmas Carol & Poetry - (1 hr 45 mins)	Fri 24 Nov	Health & Social Care (1hr 15mins)
Science - Chemistry (1 hr 15 mins)	Mon 27 Nov	History - Weimer Germany (1 hour)
Maths P3 - calculator (1 Hour 30 mins)	Tues 28 Nov	Music (1 Hr 15 mins)
English Literature Macbeth & Unseen Poetry - (1 hour 45 mins)	Wed 29 Nov	Science - Physics (1hr 15 mins)
Art - All Day	Thur 30 Nov	Art - All Day
French Reading & Writing (2 hours)		Religious Studies (1 hr 40 mins)
Art - All Day		Art - All Day
Food - (1 hour 30 mins) ART - ALL DAY	Fri 1 Dec	NO EXAM

If you are a year 11 parent or carer thank you for your continued support of our strategies to support your child. A shining example of this is attendance to session 6 (after school intervention), which is higher than it has ever been in previous years. We will readjust these sessions following the mock exams to provide support where it is needed most.

I hope that you enjoy reading this newsletter. Here's to another exciting half term!

Best wishes,

Holly Rigby
Headteacher

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PE

We have had a great start to this academic year in PE with some fantastic performances. The highlight of this half term was the Cross-country competitions which took place at Telford Park, Deer Park, Abraham Darby and Idsall. We had the maximum amount of students at each fixture with 30 pupils turning up to represent the school. Every single pupil who represented the school should be immensely proud of their performance, in particular the Yr9 Girls team consisting of Jasmine H, Ami R and Millie W who placed 2nd overall in their age category, the best the school has ever done. Jasmine had some fantastic positions with her best seeing her come in, in 3rd place.

We have also had a number of Football, Rugby and Netball fixture this half term where pupils have represented the school and demonstrated our key values. In next half term there will be many more fixtures and it would be great to see more students attending afterschool clubs in order to progress and train together as a team.



The afterschool clubs on offer next half term can be seen below:

PE EXTRA - CURRICULAR

MONDAY KS3 Fitness - TCA

WEDNESDAY Girls Netball - HCA/ROA
KS3 Boys Football - TCA
Badminton - PHI

FRIDAY KS3/4 Fitness - TCA

TUESDAY Yr 7/8 Boys Rugby - DOL
KS3 Girls Football - TCA
KS4 Fitness - HCA

THURSDAY Trampolining - HCA /ROA
KS4 Boys Football - TCA

A polite reminder that all pupils are expected to wear Telford Park PE kit or plain black clothing (not branded and Hoodies are not allowed) for their PE lessons. If a pupils is unable to take part in PE they are still expected to get changed and take part in a non-participant role. If a pupil does not bring kit and refuses to wear spare, they will be issued with a detention. If a pupil also refuses to take part in a non-participant role, this will result in a C3. Government guidelines state pupils should complete a minimum of 2 hours of PE and we need to ensure we are meeting these guidelines. Your cooperation on this would be greatly appreciated.

Food

Well we have certainly hit the ground running this half term. Our students have settled into food so well, a special shout out to my year 10 GCSE group who have already shown so much progress in practical lessons, Congratulations.

Our year 7 students have been learning about food hygiene and safety, an essential skill when working within the food room. Once this knowledge was secured, we moved onto healthy eating which saw the students practising their knife skills by chopping up some beautifully coloured fruit to make healthy fruity skewers.



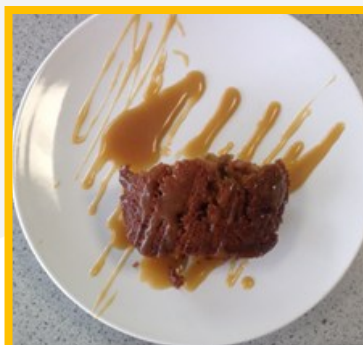
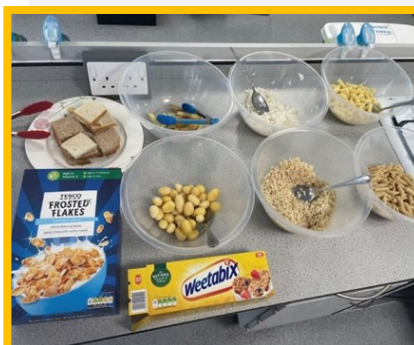
Our year 8 students have been exploring healthy eating by taking part in a taste testing practical, they had to sample lots of different vegetables to see if a cooking method can change the taste, texture, appearance, and nutritional content of the food. They compared mash potato to roasted potato, boiled carrots to roasted carrot, fried corn to boiled corn and lots more. The students loved it!

We have also made a delicious stir fry.

In year 9 our students have been learning about micro-organisms and how they spoil our food. Practically we have been learning about how to feed ourselves on a budget and therefore made a delicious omelette.



In year 10 we have started the curriculum off with the macronutrients, whereby students have been learning about proteins, fats, and carbohydrates. One of our lessons included a carbohydrate investigation which involved the students comparing the calories, sugar, and fibre content of a variety of food products. The students concluded that wholemeal foods were lower in sugar and higher in fibre making them healthier. We have incorporated many practicals alongside the theory including spaghetti bolognese, fruit pie, pizza and wedges and sticky toffee pudding.





Food (Continued)

Our BTEC students have been learning about food safety, hygiene and nutrition during their lessons. I must say I am so impressed with this class, the students have quickly applied their knowledge to the practical tasks. We have made variety of dishes including a full English breakfast and healthy salads.



Year 11 are busy completing their NEA 1 investigation coursework. For this coursework they have to carry out research around the task title and devise their own hypothesis. Once a focus for the coursework has been established they have to carry out experiments to investigate their prediction.

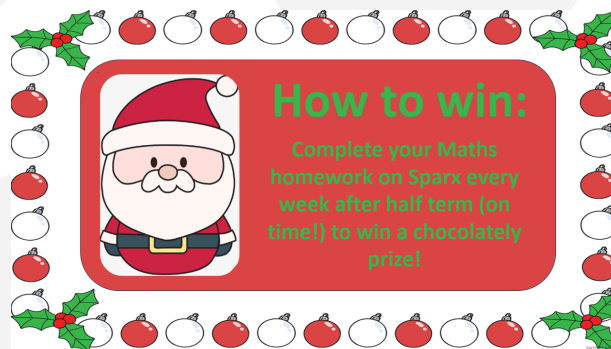
Maths Update

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questions answered correctly in Sparx Maths so far this year

123 students

have already improved at their times tables this year. Great job!





English Department Update

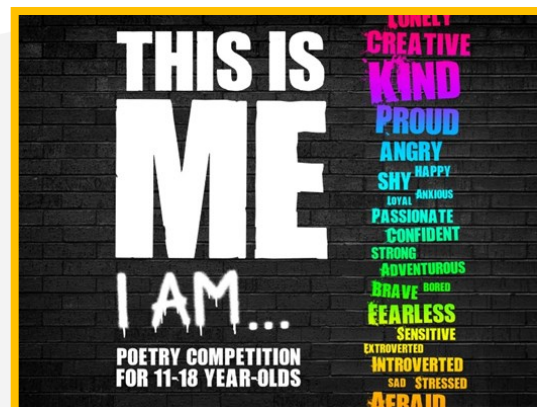
Year 7 Poetry Competition

Students in year 7 have been writing their poetry entries for Young Writers' poetry competition: This Is Me. We received some lovely entries where we learnt so much about our year 7 students and they expressed themselves with such passion. It was really interesting to read about their likes, dislikes, hobbies, family history, just to name a few! We had many different types of poems including some rhyming poems, acrostic poems, poems written in the style of a recipe and free verse poems. It was really difficult to choose just 3 winners from each class!

Well done to:

Demi-Louise C, Scott M, Mia C, Caden W, Anoka O, Darren F, Grace D, Jaclyn A, Spencer J, Sophie S, Karthik K, Isabella P, Nikola P, Anon R, Piotr P

Enjoy your prizes!



Year 9 Gothic Writing Competition

Students in year 9 have been studying gothic writing this term and are taking part in a Halloween competition on Dia De Los Muertos. Students are writing a spooky short story using what they have learnt this half term about gothic settings and characters. We can't wait to read everyone's entries and decide the winners!

Rewards Updates

Students in years 7-11 have been working hard this half term to earn their rewards points. So far, a total of 44,000 reward points have been issued to hard working students!

At the end of the half term, Mrs Bradburn's tutor group (7.3) were the highest achieving tutor group and so, were rewarded with a delicious breakfast hamper! Juice, pain-au-chocolate, croissants, cereal bars and more – YUM!

At the end of term, before Christmas, students have a chance of winning £100. The top reward earners will be entered into a draw to select the winner. Now's the time to get your reward points up so that you can be in with a chance! Who will it be?!



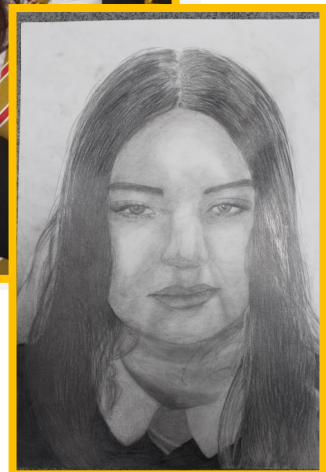
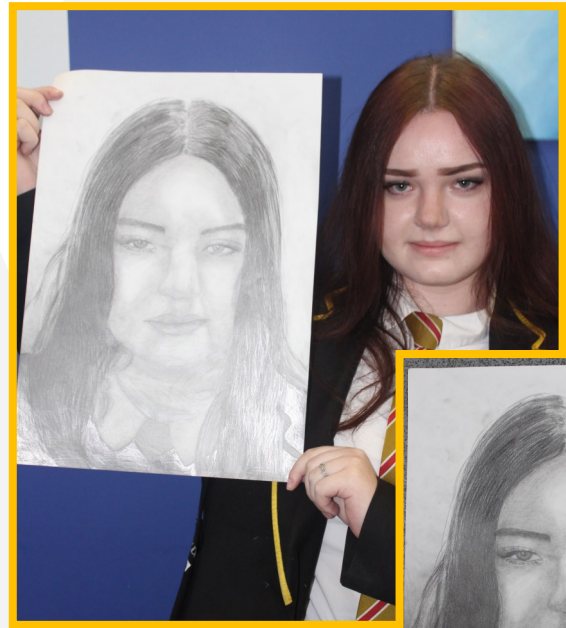
THIS TERM'S COMPETITION

Will it be **YOU**?

Art

In Art this term Year 10 pupils have been developing their portrait drawing skills. We have been learning how to draw the features of the face which we have then put together to do final portraits. Everyone has done well and made a great start to the GCSE journey.

These are two finished examples of the fantastic work.



This year, our annual remembrance, art project has been in the form of polymer clay brooches. Every student, member of staff and visitor over the last few weeks has been given the opportunity to make their own poppy badge.

We are excited to see everyone wearing their brooches on Friday, the 10th of November for our remembrance, assembly, collectively, becoming a whole school piece of art.



Performing Arts

Telford Park School presents...



Over 90 students from years 7 – 11 have signed up to be involved in the next big Telford Park production whether it be performing on stage, creating and sourcing props and costumes, working backstage or on tech crew, or involved with hair and make-up. We held two workshop evenings where students dusted off their dance shoes and warmed up their vocal cords learning choreography and vocals for 'Consider Yourself'. We had lots of fun in this engaging and enthusiastic start on our rehearsal journey. Students will have the opportunity to audition for lead roles in the show after half term. We look forward to seeing you for the show in March 2024!

Auditions: (main roles only)

Tuesday 7th November KS4 - (3pm – 4:15pm)

Thursday 9th November KS3 - (3pm – 4:15pm)

Performing Arts Extra Curricular

During the first half of the Autumn term the Performing Arts Department has launched a wide variety of clubs and extra- curricular activities from karaoke club and drama club to band, choir and dance club: we have them all! Students from all years have enjoyed experiencing the arts on many levels and sharing their talents and learning new skills.

Future Events

November

Lunchtime Concerts

Monday 13th November years 8 and 10 lunchtime concert (lesson 4 and lunch (12:15 – 1:45pm)

Tuesday 14th November year 9 and 11 lunchtime concert (lunchtime 12:15 – 12:45pm)

Monday 4th December year 7 lunchtime concert (lunchtime 12:15 – 12:45pm)

For students wishing to perform a musical piece on voice or their instrument for up to 5 of their friends in a friendly atmosphere (sign up in music department)

December

11th December - Christmas Concert

Year 7 Concert (date to be announced)



Performing Arts (Continued)

Timetable for Autumn term 2: All clubs are free to attend, just come along and have some fun!

Performing Arts Events Calendar				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch Time				
Lunchtime Lyrics (Karaoke) Yr 7 / 9 / 11 12:15 – 12:45pm Week 1 ONLY Yr 8 / 10 1:15 – 1:45pm Week 2 ONLY (Music Room: 3:08) Mrs Bradburn				Drama Club Yr 7 12:15 – 12:45pm Yr 8 1:15 – 1:45pm Week 1 ONLY (Drama Studio) Mrs Perry
After School				
Choir All years (3:08) 3pm – 4pm (Music Room: 3:08) T & W Music Service	Rock School All years 3pm-4pm (Music Room: 3:08) T & W Music Service School Production Oliver Rehearsals (as per show timetable) (Theatre)	School Band All years 3pm – 4pm (Music Room: 3:08) Mrs Bradburn Dance Club (All years) 3pm – 4pm Drama Studio Mrs Perry Junior Jam Primary Schools (3:08) 4pm-5pm (Music room 3:08) Mrs Bradburn, Mr Woolley	School Production: Oliver Rehearsals (Theatre) 3-4:30pm	

Have a great term