



DEER PARK

newsletter

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HEADTEACHER'S HELLO!



DEAR PARENTS,

THE SUNSHINE HAS FINALLY ARRIVED! THERE HAS BEEN LOTS HAPPENING OVER THE PAST TWO WEEKS AND SOME WONDERFUL INDIVIDUAL SUCCESSES HAVE BEEN CELEBRATED. WE'RE ALWAYS EXCITED WHEN WE APPROACH SOMETHING FOR THE FIRST TIME AND THE YEAR 9 PRACTICE EXAMS WERE NO EXCEPTION. IT MIGHT SEEM ODD TO GET EXCITED ABOUT EXAMS BUT SEEING THE YEAR 9S AT THE EXAM DESKS FOR THE FIRST TIME REMINDED US ALL OF HOW FAR WE HAVE COME SINCE OPENING. THE YEAR 9S WERE EXEMPLARY - I MADE SURE TO TELL THEM HOW AMAZING THEY HAD BEEN. THEY WERE PROBABLY THE BEST I HAVE EVER SEEN IN 21 YEARS OF DOING THIS.

ANOTHER FIRST WAS THE INAUGURAL FLAG FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT WHICH YOU CAN READ ABOUT IN THE NEWSLETTER. WE WERE REALLY PLEASED TO BE INVOLVED AND HAVE SUCH POSITIVE PARTNERSHIPS WITH SOLENT UNIVERSITY AND HAMPSHIRE POLICE. EVEN BETTER IS THAT WE WON THE EVENT!

HAVE A RESTFUL WEEKEND.

MR JONES

MEET MR CAMPBELL



Hello, I am Mr Campbell and I am the new Pastoral Mentor at Deer Park. I started here on 29th April and so I'm still very new. It has been so nice meeting students and staff, they have been welcoming and friendly so far.

I have previously worked at Bridgemary and Hamble Schools as a TA/behaviour Support, Pastoral Support worker, and also have experience in Youth work.

I am passionate about supporting and enabling students to always try their best and achieve their potential. With a firm belief in a fresh start every lesson.

One of my favourite quotes is "The best teacher is your last mistake. The biggest mistake is continuing to repeat it".

Outside of school I have two secondary age daughters and two young children of my own and our weekends are usually busy with walks, parks, garden play, beaches and family time in the evening for all.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for making me feel so welcome and look forward to working with you all.

YEAR 7

Team 2028 continue to make incredible strides on their academic journey! The last two Thursday's have seen many of you attend Parents Evening, thank you so much for your continued support. We have been blown away by the fantastic comments regarding student's progress so far this year, well done Year 7 - keep up the good work!

I wanted to make a special mention to Henry D in 7ELK for his incredible Mathematical achievement, achieving 'gold' in the UK Maths Challenge. Henry will now go on to represent our school at a national level in the next stage, which is a first for Deer Park! Congratulations and good luck!

Kind wishes,
Mrs Wilson

YEAR 8

A massive thank you to Year 8 for their continued efforts in representing the school. A huge number of students have had the privilege to help out on reception during the year, and I have had some wonderful feedback from staff around their politeness and positive attitude. In addition, many of our Year Group have conducted tours of the school for interview candidates as we expand to 4 Year Groups next year. They have been absolutely fantastic, and the candidates continue to mention how knowledgeable, honest and proud of their school they have been. Taking on these positions of responsibility now shows how driven these students are, and I would encourage them to continue to volunteer for these events, which in years to come could lead to a senior role in school as a prefect.

Keep up the great work Year 8!
Mr Gregory

YEAR 9

Over the past two weeks, Year 9 have been busy completing their mock exams in exam conditions. It's the first time we have set up the school for exams, and students have responded incredibly well. Students will soon be receiving grades from these exams, along with their end of year reports. It's important for them to look through these reports alongside their exam grades in order to see where they have done well this year, and where there is room for improvement.

Away from the exams, we have a number of the year group who are just about to compete at the District Athletics Trials at Southampton Sports Centre - good luck to all of you!

Mr Smith

MATHS

Congratulations to all Year 7 and 8 pupils who took part in the UKMT Maths Challenge on the 25th April. It was really challenging this year, but our students showed they were more than up to meeting that challenge and we had some excellent results again this year. Particular mention goes to Henry D in Year 7 who made it through to the next round in June - Well done Henry!!

NEW YORK MATHS TRIP - 170 DAYS TO GO!!!!

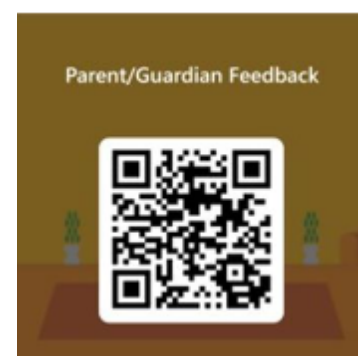
Parents will shortly receive a letter with some additional information regarding the New York trip. Students have been invited to join a Google Classroom page where up-to-date information, ideas and questions about shows, etc will be posted, so please encourage your child to join the page if they have not done so already.



HPV VACCINATION - YEAR 8

A big thank you for supporting the School's Immunisation Programme for the Year 8 HPV vaccines. The School Nursing Team appreciates any feedback using the QR code below.

If you have any questions or still need to consent, please contact them at southwesthantsimmunisationteam@southernhealth.nhs.uk or on 02382 318318.



YEAR 9 EXAMS

We would like to thank you for all your support for the exams, the conduct and resilience shown by the students was exceptional and they should all be really proud of themselves. Feedback will be given in individual subject lessons and exam grades for all subjects will be shared in the final report data of the year in the week of the 10th June

Mrs Dixon



ECO FOCUS GROUP UPDATE

Dear parents and guardians,

Some of you may be aware that Deer Park has recently undergone a project with Eastleigh councils 'Sustrans', a sustainable transport initiative. We would like to encourage parents to please complete the online survey for the Clean Air Aware project.

Here is the link:

[Eastleigh Schools Survey \(jisc.ac.uk\)](http://jisc.ac.uk)

We would really appreciate your time and support in answering this survey.

Warmest wishes,

Miss Emmett and Eco Focus Group



YEAR 8 ASSESSMENTS

Next week year 8 will be taking part in a series of assessments in all subjects. Teachers have shared what will be included in their assessments for them to be able to do revision at home should they need to. These will be shared during the final report data drop of the year

Mrs Dixon

SUBJECT SPOTLIGHT: TECHNOLOGY

The Design and Technology department at Deer Park believes in the joy of making and creating for everyone. D&T offers a vast array of life pathways and opportunities for all students, from trades to STEM and everything in between. Our KS3 curriculum is focussed on enjoyment, creativity, transferable skills and practical skills.

YR 7 CURRENT LEARNING

The Year 7s have already finished their 'Wooden Robot' project and hand embroidered 'Sugar Skull Plushies' project with some incredible results. They have just started to learn how to solder to make circuit boards to go inside their 'Moisture Sensors'.

YR 8 CURRENT LEARNING

The Year 8s have been building on their skills from the previous year to make 'Pull Along Toys' and 'Tote Bags'. This year group have shown me some of the most amazing final projects that I have seen in all my years of teaching. They have just started on their 'USB Hologram Lamp' project which they are incredibly excited about.



EXAMPLES OF YEAR 7 WORK

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YR 9 CURRENT LEARNING

The year 9 curriculum provides a GCSE learning experience in the different material areas of D&T. Students deepen their understanding of the world around us, whilst developing products that respond to design problems and briefs.

So far this year the Year 9 De class have made, work aprons, pewter casted pendants, finger jointed boxes, 3D printed desk organisers as well as learning how to communicate through technical drawing and starting to learn how to use CAD/CAM effectively.

On top of this the Year 9s have been increasing their theory knowledge which has culminated this week in their year 9 mock exams. The process has been really excellent practice as well as a way of consolidating everything they have learnt so far.

The final project of the year involves students looking in detail at branding and company identity before designing their own packaging for a scent bottle.

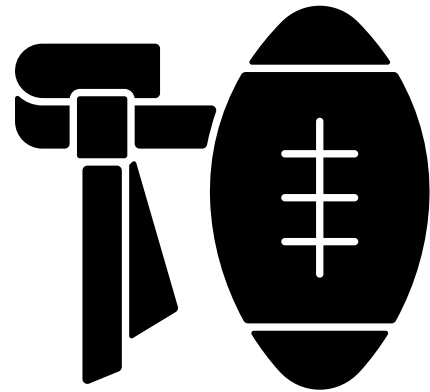


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PHYSICAL EDUCATION & SPORT UPDATE

Solent University Flag Football Champions 2024 |

On Wednesday 8th May 18 students took part in the Solent University Flag Football championships. Two Deer Park teams played matches against nearby schools. The progression seen since the program began has been tremendous. The students showed fantastic skill, tactical understanding and knowledge of rules to compete to a very good level. We hope to see more schools take part in 2025.



Year 7 County Netball Tuesday 7th May |

Congratulations to our year 7 netball team who came third overall in the county final plate competition.

U15 Cricket County Cup - Round 1 |

St George's 43 all out, DP 44-1 after 6 overs. Player of the match Benjamin B (Yr9). Round 2 is due to be played on Wednesday 22nd May away to Brookfield.

GCSE PE |

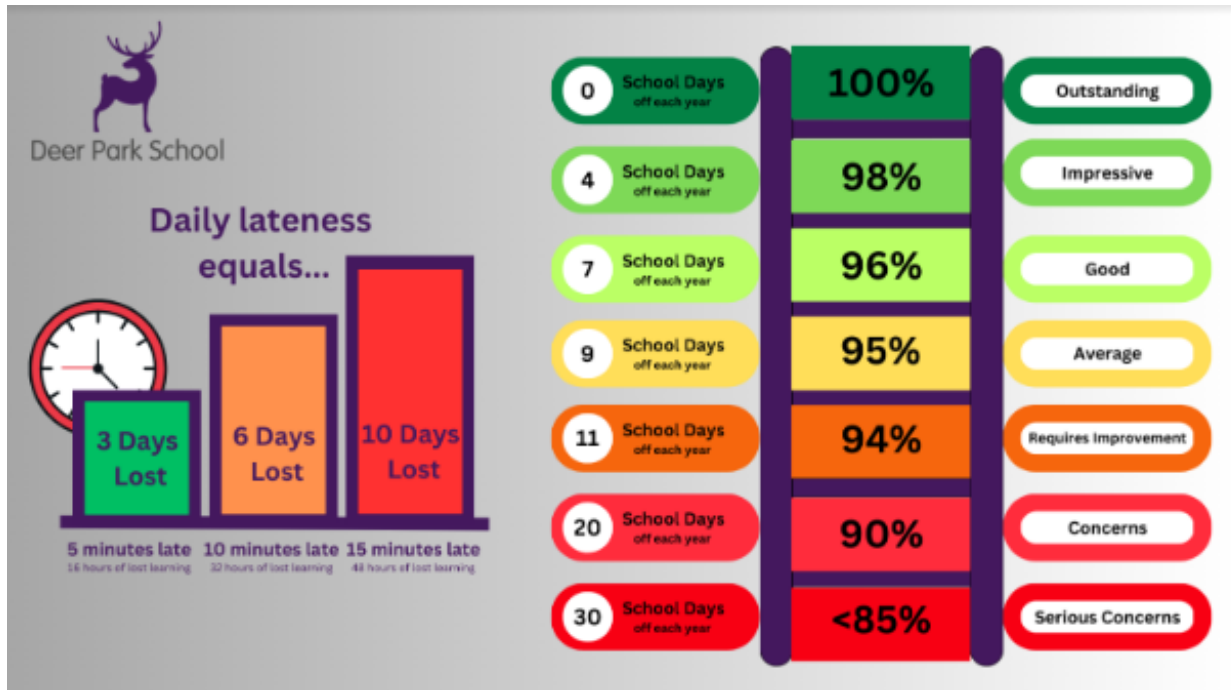
Quick fire questions to support your child's learning

- 1- What is EPOC
- 2- Why do athletes take part in fitness testing
- 3- What are the limitations of fitness testing

Thanks for reading
Mr Hughes & Miss Andrews

ABSENCES

Please, where possible, could you contact us before 8.30am if your child is unable to attend school. Absences can be recorded via the Insight App or by e-mailing absence@deeparksecondary.org. Alternatively please call the school on 01489 351100 and select option 1 to report your child absent.



HOLIDAY FORMS

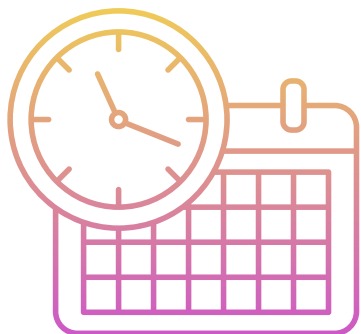
If you need to request an authorised absence from school, for example for holidays, attending family funerals, etc Parents will now need to complete an online google form. This should make it easier for parents to complete. The link for the form is [here](#).

Lost Property

All lost property is kept in the hygiene room (next to first aid). If your child(ren) has lost anything, please ask them to collect anything that belongs to them. Thank you.



UPCOMING DATES



Date	Activity	Year Group
Week Beginning 13th May	Year 8 Exams (in class)	Year 8
Thursday 16th May	Army Leadership Challenge Day	Year 9
Friday 17th May	Thorpe Park Trip	Some year 9
Monday 20th May	Year 9 French Speaking Exams	Some year 9
Friday 24th May	Southampton University trip (Geography)	Some year 9

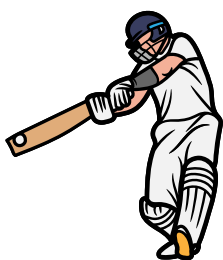
TERM DATES FOR THIS ACADEMIC YEAR

PLEASE CLICK [HERE](#) TO VIEW TERM DATES FOR THIS ACADEMIC YEAR (2023-2024).



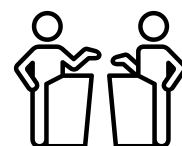
EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

Please find attached next half term's Extra Curricular timetable. Students are still welcome to join any club that they haven't already signed up to even if they have already begun Summer Term 1



DPS Extra Curricular Timetable - Summer 1 2024

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Break 1	Mindfulness Club (110)	IT Club (101) Birdwatching/wildlife club (007) Maths Drop-in (118) Taylor swift club (115) STEM leaders (successful applicants only) French Year 9 Drop in (105)	Get Active (5H) Year 7 Dominoes (115) Maths Drop-in (118) Science Intervention Drop in (206) Languages Club (106) Week A and B	Get Active (5H) Year 8	Choir* (tutor time) Get Active (5H) Year 9 Puzzle club (118)
Break 2	Ukulele Club (011) Psychology club Year 8/9 (108) Chess Club (115)	Eco Club (109) KS4 French Speaking (105) Week B only STEM leaders (successful applicants only)	Debate Club (year 8/9) Lego Club (115) Year 7 and Year 8	Drama Club (Year 7)	Games Club (115)
After School	STEM Club (204) Tennis - 16M Tennis (booking via parent save) Cricket (Sports Hall/Field) Mr Hughes (hard ball) Mr Dart (softball) Year 7/ 8/9 Dance club (Dance studio) Self Study club (LRC) NEW model makers club 3-4pm (201) NEW Robot club (successful applicants only) 3-4pm (102)	Athletics PE Dept Rugby Association Club (external booking (paid sessions)) Percussion ensemble (008) NEW Cooking Club (208)	Multi-Rounders Miss Andrews - Field Flag Football (Astro - Solent University) Art Club (203) Books & Biscuits (Year 8/9) 002 Week A (alternate between year 8 / year 9) Self study Club (LRC) Matilda Rehearsals (Choreography - Dance Studio)	Staff meetings Self study club (LRC)	Self study club (LRC)



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ROBLOX
Powering Imagination

According to the Roblox website, 'Roblox is the world's largest interactive social platform for play.' For those of you who are unfamiliar with the game, it is a multi-player online gaming platform which allows children to play and create a variety of games in a 3D world. Roblox is free to play and available on all modern smartphones, tablets, desktops, Xbox One, Oculus Rift, and HTC Vive.



AGE RESTRICTION
13+

What parents need to know about **ROBLOX**



ROBLOX STUDIO

The Roblox Studio allows users to create their own games and 'worlds' for others to play on the platform. As the games are user generated, it gives users the freedom to potentially include things you do not want your child to be exposed to, for example, weapons, violence and even pornographic content. There are no age restrictions on the games created in the Roblox Studio and to remove games from the platform Roblox relies on people reporting negative/violent content.

CHATTING & FRIEND REQUESTS

Whilst the games in Roblox are aimed at 8 to 18-year-olds, there are currently no age restrictions for signing up. This means that both adults and young people can play and communicate with each other and send friend requests through the platform. Once a friend request is accepted, this means that they can communicate with each other outside of gameplay.

ROBUX ONLINE PAYMENTS

When a user creates a game, they earn something called 'Robux,' which works as a currency within the platform and enables the purchase of upgrades and memberships. If the created game is of good quality and attracts multiple players and in-game adverts, children have the ability to earn a lot of 'Robux.' Once a user has earned a certain amount of Robux, they can convert this to real cash and withdraw it to a PayPal account. To withdraw money, users need to be over 13, have a PayPal account and have paid for the Roblox premium subscription.



National Online Safety

Top Tips for Parents

ALERT!
Tell your children to be careful and to think twice before they click any random advert or popup. There is a lot of phishing scams that advertise free Roblox etc. with the intent of stealing your child's personal information.

UNLIST SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS

Make sure your child's social media accounts are not listed in the settings/account information. If they are, advise them to set them to private or remove them from their account. This will ensure that nobody will be able to find and contact them on their social media platforms outside of Roblox.

CHECK SHARED INFORMATION

In the account settings, check that your child is not giving away any personal information in their bio/profile. For example, their full name, phone number or snapchat name. If you see that they have, explain why this is potentially dangerous and remove immediately.

2-STEP VERIFICATION

Roblox has a great two-step verification security feature which we recommend you enable to add an extra layer of security to your child's account.

HAVE A CHAT ABOUT 'GRIEFING'

Griefing is when someone purposely upsets another player in a game. This can be done by setting traps, damaging or stealing something from another player, intentionally killing them and generally doing something in the game to spoil their gameplay. Essentially, 'Griefing' is a form of cyberbullying and can be extremely frustrating and upsetting for players.

RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS

Roblox is a free to play game, but there are still options to make additional in-game purchases. If you do not want your child to make payments, ensure your card is not associated with their account. If you are happy for your child to make payments in the game, but want to restrict spending, we suggest using a games console gift card. These can be purchased in specific amounts, which will enable you to restrict how much your child spends and removes the need for a credit/debit card to be used with their account.

DISABLE IN-GAME CHAT

Roblox is great for children to play together and chat to each other. However, if you want to completely turn off in-game chat for your child (meaning they cannot contact anyone, including their friends) you can do so by following these steps: When logged in, go to the Account Settings page by clicking on the gear icon at the top right corner of the page, then click Settings. Next, click on the Privacy tab and under 'Who can chat with me in game?' select 'No one' and this will disable in-game chat.

IS YOUR CHILD UNDER 13?

Unfortunately, there are hundreds of YouTube videos showing children how to change their age settings on Roblox, so firstly, you should talk to your child to set up some rules/agreement. There are additional safety features for children under 13, for example having their posts and chats filtered for inappropriate content and behaviour, so it is worth checking that your child has set up their account with the correct age. You can find this in their account settings.



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