



DEER PARK

newsletter

FRIDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2024

ISSUE 3

HEADTEACHER'S HELLO!



DEAR PARENTS,

WHAT ANOTHER FANTASTIC FORTNIGHT IT HAS BEEN AT OUR SCHOOL! I AM DELIGHTED TO SHARE SOME HIGHLIGHTS WITH YOU IN THIS NEWSLETTER AND HOPE YOU ENJOY TAKING THE TIME OUT TO READ ABOUT SOME OF THE INCREDIBLE THINGS OUR STUDENTS HAVE PARTICIPATED IN.

OUR RECENT OPEN EVENING WAS A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS. IT WAS WONDERFUL TO SHOWCASE OUR TALENTED STUDENTS, DEDICATED STAFF, AND VIBRANT SCHOOL COMMUNITY.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO MAKING THE EVENING SO SPECIAL. OUR OPEN MORNINGS WERE EQUALLY SUCCESSFUL AND I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND MY THANKS TO ALL STUDENTS THAT LED PARENT TOURS AT THESE EVENTS. THE FEEDBACK FROM PROSPECTIVE PARENTS ABOUT THE POLITENESS AND CONDUCT OF OUR STUDENTS WAS EXEMPLARY.

THANK YOU AS ALWAYS FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND PARTNERSHIP

HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND

MR JONES

MEET MRS APPLGATE



Hi, I am Miss Applegate, the new Head of ICT and Computer Science. I join the enthusiastic and caring current team of Mrs Fosbraey and Mrs Yale, with whom I share the same passion and enthusiasm for Computing and New Tech. I'm excited to bring Computer Science into the range of subjects we have to offer and I have already met some wonderful Computer Scientists waiting to pick their choices in Year 8 (and even Year 7!)

In my own time I mainly care for my lovely 5 year old daughter and 1 year old son, when I get the chance I love to go out walking in the countryside (mountains where possible) and I also enjoy getting out on the water on a SUP, bodyboard or boat of any kind.

I am really enjoying getting to know all the students, staff and parents and becoming part of the community here at Deer Park.

YEAR 7

I am pleased to report that Year 7 have continued to make an excellent impression at Deer Park. Feedback from lessons, tutors and their contribution to extra-curricular has all been positive. I couldn't have wished for more as their Head of Year!

In the recent assemblies we have spoken about protected characteristics and the use of discriminatory language; we have encouraged students to 'call each other out' and / or report any instances to a member of staff. We are an inclusive school and celebrate diversity. I would be grateful if you could reinforce this message at home.

During this week's assembly we talked about team-work and how students have different strengths and weaknesses; we set the group up with a variety of challenges which they responded very well to. Watching the finalists in the 'keep-up' challenge will live long in the memory!

As we approach half-term, tiredness will inevitably kick-in. Please can you support them in 'digging-in' and maintaining the good habits that they have shown to date.



Regards,

Mr Parnell

YEAR 8

We've had another successful two weeks in Year 8! In lessons I have heard about everything from 'who was to blame?' for the Titanic disaster in History to pairs of antagonistic muscles (and what they do!) in Science. I also saw some amazing 'smash shots' in Badminton and had fun playing the World Trade game in Maths where students showed off their construction skills. It's been fantastic!

This week we also had 'Cipher Day', which entailed the whole year group combining their WW2 knowledge with their ICT and Mathematical skills. The presentations at the end of the assembly were incredible, and were a real testament to the hard work students had put in all day.

Keep up the great work, Team 2028!

Kind wishes,

Mrs Wilson



YEAR 9

I wanted to share with you some of the wonderful words from teachers of Year 9, which I shared with the year group in assembly. They continue to impress in the classroom, and are clearly making some excellent progress.

I have been super impressed by my GCSE Drama group. They have had an eagerness and willingness to engage and participate from the very beginning. Their confidence and commitment to the lessons has been brilliant to see, and I am extremely excited to see them excel to their maximum potential. Miss White

I have absolutely loved teaching Year 9. They have all started really enthusiastically and for a teacher who loves to teach art it makes the lesson so enjoyable and I always look forward to seeing them. Every single art student puts 100% effort in what they do, although the work can be at times challenging. I've had 60% of art students ask me to give them home study or want to take their books home to practise which is something I haven't seen in any year group before.

I hope this continues because it reminds myself why I am doing this job! Miss Halkett

I am incredibly proud of my Year 9 class's resilience and perseverance during our recent topic on energy, which involved many complex calculations. They have put in tremendous effort, and their hard work truly deserves to be recognised! Mr Shoushtari

Fantastic work Year 9 - lets keep it going!

Thanks,
Mr Gregory

YEAR 10

Over the past 2 weeks, Year 10 have continued to make a good start to the academic year, both in and out of the classroom. The recent Open Evening saw many of the year group supporting staff with various activities that were on display, and others leading tours for parents. Feedback from Year 6 parents was incredible, with a number of Year 10s being individually mentioned for their brilliant effort - well done Year 10!

In a recent assembly, we looked at the story of 'The Tongan 6', a group of students who found themselves stranded on an island for 15 months in the 1960s. The theme of the assembly was teamwork, and looking at how you can use your strengths to support others in your team, be this a sports group, family, year group or class. I asked the group to think about the strengths they bring to groups and to find ways they can support others through using their skills.

Mr Smith



SUBJECT SPOTLIGHT: MATHS



Here at the Mathematics Department at Deer Park we aim to develop each student's confidence and achievement in mathematics through regular practice and experience of a variety of approaches and methods. Our hope is that Mathematics is an enjoyable activity in which all students can participate and succeed, while at the same time sparking curiosity and an appreciation - if not love! - of the STEM subjects.



YEAR 7 -

Year 7 have completed their baseline assessments and are beginning to learn the basics of algebra in their Maths lessons. Coming up over the next few weeks they will have the opportunity to make stop motion videos, and use their investigative skills and their protractors to learn about shape and angles

YEAR 8 -

Year 8 have been exploring the impact and application of Maths in the real world, competing in the World Trade Game using raw materials and their construction skills to make as much money as possible for their countries. Coming up, they will be exploring space through Standard Form and continuing to grow their knowledge of data presentation methods.

YEAR 9 -

Year 9 have made a great start to their GCSEs, demonstrating their skills and knowledge in Algebra, Shape and Angles. Throughout the Autumn term they will be moving on to harder equation solving, patterns and sequences, and start to look at area and volume of 2D and 3D shapes.

YEAR 10 -

All of our Year 10 students have been recapping their number, algebra and construction skills at the start of the year. Foundation students will be moving on to Scatter Graphs and units of scale after the half-term break, while Higher students will be learning about Surds and Surface Area of 3D shapes.

CAREERS INFORMATION



Hampshire
CAREERS HUB

**THE CAREERS &
ENTERPRISE
COMPANY**

Marine Careers Evening

7th November 2024
5.30pm - 8.30pm

Join us for an exciting evening at the Lymington Town Sailing Club exploring various the diverse career opportunities in the marine industry!

Aimed at Year 9 students upwards, parents and carers, this event is perfect for anyone looking to dive into the world of marine professions.

Listen to presentations and connect with industry professionals, learn about different career paths, and gain valuable insights into the marine industry.

Don't miss this opportunity!

Scan here to register your place.



For more information, please email lisa.fox2@hants.gov.uk

Lymington Town Sailing Club, Bath House, Bath Road, Lymington, SO41 3SE

Click [here](#) for the most recent Labour Market Information Bulletin (LMI)

COLLEGE/APPRENTICESHIP PROVIDER OPEN EVENTS - YEAR 10

Please see an outline below of local colleges and Apprenticeship providers, their open evenings dates and their application deadlines. Please refer to individual provider websites for details of how to book your attendance and check the events are still taking place on the advertised dates.

ORGANISATION	OPEN EVENT DATES*	APPLICATION DEADLINE
Barton Peveril 6th Form College www.barton-peveril.ac.uk	25th September 2024 26th September 2024	Deadline - 14th February 2025 (applications open 16th September)
Bitterne Park 6th Form College www.bitterneparkschool.org.uk	9th October 2024	No fixed deadline (advised to apply early)
CEMAST & CETC (Lee-on-the-Solent) (South Hampshire College Group) www.fareham.ac.uk/cemast	13 November 2024 3 February 2025	No fixed deadline (advised to apply early)
Eastleigh College (South Hampshire College Group) www.eastleigh.ac.uk	23rd October 2024 19th November 2024 26th March 2025 21st June 2025	No fixed deadline (advised to apply early)
Fareham College (South Hampshire College Group) www.fareham.ac.uk	15th October 2024 21st November 2024 19th March 2025 28th June 2025	No fixed deadline (advised to apply early)
Itchen 6th Form College www.itchen.ac.uk	17th October 2024 19th October 2024 30th April 2025	No fixed deadline (advised to apply early)
Peter Symonds 6th Form College www.psc.ac.uk	1st & 2nd October 2024	Deadline - 9th December 2024 (applications open 16th September)
Richard Taunton 6th Form College www.tauntons.ac.uk	19th September 2024 13th November 2024 11th June 2025	No fixed deadline (advised to apply early)
Southampton City College (South Hampshire College Group) www.southampton-city.ac.uk	10th October 2024 12th November 2024 20th March 2025 14th June 2025	No fixed deadline (advised to apply early)
Sparsholt College www.sparsholt.ac.uk	5th October 2024 9th November 2024	No fixed deadline (advised to apply early)
St Anne's 6th Form College www.stannes6th.uk	10th October 2024	Deadline - January 2025
UTC Portsmouth www.utcportsmouth.org	2nd October 2024 9th November 2024	Deadline - December 2024
SETA Engineering Apprenticeship www.setatraining.co.uk	19th October 2024 (Workshops) 11th February 2025 (Fair)	Click here for current vacancies
PETA Apprenticeships www.peta.co.uk	-	Click here for current vacancies
Paragon Skills Apprenticeships www.paragonskills.co.uk	-	Click here for current vacancies
Steve Willis Training Apprenticeships www.stevewillis.com	-	Click here for current vacancies
Apprenticeships www.apprenticeships.gov.uk	-	Click here for current vacancies



Barton Peveril
Sixth Form College



SPARSHOLT
COLLEGE HAMPSHIRE



YEAR 10 WORKSHOP WITH THE PAPER BIRDS THEATRE COMPANY

Our Year 10 students recently took part in an exciting workshop with The Paper Birds Theatre Company, a renowned UK-based company known for its unique approach to devising theatre. The Paper Birds specialise in creating original, socially engaged performances, often inspired by real-life stories and issues.

This session marked the beginning of the students' GCSE Drama journey, particularly focusing on the devising unit. Students explored new creative techniques, storytelling methods, and collaborative practices that will shape their future performances. It was a fantastic opportunity to learn from professionals, develop their skills, and start their coursework with confidence!



GOOGLE LONDON TRIP

Don't forget to sign up to our first ever trip to the Google Offices in London on Tuesday 5th November 2024:

Exclusive Year 10 ICT GCSE trip - 42 spaces
Just £33!

Letters have gone out and payment is on ParentPay
Three exciting industry expert led sessions on AI, AR and Cybersecurity
A tour of the offices
Breakfast AND lunch provided (including a smoothie station!)



BY KEZIA SWAIN

AUTUMN OUTLOOK

LEAVES FALL, CHANGE CALLS: EMBRACE CHANGE THIS AUTUMN

Autumn creeps upon us snatching away summer's warm kiss and stuffing it under the bed. Shifting the world into a daze and evoking the harsh whisper of change. Setting the withered branches', once viridescent cloak, alight with blazing auburn and vermilion flames laced with gold. Only to watch the flames fall, embers of a burning sun, remnants of a perished summer laid to rest. As the days grow shorter and the air turns crisp, squirrels busy themselves with collecting acorns for the frosty months ahead, stealing away the chestnut treasures which scatter the earth. Meanwhile, deer grow thick, hazel coats and birds flock to the south in flurries of feathers. Farmers gather apples, pumpkins and tangy grapes for seasonal jams and ciders. Streets are embellished with halloween decorations announcing the arrival of the autumn festivities. Cradling hot tea, children shiver at the winds' glacial clutch, reminiscing about the euphoric adventures of the summer.



Change is upon us as we delve into autumn, a time for fresh starts and turning over a new leaf. Take the time to ponder the question, what does autumn mean to you? Is it the vibrant leaves, the cosy evenings or the bustle of harvest. Lean into transition because just as the world apapts and changes so do people. Sometimes you need to let go of the crumbling leaves in order to let new buds to sprout and new blossoms to bloom.



Happy Autumn! - Kez

Black History Month Webinar

On Monday 7th October, over 70 pupils signed up to attend a Black History Month Webinar hosted by Speakers for Schools.

During this session, Delroy Beverly, Oxbridge graduate, business director and ministerial advisor shared his story and personal insights on leadership and resilience. Pupils enjoyed hearing which historical figures continue to inspire Delroy, and why he believes Black History Month is such an important celebration within our communities. Thank you to all who attended.



BOOK OF THE MONTH

OCTOBER: BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Legendborn is a young adult fantasy novel by Tracy Deonn about a Black teenage girl who discovers a secret society of magic and has to join them to discover secrets about her heritage, as well learn about her destiny.

The story

Bree Matthews, 16, enrolls in an early college program at UNC-Chapel Hill to escape her childhood home and the memories of her mother's death. However, her first night on campus, she witnesses a magical attack by a demon. A mysterious boy, Selwyn Kane, tries to erase her memory, but Bree remembers and sets out to learn the truth. She discovers that she's had her memory wiped before, on the night her mother died.

The Legendborn

Bree infiltrates a secret society of Legendborn, descendants of King Arthur and his knights, with the help of Nick, another descendant of King Arthur. She must prove herself to the Legendborn through a series of trials.

Legendborn won the Coretta Scott King Award/John Steptoe Award for New Talent and was nominated for the Los Angeles Times Book Prize.

Tracy Deonn writes stories with strong characters of colour to inspire young writers and readers, to encourage them to celebrate and embrace their heritage and draw strength in knowing your own history.

Mrs A Williams



PHYSICAL EDUCATION & SPORT UPDATE

The PE department is excited to announce an opportunity for local businesses to partner with us by sponsoring our outstanding teams. Your support can make a significant impact on our students while providing your business with valuable community exposure.

Why Sponsor Our Teams?

Community Visibility: Your business name and logo will be prominently displayed on the team kit, reaching a wide audience.

Positive Brand Association: Aligning with youth sports fosters goodwill and demonstrates your commitment to supporting local initiatives and healthy lifestyles.

YEAR 9 BOYS - HAMPSHIRE CUP

Bayhouse School 1 - Deer Park 1
Deer Park won 4-1 on penalties



GCSE PE

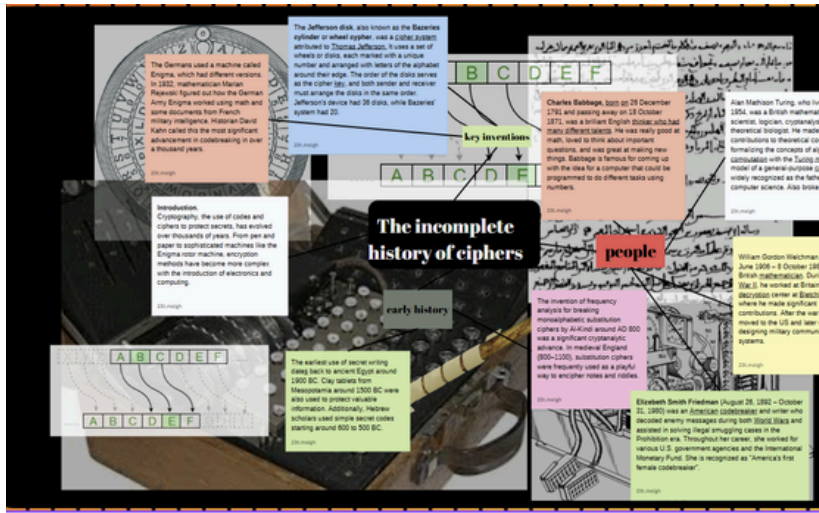
Quick fire question to support your child's learning

Year 9 - Name three bones in the arm and three bones in the leg

Year 10 - What is the difference between skill and ability?

Cipher Day

Year 8 students took part in Cipher Day, in preparation for the upcoming Bletchley Park Trip. Pupils started the day with talks from Miss Outhwaite and Mrs Wilson, learning about the Enigma Machine, and the importance of codebreaking during WW2. Year 8 then had the opportunity to learn a variety of different codes, before solving the mystery of who kidnapped the Year 8 Deer Mascot! It was an amazing day and everyone worked together to learn new skills. A huge congratulations to all who took part.



Literacy at Deer Park

In September, we were extremely lucky to have a visit from American Fantasy and Science Fiction author, Maria V Snyder. She's been on the New York Times bestseller list, won a dozen awards, and has earned her Masters of Arts degree in Writing from Seton Hill University.

She has been visiting the UK as part of a special book tour and we were lucky enough to grab her for a talk and creative writing session at Deer Park.

60 budding readers and writers were invited to listen to Maria discuss her journey into becoming a published author, the ups and downs of writing, and where she gets the inspiration for her stories. They then did some of their own fantastic writing, using prompts from Maria to get their creativity going!

All the students left with a smile on their faces and a signed bookmark to take home to remember the day.



NASAL FLU IMMUNISATION - TUESDAY 22ND OCTOBER 2024

You will have received an email asking you to give you consent to the Nasal Flu Immunisation. This will take place at school on Tuesday 22nd October and is offered to all students. There are no needles, just a quick spray of the vaccine up the nose, offering protection from seasonal flu.

Even if you do not wish your child to have the vaccine, please complete the form to indicate this as it will save a lot of time on the day.

If you have any questions, please email firstaid@deerparksecondary.org and we'll do our best to help you.

EXTRA CURRICULAR




Sports Clubs - now live on edulink 08.45

w/c Monday 9th September



Monday	Girls Football - Mr Hughes - Astro Rugby - Miss Andrews & Mr Colley - Grass Badminton - Mr McNulty
Tuesday	Staff Meetings Break 1 - Year 7 Get Active - Sports Hall
Wednesday	Boys Football - PE Dept - Astro Break 1 - Year 8 Get Active - Sports Hall
Thursday	Netball - Miss Andrews/ Mr Colley / Miss White Break 1 - Year 9 Get Active - Sports Hall
Friday 12th	Break 1 - Year 10 Get Active - Sports Hall





Extra Curricular

TIME TABLE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BREAK 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poetry (004) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Get Active (SH) Year 7 Maths Drop-in (117 & 118) Drama Club (KS3) Gardening Club (Meet by Bike Sheds) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Get Active (SH) Year 8 Dominoes Club (TBC) KS4 intervention (Maths/Science) (117) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Get Active (SH) Year 9 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Get Active (SH) Year 10 Puzzle club (118) ICT Drop in (102)
BREAK 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Global Affairs Club (108) Mindfulness Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GCSE Dance Rehearsals (Dance Studio) IT and Coding Club (102) Chess club (114) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Debate Club (year 9/10) (003) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ICT Drop in (102) Guitar ensemble (010 - invite only) 	
AFTER SCHOOL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Badminton Girls Football (Astro) Rugby (Grass Pitches) Bronze Arts Award Year 8's (Dance Studio) Flower Arranging - For Students and Staff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self study club (LRC) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outlet Basketball Club External booking (paid sessions) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self study club (LRC) Staff Meetings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boys Football (Astro) STEM Club (211) Dance Live (Main Hall) Art Club (203) Book Club (002) History Film Club (109) <p style="margin-left: 20px;">WEEK A only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self study club (LRC) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Netball (Courts) Dance Company (Dance Studio) Mathletes (118) School Zine (003) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self study club (LRC) Staff Meetings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self study club (LRC)

UPCOMING DATES



Date	Activity	Year Group
Tuesday 15th October	Bletchley Park Trip	Some Year 8 students
Wednesday 16th October	Restart a Heart Day	Year 7
Thursday 17th October	Individual School Photo Retake Day	Some students (have been notified via edulink)
Thursday 17th October	Love languages PSP 18.00-19.00	All Years (sign up via edulink)
Friday 18th October	Restart a Heart Day	Year 8
Tuesday 22nd October	Nasal Flu Immunisations	All Years
Thursday 24th October	Year 7 Tutor Evening	Year 7
Friday 25th October	New York Trip	
Friday 25th October	Last Day of Half Term	All Years

TERM DATES FOR THIS ACADEMIC YEAR CAN BE FOUND [HERE](#)



Polite reminder: All meal deals are £3.20 and served at break 2. The daily limit to spend is £7.50 unless you have asked us to cap this. hot food is also available at break 1. if you receive the fsm allowance of £3.20, this does not get reset from break 1 and is to be used across the day. if your child does fall into a negative balance a red slip will be issued at the office and a phone call home will be made to ask to top up the account. we can no longer allow purchases on overdrawn accounts. many thanks.

CAR PARK

For the safety and security of all students and staff, please be reminded that the school car park is reserved exclusively for those who hold a valid car park pass or a Blue Badge . We kindly request that you do not use the car park for general drop-offs or collections (Unless you are collecting your child during the day for an appointment).

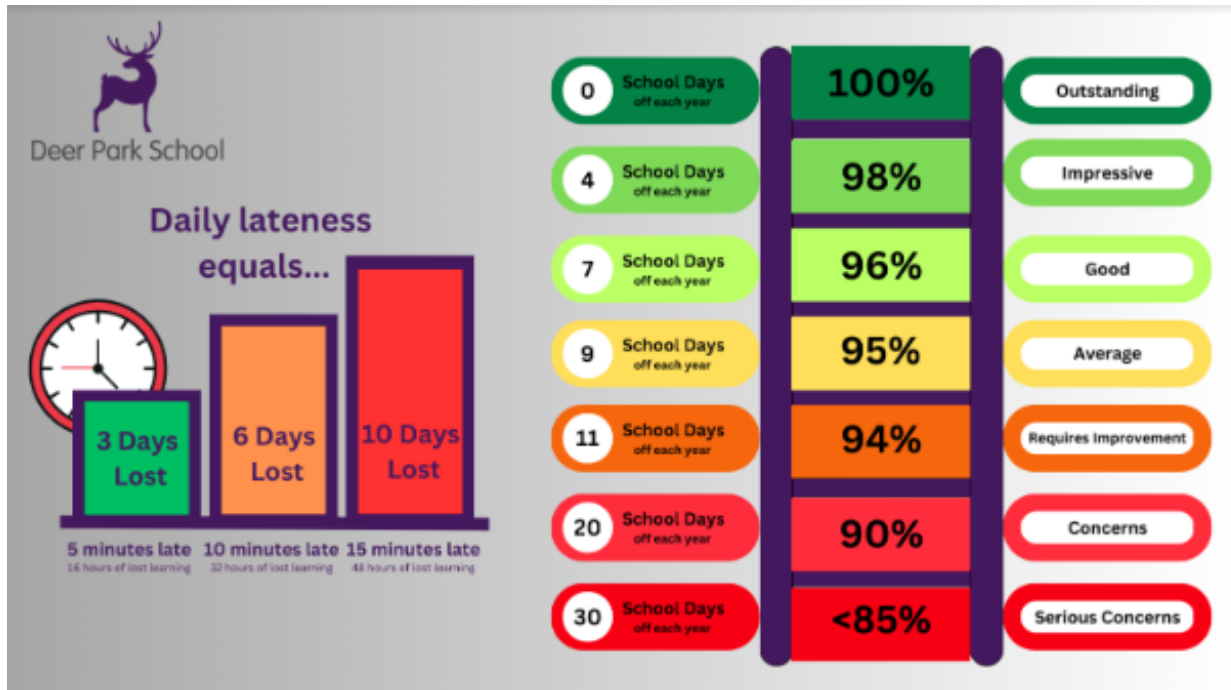
To ensure a smooth and safe drop-off and pick-up process, please utilize the designated drop-off points available on Sika Avenue.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in helping us maintain a secure environment for everyone.

Just a reminder that should students decide to pierce their nose they will need to wear a clear retainer or plaster. To avoid conversations around not being able to take the piercing out in the first 4 weeks of the piercing please do not allow your child to get their nose pierced during term time. Many thanks for your cooperation.

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@deerparksecondary.org. Alternatively please call the school on 01489 351100 and select option 1 to report your child absent.



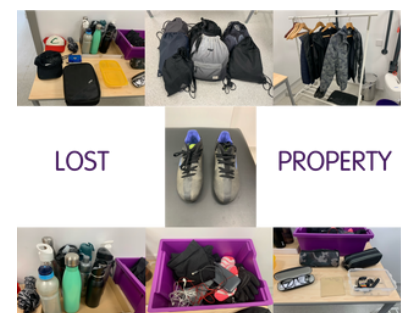
HOLIDAY FORMS

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 Library (LRC). If your child(ren) has lost anything, please ask them to collect anything that belongs to them. Items will be kept for 3 weeks and then donated.

Thank you.



Halloween Half Term Fun

Bring your family and friends to wander our woodlands this half term! Join in the fun from daytime to dusk and into darkness if you dare...



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BOROUGH COUNCIL



Spooky Spells Halloween Trail

Friday 25 – Sunday 3 October
10am – 4.30pm

Cost: £3, Age: 5 yrs+

Pick up from the Woodland Café



Children's Crafts

Glass Lantern: Tuesday 29 October
Pinecone Bat: Wednesday 30 October

Sessions start from 10.30am

Cost: £5, Age: 5 yrs+ Pre-book online



Halloween Spooktacular Fright Night

Thursday 31 October
5.30pm - 9.30pm

Real life spooks, marshmallow
toasting, food and games

Cost: £9, Age: 7 yrs+

Pre-book online



Book tickets online:

itchenvalley.co.uk.uk/whats-on

  [itchenvalleycountrypark](https://www.itchenvalleycountrypark.co.uk)

itchenvalley.co.uk

Digital Footprint

A digital footprint is information about a person that exists on the Internet.
Your digital footprint shapes your online reputation.



Following Digital Footprints

It's important to think about the impact of what we **create**, **post** and **share** online. Your online activity can often be seen beyond your intended audience and could include future employers.



Could anyone feel insulted by my posts?



Am I portraying myself positively?



Who can see my posts?



Am I posting while feeling angry or upset?



www

You can see your own digital footprint by doing a simple web search of your name.

Social Media: Do's and Don'ts

Do

- Think before you post.
- Use your account's privacy settings to control who can view your posts.
- Post what you'd be happy for your family to see.
- Be positive, informed, responsible and considerate.



Don't

- Don't argue, swear or post offensive content.
- Don't post about illegal activities.
- Don't post any confidential information.
- Don't complain about a specific person.



How to Report



If you regret something you've posted online, delete it as soon as you can.



If someone else has posted something about you or others that's offensive, report it to the site administrator.

