

# Parklife

**A Newsletter for Parents · Students · Teachers**

## WORDS FROM OUR PRINCIPAL MR. FOUND

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*As we go into the holidays it is only appropriate to reflect on a busy term. The recent Science week and student trip to the Big Bang exhibition was a fantastic event and it was great to see students engaging in science activities throughout the week. Likewise the Sports Relief week showcased to students a range of sporting events and enabled us to raise a considerable amount of money for charity. Many of you who visited the academy would have seen both staff and students attempting and succeeding in rowing the Thames on rowing machines. With our non-uniform day combined we will have raised nearly £2000! We now look forward to our Madrid trip in May, Arts Week in July and many other events and trips in between.*

*Two significant events were confirmed this week; In order develop our canteen and food services we have moved to a new Catering company, **Chartwells**. This has given us the opportunity to re-view our menu offer, develop additional food outlets in the academy and provide an enhanced service to our students. We will be sharing the new menu and arrangements in our next issue. Also many of you will be aware of the plans to develop the school with a £3million pound project to develop our accommodation. This project will begin in July and will after 18months leave a new classroom block and enhance the 'Rivers' wing of the school, including an extended canteen. This week we were reviewing tenders with the view of appointing a contractor before the end of the Easter break.*

*Although we are about to enter the holiday there are many additional revision events and classes for **year 11 and sixth form** students during the break (schedule within this issue). We hope that many students take this opportunity to support their holiday revision in preparation for the exam season that starts shortly after the break.*

*Thank you to all those who voted in the Parent Governor election. Our two new governors, see details later in this issue, have been appointed and we are looking forward to working with them to continue to develop the academy and the work of school staff.*

*Finally I wish all students and families a peaceful school break and look forward to seeing the students refreshed and ready to learn on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April**.*

Richard Found

Principal

**ABSENCE LINE 01582 722333 (then Press 1)**

**Available 24hrs**

**Please report ALL absences before 0900 on the first day of absence. This should be followed up by a letter on return.**



The Shared Learning Trust  
**THE STOCKWOOD  
PARK ACADEMY**

March 2018



### **KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**29<sup>th</sup> March - LAST DATE OF TERM**

**16<sup>th</sup> April - INSET DAY**

**17<sup>th</sup> April - RETURN TO SCHOOL DATE**

**19<sup>th</sup> April – 23<sup>rd</sup> April - GCSE Art Exam**

**7<sup>th</sup> May - BANK HOLIDAY**

### **HAVE YOU LOST AN ITEM WHICH BELONGS TO YOU??**

**LOST ITEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN FOUND ARE STORED IN STUDENT SERVICES. IF UNCLAIMED, THEY ARE DISPOSED OF AS AT THE END OF EACH HALF TERM.**

Please contact **Student Services** to check the items that belong to you that have been found.

**Thank you**

# YEAR 11

Dear Parents /carers,

The Easter Revision Programme that has been planned for Year 11 students to support with their revision over the upcoming Easter break. Please support us by discussing this with your son/daughter and ensuring that they attend as many of these sessions as possible.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Kind regards

**Dan Smith** | Vice Principal

## Easter Revision Programme 2018

### Week 1

DAY	Tuesday 03/04/18	Wednesday 04/04/18	Thursday 05/04/18	Friday 06/04/18
<b>MORNING SESSION (AM)</b> <b>10AM – 12PM</b> Arrive at 9.45am Cut off Time 10.15am You can use the canteen to eat a packed lunch. Or Go offsite for lunch	ENGLISH – Lord of the Flies Sign up only	ENGLISH – Unseen Poetry Sign up only	SCIENCE (Y Band)	SCIENCE (Y Band)
	DRAMA – Unit 1 ALL Students	DANCE – Choreography All Students	SCIENCE (Y Band)	SCIENCE (Y Band)
	ICT – 11B/IT 1	ICT – 11B/IT 1	SCIENCE (Y Band)	SCIENCE (Y Band)
	COMPUTING – 11E/CS1	COMPUTING – 11E/CS1	SCIENCE (Y Band)	SCIENCE (Y Band)
	ICT – 11D/IT1	ICT – 11D/IT1		SCIENCE (Y Band)
<b>AFTERNOON SESSION (PM)</b> <b>1PM – 3PM</b> Arrive at 12.45pm Cut off Time 1.15pm You must leave site at 3pm	ENGLISH – Frankenstein Sign Up only	ENGLISH – Comparative Poetry Sign up only	SCIENCE (W Band)	SCIENCE (W/X Band)
	DRAMA – Unit 3 All Students	DANCE – Choreography All Students	SCIENCE (W Band)	SCIENCE (W/X Band)
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**WEEK 2**

DAY	Monday 09/04/18	Tuesday 10/04/18	Wednesday 11/04/18	Thursday 12/04/18	Friday 13/04/18
<b>MORNING SES- SION (AM)</b>  <b>10AM – 12PM</b> Arrive at 9.45am  Cut off Time 10.15am  You can use the canteen to eat a packed lunch. Or Go offsite for lunch	HISTORY 11A	ENGLISH – Frankenstein Sign Up Only	ART All students	ART All students	MATHS All students
		DT – Graphic + RM All students	PHOTOGRAPHY All Students	PHOTOGRAPHY All Students	MATHS All students
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**KEY DATES**

**GCSE MFL Speaking Dates:**

French – Wednesday 18 April – Friday 20 April – Miss Zola

German – Monday 23 April – Miss Beades

Spanish – Tuesday 24 – Wednesday 25 April – Mrs Bugía-Garrido and Mr Garcia

**GCSE dates as confirmed by AQA:**

**French:** Listening and Reading – 15 May

Writing – 18 May

**German:** Listening and Reading – 18 June

Writing – 21 June

**Spanish:**

Listening and Reading - 6 June

Writing – 14 June



## **MAPLE**

*Maple house have been giving out rewards all week.*

*We have given out ....*

**141 Kangaroo Passes**

**79 Bronze Badges**

**44 Silver badges**

**14 Gold Badges**

**14 Platinum awards**

*Mrs S. Walker ( Head of Maple House)*

*&*

*Mr J. Wiggett (Assistant Head of Maple House)*

## **SAFE - SPACE**

**Tuesdays – 3:15 – 4:15pm**

**Thursday – 3:15 – 4:15pm**

**Open to years 8 – 13 @ TSPA**





# Literacy Focus: Linking Paragraphs

It is important to link the beginning of one paragraph with the one before it. Often, you need to do this before introducing the new topic for the new paragraph.

There are a number of reasons you might want to link your paragraphs.

- **To add addition information**
  - in addition...as well as...moreover...furthermore...what is more...secondly...additionally
- **To introduce an alternative view point**
  - however...although...despite this...nevertheless...on the contrary...even though...on the other hand...alternatively...in contrast...whilst
- **To show your understanding**
  - therefore...thus...because...evidently...although...meanwhile...in conclusion...however... as a result...moreover...at this point...consequently...since...hence
- **To sequence ideas**
  - first...firstly...second...secondly (etc)...then...following...again...subsequently...later...finally...thereafter...to conclude...lastly
- **To Sum up**
  - finally...as a conclusion...to conclude...in other words...in short...in brief...to sum up...as has been stated...overall...in general...therefore...



## Subsequently

1. after a particular thing has happened;  
afterwards.



## **Madrid trip 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2018**

### **Flight details : Easyjet**

*We travel from Luton Airport to Madrid*

*Departure 17:25 and arriving 20:55*

*We are collected from the school and taken to the airport (Time to be confirmed)*

*We come back on the 20<sup>th</sup> May from Madrid to Luton Airport*

*Departure 22:00 and we arrive at 23:30.*

*The bus will take us back to the school.*

*IMPORTANT: Only hand luggage*

### **Accommodation**

*Hat Hostel Madrid*

*Students are allocated in rooms in groups of 3 or 4.*

*Breakfast provided in the hostel*

*They have vast experience in receiving English schools.*

### **Activities in Madrid**

#### **Guided walking tour of Madrid**

#### **Las Ventas Bull Ring guided tour**

#### **Bernabeu Stadium tour (Real Madrid Stadium)**

#### **Flamenco show**

#### **Prado Museum**

#### **Reina Sofia Museum**

*During the guided tour, we are going to visit the centre of the city and we are going to be able to explore the city.*

*Students will have a card on their necks with useful sentences to say in Spanish in case they need anything as well as contact details.*

*They are not allowed to be by their own, they are going to have a bit of time to explore by themselves but always in groups of a minimum of 5 students.*

### **Las Ventas**

*We are not going to see bullfighting but we are going to explore the history of this place and this controversial art.*

### **Real Madrid**

*We are going to explore the Stadium and the museum. If we are lucky we will have the chance of meeting some players.*

### **Flamenco Show**

*We are going to enjoy a fancy dinner in a "tablaos flamenco" with live music and Flamenco dancing.*

### **More details**

*All meals are inclusive as part of the trip*

*The group is going to be accompanied by 3 staff members one of which is Spanish speaker.*

*They are going to have time to buy souvenirs if they wish.*

*We will provide parents with contact information and details so they can contact us when needed.*

*We are going to give time updates through the school website*

*Payment deadline is the last day of April*

*We need all the medical forms back as soon as possible -*

**Jose D. García Gabarrón - Teacher of MFL**



*“Hi my name is Shariq Rehman and I am a Year 11 Business student. I wanted to give you all an update about my journey in Business so far. I chose this subject in Year 9 as it was always something I was interested in, especially as I have seen so many local businesses flourish. I think that Luton is a great hub for business, just take a look around! So far this year we have completed Unit 1 which was an introduction to Business and Enterprise where I learnt about the different types of business ownerships. We are currently studying Unit 3 which looks at Finance. I am learning about cash flow forecasts and budgets. In February 2018 we sat a Marketing exam. I revised really hard for this exam and I am excited about the results which come out in April (fingers crossed!).*

*Future aspirations: my ambition is to become a Business Studies teacher like Mr Khan, he’s my role model.”*



### Science Week

It was an exciting week here in the science department at TSPA celebrating science week with fun, engaging activities. The science corridor was packed daily with young scientist’s ready to explore the world of science. We started the week off with a bang by setting students on fire and exploring the world of DNA as a tasty treat. We went into mid-week in a slimy fashion. Students explored different materials to make the perfect slime. By the end of the week, we finished in a world of coloured fire. The whole week was a huge success, enjoyed by all.



### Big Bang Fair 2018

59 of our year 9 and year 10 pupils visited the Big Bang Fair 2018 at The National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham. The event was highly engaging, presenting students with a wide arrangement of science programs that they can get involved in after their school career.

Throughout the day students visited numerous vendors where they learned about all the science advancements, talked with robots, performed surgeries, built race cars, and uncovered the unlimited exciting career possibilities that exist within science. The students left the show motivated and eager for their futures after learning there are endless opportunities for everyone.

“The trip to NEC Birmingham Big Bang fair was enlightening and very enjoyable. As soon as we arrived, we were welcomed by a vibrant and fun atmosphere of Science. Whilst at the fair, we learnt all about all the multiple exciting things that science has to offer, from the way we could prevent Malaria to how we use science everyday, even in things such as construction. We experienced various types of career fields the subject has to offer us, the future generations. Going around different stalls and talking to the field’s professionals gave us an enhanced and broader perspective on a subject that is extremely vital for our future. Science continues to develop, with new breakthroughs everyday. This trip enabled us to experience this broad, exciting subject, in multiple different forms. Overall, we had a great time on this enlightening day.”

-Humna Khurram & Mahira Shah





# SPORT RELIEF 2018



Massive thank you to all staff and students for their donations and generosity to sport relief 2018.

*Sport Relief last week was a huge success at TSPA.*

The academy had a fun packed week including a step challenge with the whole school walking a mile, it's a knock out with Mr Stephenson and a bungee run!

The biggest challenge this year was staff and students rowing the length of the river Thames. We did the challenge as a race with Team Cambridge vs Team Oxford. Both rowing machines raced to complete the 215 miles and Team Cambridge came out on top 4500m ahead of Oxford.

The whole school walk on the slightly muddy field was a success, with many students challenging themselves to jog or run 3-4 laps. The Tuesday brought us a day of fun activities including the bungee run and boxing with Mr Stephenson which brought a nice support of students into the sports hall at both break, lunch and afterschool. Following on from this, the staff vs Yr 11 student netball and basketball (with the staff as winners) was another success, finished by the basket of the year from Mr Smith. The final stretch saw the week of Oxford vs Cambridge boat race, with Cambridge winning by just 4500m.

Lots of fun was had by all - the current total before non-school uniform day is £973.

Opportunity to still donate at <https://my.sportrelief.com/sponsor/TSPAROW>.

Thanks to the PE staff at TSPA.

*Tayla Green & Hannah Nelson-Cole*

*P.E FACULTY*





# COMMUNITY

## Wicketz Community Cricket every Wednesday

3.30-4.30pm Sports Hall

*Wicketz is a national community based cricket programme, targeting young people aged 8-16 in areas where opportunities are limited. The project is funded and supported by the Lord's Taverners, which is the UK's leading youth cricket and disability sports charity. Due to the public need and demand, Wicketz continues to grow with projects now running in 14 towns and cities nationwide.*



*Whilst cricket is the initial engagement tool, the primary focus of the programme is to improve the lives of young people. This is done by rewarding participation and offering wristbands, T-shirts and balls for free. For continuous and long term engagement the children are enrolled on a Sports Leadership Award and then a Sports Leader Level 1 qualification. Both qualifications consequently give the Wicketz participants a professional stepping stone for their future aspirations.*

## Real People - Honest Talk 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018

*The young people participated in various dialogue and discussion on issues that matter to them.*

*Real People, Honest Talk, is a Near Neighbours project that brings people together to confront some of the tough issues around how we live together and how we cope with difference.*

*The celebration event is a true testimony to young people's achievement and success in raising sensitive issues. The Academy is very proud and acknowledges the young people's confidence in bringing these issue to the forefront of today's society.*



**Mr Taj Hussain**  
Community Cohesion and  
Youth Zone Manager



# ROWAN...News

*Seven Rowan girls have been part of the Girls cricket team who have successfully qualified for the county tournament next Wednesday in Bedfordshire.*

*Rowan celebrated having the highest turnout for Year 8 parents evening at 72%, well done to everyone who came.*

*Hopefully more to follow!*

**Paul Baker**

**House Leader Rowan / Co-Anti Bullying Manager**



## **Happy bunch!**

*You can also add Rowan's recipe recommendation:*

*This is a fantastic breakfast recipe enjoyed by Mr Baker and Ms Cummins.*

*Mash up 2 avocados. Mix in some fresh lime, olive oil and fresh chilli. Season to taste.*

*Spread on top of some toasted sourdough bread.*

*In the meantime poach an egg or two. Put on top of the avocado mixture.*

*Fry some small tomatoes of choice in olive oil and place on the side.*

*Drizzle some more oil on top to finish.*

## **U13's are indoor cricket county runners up!!!**



## STAFF MEMBER PROFILE - Jose D. García Gabarrón

*My name is Jose García Gabarron and I am the second in MFL, teacher of Spanish and proud form tutor of Ash 6. I've been working for Stockwood Park Academy for one year and since I started I have enjoyed every single second.*

*I was born in Spain, in a small city called Cartagena, which is located in the south east of the country. We are proud of having one of the most spectacular and natural ports of the Mediterranean Sea. I lived and studied there, but I also spent one year studying in Denmark, in a city called Aarhus. This is where I started to learn English for real. I was always bad in Languages in my school!*

*I study Spanish Literature and Grammar in the University and specialised myself in Linguistics, which is my passion. I started teaching in Spain and I decided to come to England 5 years ago with my wife and my son.*

*My real passion in music, especially Progressive Rock. I have been playing in bands since I was 15 and I still enjoy playing here in England.*

*A quote from me:*

*"A mind is like a parachute, it doesn't work unless it's open". (Frank Zappa)*



### ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Parents/Carers

#### **Election of Parent Governors**

I am pleased to inform you of the result of our election for parent governors.

**Elected: Samantha Morrison**

**Elected: Iwona Czerwinska**

I would like to thank everyone who put their names forward. If you were unsuccessful and would like to be considered as one of our parent governors in the future, please do not hesitate to contact Mikhaela Chapman, Clerk, on 01582 211211.

Mr Richard Found

Principal