



DEER PARK

newsletter

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THANK YOU



A huge thank-you to Lola's Logs and Hilliers Garden Centre for the donation of our Christmas trees



MEET.....



My name is Mrs Marshall & I started at Deer Park School in September of this year as a Food Technology and Design Teacher. During the past 32 years of teaching in 5 different schools in Cheshire and Hampshire, I have taught all age groups.

My weekends and evenings are taken up walking our Hungarian Vizsla dog along the coastal paths and I also enjoy running around the countryside.

I really love the enthusiasm from the students for my subject and their delight at their own efforts in our brand new kitchen/workshop.

In Food we work as a team, succeed as a team and celebrate as a team.

Have a relaxing and enjoyable Festive time.
Mrs Marshall

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

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.

YEAR 7

Team 2028 continues to make a fantastic impression on the Deer Park community! I have been dropping into year group lessons - the quality of work and depth of knowledge being shown by students is incredible, they never cease to amaze me!

In the lead up to the festive break, I have launched a year group competition with students where they will need to work together as a tutor group to 'save' their tutor from a Christmas forfeit. Currently, 7SIKA are leading the charge, with 7ROE and 7ELK not far behind!

This week also saw 'Meet the Tutor'. I hope that you have found it beneficial to meet with your child's tutor to discuss their pastoral progress since joining Deer Park. All students should be proud of their journey to date!

Kind wishes, Mrs Wilson.

YEAR 8

With just two weeks of school left until Christmas, the temptation for Year 8 might be to take their foot off the gas in the run up to the holidays. However, despite the building excitement, Year 8's first set of Report Data this year will be collected straight after our return to school in January. Given how well the cohort did in their last data drop in Year 7, they will really need to challenge themselves in this last two weeks to maintain the high standards staff know they are capable of.

'If you take care of the small things, the big things take care of themselves' - Emily Dickinson

Good work Year 8 - keep doing the small things!

Mr Gregory

YEAR 9

It's continued to be 'all systems go' for Year 9 over the past few weeks. In assembly last week, we had a speaker from Fareham College talk to the students about T-levels and what these look like. It was an eye-opening presentation, with students given a brief insight into college life and given a reminder that it's never too early to start thinking for the future.

Meanwhile, at the start of this week we had some Year 9s involved in the 'Beyond the Beat' concert at Deer Park. The concert was organised by HMS for Wellstead students, all of whom will have benefited greatly from having the experience of Year 9 playing alongside them - well done from me to all who played!

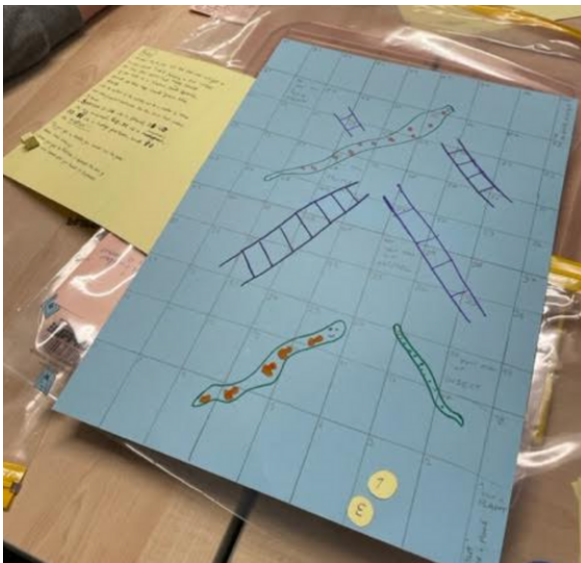
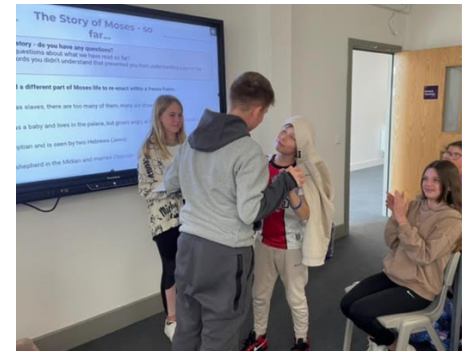
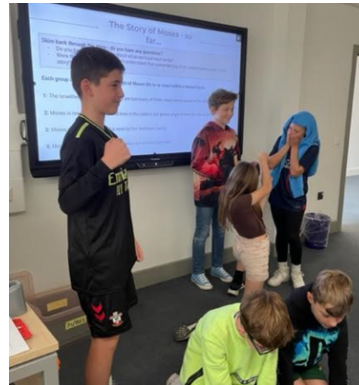
With just over 2 weeks until the end of term, students will soon receive their data report; their first of KS4. It's important that students look through the data from each of their classes and that you discuss their progress with them at home.

Mr Smith

SUBJECT SPOTLIGHT: RE

YEAR 7 RE

In year 7 students have been learning about the beliefs and traditions of the oldest Abrahamic religion, Judaism. They have all made a fantastic start to their year 7 journey and in lesson recently created some great freeze frames retelling the key parts of the story of Moses!



YEAR 8 RE

In year 8 students have been learning about the beliefs and traditions of Hinduism. They have learnt about the main key beliefs of Brahman, the Trimurti and Samsara and Karma. Recently in class year 8 got very creative designing board games that explain the key beliefs of samsara, karma & moksha

YEAR 9 GCSE RE

Year 9 have made a fantastic start to their GCSE in Religious Studies and have already completed learning the first unit on Christian Beliefs. They have now begun the first thematic component looking at Religion, Peace & Conflict and have had some great discussion about the just war principles and the causes of war. Well done year 9, keep up the great work!



Physical Education & Sport Update

There is so much to celebrate with both year 7 & 8 showing brilliant effort towards their Physical Education journey so far this term. There are two more weeks to impress before we finish for Christmas with the following assessments ongoing:

Year 7: Technique & Defending
Year 8: Decision Making & Communication

Equipment reminders: All students with long hair must remember a hair tie for PE and Dance. We are seeing an increase in students forgetting. We encourage all students to take responsibility for their organisation of PE kit and ask them to pack their bag the night before.

Fixtures

Junior Girls 4-1 v Mayfield Oasis - well done!

Coming soon | House Sport Events
Monday 11th December - Badminton
Tuesday 12th December - Netball



GCSE PE | Year 9

Quick fire questions to support your child's learning
What are the immediate effects of exercise?
Where in the body is a ball and socket joint found?
What is the difference between speed and agility?

Media Studies

Our Media Studies classes have been working on their first practical project using Adobe InDesign. They were tasked with creating a front cover of a celebrity gossip magazine and I am incredibly proud of their results. The year 9's have shown brilliant resilience and dedication getting to grips with a tricky piece of software so a massive well done! Special mention to Isobel and Joe for their fantastic work.



Maths - Sparx self-study

All of our students at Deer Park have made a great start to this year's self-study tasks on Sparx Maths, with at least 80% of students completing all of their tasks on time each week. Amazing!! As we come to the end of the Autumn term, we would like to share out top 5 tips for self-study success with parents and students:

Step 1 - Start early!!! Self-study goes live on Sparx at 2pm every Monday afternoon. Start your tasks on Monday or Tuesday evening, giving you plenty of time to get help if you get stuck and ensure you don't run out of time to get it finished.

Step 2 - You don't have to do it all at once. Year 7 and 8 students have 30 minutes, and Year 9 students have 45 minutes to complete each week. Once you start the tasks, Sparx will save your progress so you can do it in smaller blocks if you need to.

Step 3 - Come to Maths drop-in. If you need help, Miss Braiden and Mrs Stratton run Maths drop-in every Tuesday and Wednesday, Break 1, in rooms 117 and 118. Bring a snack, get help with your self-study and earn green and gold e-refs. If you are unable to attend a drop-in, please find your teacher for help at another time - for example, after your lesson, but definitely before the weekend.

Step 4 - Go to Homework Club in the LRC. Learning Mentors are happy to help with Sparx self-study Monday, Wednesday and Thursday after school until 4pm.

Step 5 - Don't leave it until the last minute!! Deadline for completion of Sparx is 5pm every Sunday, meaning you have 6 days to complete it. Please don't leave it until Sunday afternoon, as your teacher is unlikely to be available to help you over the weekend.



Craft Donations Callout!

Can you help us? We are in need of some crafting materials such as glitter, tissue paper, pipe cleaners etc.....
Please drop any donations to reception. Anything will be gratefully received. Thank you



Basics Food Bank Appeal 2023



Please Bring your tutor groups items to the atrium on the following days:

Monday 4th Dec - Yr 7
Tuesday 5th Dec - Yr 9
Wednesday 6th Dec - Yr 8

We are asking Deer Park to donate items to our annual Basics Food bank Appeal. These will be collected as a tutor group and brought to the atrium

Information has been shared with students via tutors with suggestions of items to bring in



OUT OF STOCK	URGENTLY NEEDED	LOW ON STOCK	WELL STOCKED
Tinned Cold Meat (Ham, Spam, etc.) Coffee (Small Jars) Vegetarian, Vegan Tinned Carrots Tinned Mixed Veg Household Larder Toiletries (Toilet Rolls) UHT Milk Sugar (Small Bags)	Tinned Hot Meat (Curry, Pies, Stew, etc.) Carrier Bags Cook-In Sauces (Jars & Packets) Custard Jams & Spreads Nappies size 6+ Nappies size 5 Tinned Rice Pudding Tinned Sweetcorn Squash & Drinks Tinned Fruit Tinned Macaroni Cheese Tinned Potatoes Toiletries (Soap & Shower Gel) Toiletries (Male & Female Deodorant)	Hot Chocolate Noodles (Packets) Rice Toiletries (Toothbrushes) Toiletries (Toothpaste) Tea Tinned Fish Tinned Kidney Beans & Pulses Tinned Peas Tinned Spaghetti (In Tomato Sauce) Tinned Tomatoes Pet Food (Cats) Pet Food (Dogs) Gluten Free	Pasta Soup (Packets, Cups) Soup (Tins, Particularly Chunky) Baby Food Cereal (Especially Weetabix) Nappies size 0 - 2 Nappies size 3 - 4 Tinned Baked Beans

This is the most up to date list from Mission Southampton about the items they urgently need.



EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

Please find attached this 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

[FINAL EXTRA CURRICULAR TIMETABLE AUTUMN 2 2023 - GOOGLE DOCS](#)

A festive poster for a Christmas Silent Disco event. The background is a gradient of green and red with white stars and snowflakes. At the top, a Santa hat is suspended by two glowing blue hangers. The word 'Christmas' is written in a gold, cursive font, and 'SILENT DISCO' is in large, white, block letters. Below this, a white oval contains the date and times for Year 7 and Years 8 & 9. Further down, it lists the ticket price, tuck shop availability, and song requests. At the bottom left is the 'DANCE LIVE!' logo, and at the bottom right is a message about supporting the year's Dance Live event.

Christmas
SILENT DISCO

WEDNESDAY 13TH DEC

- YEAR 7: 5.30 – 7PM
- YEARS 8 & 9: 7.00 – 8.30PM

Ticket - £5 on ParentPay
Tuck shop available
Song requests on the night!

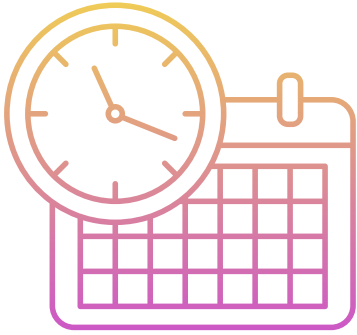
 All money raised will support this year's Dance Live!




Classics for Christmas


This year, we are giving parents the opportunity to give our pupils the gift of reading for Christmas. You can make a donation to our 'Classics for Christmas' fund to contribute towards a classic story for us to add to our library. You can donate between £1 and £10. The option to pay will be on ParentPay. Mrs Smith, Literacy Coordinator.

UPCOMING DATES



Date	Activity	Year Group
5th December	Natural History Museum trip	Year 9
8th December	Christmas jumper day	All year groups
12th December	Christmas showcase	All year groups
13th December	Christmas silent disco	All year groups
15th December	Non uniform day- early finish 12.30pm	All year groups

Christmas Jumper day

Friday 8th December will be Christmas jumper day. Students can wear as an alternative to their school jumper.



LOST



PROPERTY



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.



CAROLS IN THE SQUARE

SUNDAY **17** DECEMBER 2023

2pm – 6pm

Botley Parish Council presents
singing led by **All Saints Church Choir**,
music by the **Southampton Grad Band**,
and of course a visit from **Father Christmas**

ROAD CLOSURE

Botley High Street will be closed to traffic from 2pm to 6pm.
Parking is limited, please walk where possible.



For more details contact
the Council Office
on **01489 787181**



Merry Christmas



from St Luke's Church

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

17TH DEC 6:30PM	CAROL SERVICE
19TH DEC 7PM	REFLECTIVE SERVICE
24TH DEC 4PM	CHRISTMAS EVE ALL-AGE CELEBRATION
24TH DEC 11PM	MIDNIGHT COMMUNION
25TH DEC 10AM	CHRISTMAS DAY ALL-AGE SERVICE

ALL ARE WELCOME



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