

3rd edition—July 2017

# Parks Newsletter



## ***A note from the Head of House***

What a memorable year.

I have been privileged to have led Parks for the first year of vertical tutoring and the house system. It has been a pleasure to see the students grow and flourish as the year has progressed, with many growing in confidence and interacting with year groups and students that they have never spoken to before.

There have been a number of highlights throughout the year, including a charity head shave, applications for prefects and House captains, and winning the staff relay on sports day.

I look forward to working with the House captains—Harvey Ricci and Rebecca Martin, and the senior prefects—Harriet Edwards and Cordelia Gillan, as well as the prefect team. I look forward to working with all of the students in Parks to welcome the Year 7 students in September and improve on the House points collected across this year.

Thank you for the support this year and I wish you all a happy summer holidays.

## **House Staff**

**Head of House**  
Mr C Newman

**Student Support Officer**  
Mrs J Shipton

## **Tutors for September**

In the last term...

**A day trip to France**—The MFL department took 49 year 7 students to France where they learnt how to make bread and croissants, ate lunch in a typical French town and then visited an aquarium. It was a long day but everyone seemed to have fun.

**Junior Maths Challenge**—Year 7 and 8 students took part in the challenge, many earning certificates for how well they did. Alex Hope and Rhiannon Scudder received best in year.

**Mock election**—all pupils in Notley had the opportunity to vote in a mock election when Theresa May called the snap election. The Notley results saw the Conservatives win by a majority of 1!

**Creative Arts Festival**—fashion, drama, sculptures, music and much more were shown in the Braintree Sixth Form for this evening of pure talent

**Year 6 Transition Days**—Year 6s were split into classes of around 26 and spent 2 days at Notley High School experiencing lessons and earning House Points. Each class had a Year 7 and a Year 9 student attached to their group, and these students were a real credit to the school.

**Outdoor learning space**—the courtyard outside the library has been transformed into an outdoor learning space. Unfortunately due to a leak in the roof, this has not been used much, but will be open next year.



## **Note from our New House Captains:**

Hello, we are Rebekah Martin and Harvey Ricci and we are pleased to be the new House Captains for Parks House. During our time as house captains we hope to help students in our house along with creating a friendly environment within it. As house captains we will also be organising fundraisers and events to support a local charity we have chosen called 'Essex Search and Rescue' which is a charity that helps to find and recover missing people in the area. We look forward to helping and we hope to see you in the upcoming term!

P1	Miss Sheldon Mrs Holden
P2	Miss Freeman Mr Highmoor
P3	Mrs Robb Mr Harrison
P4	Mr Curtis Mrs Elson
P5	Mr Harrington Miss Cornell
P6	Ms Gee
P7	Mrs Harries Mrs Rubio-Montes Mrs Langley
P8	Mr Fuller Miss Wintrip
P9	Miss Mullen Mrs Hutchinson
P10	Mr Austen-Hardy Mrs Biggs
P11	Miss Kipling Mr Parsons
P12	Miss Short Mrs Lawrence
P13	Ms Hill Miss Biggs



## Star Students

P1	Cobi Filmer
P2	Naa Odotei
P3	Emma Harrison
P4	Daniel Toombs
P5	Marcus Balicki
P6	Charlotte Ferneyhough
P7	Madison Plumb
P8	Patrick Loveard
P9	Vianne Tinsley-Gardener
P10	Lauren Turley
P11	Matt Price
P12	Rajib Uddin
P13	Cordelia Gillan



### Attendance

**Overall attendance for Parsk is 94.3**

*100% attendance is certainly possible, but in the event of a child being away from school it is essential that the parents/carers inform the school of the reasons for absence.*

#### Absence lines:

Year 7	01376 556347
Year 8	01376 556348
Year 9	01376 556349
Year 10	01376 556350
Year 11	01376 556351

### Sports Day

Sports day was a great event, although Parsk finished a disappointing 5th overall. There were some brilliant performances and it was lots of fun to be involved in field events and track events. The staff relay was great fun, thank you to Mr Newman, Mr Fuller, Mr Austen-Hardy and Ms Brewis-Shephard for their efforts—we won the staff relay by at least 30 metres.

#### School uniform:

As of September the new house ties and new blazer badges are to be worn. The new school kilt can be ordered from [swi](#) and black trousers should be in line with our [uniform policy](#). Trainers or boots (including Kicker boots) are not to be worn as students are expected to wear a leather style shoe.

### Key Dates

Thursday 24th August: GCSE Results day  
 Monday 4th September: Staff Training Day  
 Friday 17th November: Staff Training Day  
 Monday 18th December: Staff Training Day  
 Tuesday 19th December: Staff Training Day  
 Wednesday 20th December: Staff Training Day

**Wishing you and your families a wonderful summer break!**

**Year 7 and 11 students return to school on Tuesday 5th September and Year 8, 9 and 10 students return on Wednesday 6th September.**

