



DEER PARK

newsletter

Issue 1 - Friday 16 September 2022

Queen Elizabeth II State Funeral



The date for the late HM Queen Elizabeth II's funeral has been set for Monday 19th September. This date has been declared an official bank holiday. Deer Park School will therefore be closed on Monday 19th September and students will return to school on Tuesday 20th September.

Welcome!

What a fantastic start already to this new academic year. We welcomed our new staff to the team who have hit the ground running - it's like they have always been with us:

Mrs Angell - DoL MFL

Miss Braiden - Maths

Mrs Brenton - Advance Pastoral Mentor

Miss Cotterill - Dance / Drama

Mr Denman - DoL Design Technology

Miss Emmett - Geography

Mr Gregory - DoPA Yr7 / Science

Mrs Hoiles - Advanced Learning Mentor

Mr Middleton - Learning Mentor

Mrs Newcombe - Learning Mentor

Miss Outhwaite - History / RE / Food Technology

Mr Smith - Learning Mentor

Miss Walters - Learning Mentor

Miss Webb - English

Mrs Yale - ICT

Year 7 have been busy orienting themselves with the school site - I think they know the room numbers better than some of the staff! More importantly they have been creating new friendships during the team building days at the start of the week. The Year 8's have come back with the same focus, drive and enthusiasm that they left us with before the summer. They are great role models and the two year groups have been supporting each other already. It is lovely to watch them laughing and mixing as a whole school community during break and lunch.

Opportunity is a key principle of the Trust and at Deer Park we have been encouraging all of Year 7 and Year 8 to grasp every moment that is available to them. This year we wish our students to be daring. We have stressed that we don't mean being reckless! But to be courageous, to try new things and to generate memories that will stay with them for the rest of their lives. Build a rocket in STEM club, learn a rift or two on the Ukele, shoot some hoops in the sportshall or maybe create a masterpiece in the 3D printer club. Maybe even sign up for Dance Live - it's going to be amazing...

I look forward to seeing you all at various events throughout the year and thank you once again for being a wonderful community. As always please communicate with us if there are any queries or concerns - your feedback is appreciated and important to us.

Mr M Jones

Year 7 - Wise Up Team Building

Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th September saw Year 7 take part in an energetic team building day where they worked in small groups on a host of activities designed to encourage their communication, leadership and teamwork skills. Their drive over both days was fantastic, and we were incredibly impressed with their resilience and never-give-up attitude, particularly on the 'stepping stones', 'gutter ball' and 'hover ball'! It was also a pleasure to see all students buy into the element of competition, competing against their fellow houses. Well done to Fallow who won Day 1, and Sika who were champions on Day 2 - Miss Emmett and Miss Cotterill are thrilled!



Jeans for Genes

On Friday 23rd September we are really excited to announce we will be supporting Jeans for Genes Day. This is a really special campaign that raises awareness of the daily challenges faced by those living with a genetic disorder and raises money to fund projects that make a tangible difference to the lives of those affected. On the 23rd September we will be asking students to swap their school trousers and skirts for Jeans if they would like to join us. Students may wear trainers on the day with their Jeans and their top half of their usual school uniform. We would encourage students to donate a minimum of a £1 on the day in tutor. All money collected will be split between the Jeans for Genes charity and the brilliant Mrs Smith who is running the London marathon next month in aid of the Cystic fibrosis trust which is a genetic disorder.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

We will be supporting Macmillan's 'Worlds Biggest Coffee Morning' to support people living with cancer. During break 1 on Friday 30th September students and staff will have the opportunity to support this fantastic cause by making a donation (minimum £1) for a hot chocolate and choice of cake. Additional cakes will be available to buy from 30p - 50p each.



Fit for Life

On Tuesday 27th September we have a Guest motivational speaker coming in to talk with students from Fit4Life, a local charity who build physical and mental health in students. The sessions will be delivered in assemblies and will include interactive stories, demonstrations and quizzes.

Music Lessons

Instrumental and singing lessons have started at Deer Park, and payment for these is available via ParentPay. If students would like to begin instrument lessons at Deer Park, please inform Mr Smith who will liaise with the finance team and add this option on your ParentPay home screen.

Instrument lessons include: **Brass** (trombone, trumpet, cornet, tuba, euphonium and tenor horn), **Strings** (violin, viola, cello, double bass) **Woodwind** (clarinet, flute, saxophone, bassoon, oboe), Piano, Keyboard, Singing, Drums, Bass guitar, Acoustic guitar & Electric guitar.

LRC Opening Hours

The LRC space is available for reading and homework at break, lunch and after school from 8:15am in the morning and 3pm - 4pm on Mon to Thurs. On Friday it will be open until 3:45pm. Students do not need to pre-book.

Extra Curricular Activities

Our extra curricular clubs have begun this week. The timetable can be found on google classroom, social media and [here](#). Students have been shared a google form to sign up to these clubs, this form can also be found [here](#).

Sporting Fixtures

This Autumn term we have entered three local leagues to provide students the opportunity to challenge themselves further within their sporting pursuits; Year 8 Boys Football, Year 7 & 8 Girls Football & Year 8 Netball. There is no 'trial policy' and students will be selected based upon regular attendance and effort at clubs. Everyone is welcome to come along to clubs and therefore put their name forward for future schools teams. Fixtures will be communicated via google form for students permission to take part.

Dance Live Launch Coming Soon

Organised by The Guildhall Trust, **Dance Live** is an exciting dance event for schools and colleges. Students will have the opportunity to be a part of a team which works together to develop and showcase their skills in dance, choreography, and performance. As well as performing a narrative-based choreography on stage in front of a live audience, with costumes, stage make up and lighting, the performance will also include a giant LED screen as a backdrop. As a result, the Dance Live experience also provides other amazing opportunities for students to get involved in off-stage roles such as being a part of the filming, props, production team as well as stage crew.

A Dance Live Launch at Deer Park will be happening soon, so please keep your eyes peeled. Any Questions please ask Miss Cotterill. It is an exciting opportunity and experience that should not be missed!!



PE & Dance

Please can we ask that if you remind your children if they have long hair that they wear their hair up on PE/Dance days or ensure they bring a hairband with them to school. We recommend that students do not wear earrings to school on the day they have PE or Dance, if they do they will be required to remove them prior to lessons and store them themselves in their bags safely. We are very fortunate to have a brand new 3G pitch so for PE lessons we would recommend students bring astro trainers if they own them. In dance students will be barefoot but in PE we ask students to bring spare socks to change into for PE.

Uniform and Equipment

Thank you for your support in ensuring that all students have arrived with impeccable uniform and fully equipped. This has helped to ensure the students have had the best possible start to their time here at Deer Park and we look forward to continuing to support each other in maintaining these brilliant standards. Students are now fully aware of the expectations on them and our minimum expectations, including not having their mobile phones out on site, and this has helped us to focus on their induction period; we will be working very hard with students to ensure this continues

Locker Keys 

The students who have requested lockers have all been allocated their lockers. As the keys are very small please could you ensure your child has a keyring for their locker key to make it easier to identify / locate if misplaced. The cost of a replacement locker key is £5 and the option to pay for this, if your child has lost their key, is now live on Parent Pay. Lockers are still available, please make payment via Parent Pay and a locker will be allocated shortly after payment is received

Cycle Permission Form

Deer Park supports students who wish to cycle to school since it improves their fitness and health, benefits their general development and reduces traffic congestion outside the school making conditions safer for everyone. Students are encouraged to wear a correctly fitted cycle helmet and use appropriate reflective clothing, i.e. bright and conspicuous, and lights when visibility is poor. If your child wishes to ride their bike to school please complete the relevant cycle permission form found on our [website](#).

Neighbouring Roads

Please can we ask for your consideration to our neighbours if parking in and around the roads leading to Deer Park School. Please do not block driveways or park on double yellow lines. We encourage parents and students to park and stride using the car park off Pavillion Road, SO39 2ZS.



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Menu Prices



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Pasta Hot/Cold
Cheese & Tomato
Macaroni Cheese
Pesto Pasta & Cheese

£2

Pastries
Sausage Rolls
Croissants
Pain au Chocolate
Cinnamon Swirl

£1

Paninis
Cheese & Meatball

£2

Pulled Pork
Cheese & Bean
Ham & Cheese
Cheese

Homemade Tray bakes/Cookies

Chocolate Chip Cookie 80p
Double Chocolate Cookie 80p
Flapjack £1
Belgium Chocolate Brownie £1
Victoria Sandwich £1
Chocolate Fudge Cake £1
Chocolate Chip Shortbread £1

Burgers
Locally sourced beef burger
Chicken mayo burger

£2

Fruit & Vegetable Pots £1

Rolls/Sandwiches £2
Cheese & Ham
Coronation Chicken
Egg Mayonnaise
BLT
Tuna Mayonnaise
Chicken Mayo

Cucumber
Mixed Peppers
Cherry Tomatoes
Grapes
Strawberries
Orange
Melon



Upcoming Dates

Date	Activity	Year Group
Monday 19 September	Week A	All Years
Wednesday 21 September	Individual School Photographs	All Years
Friday 23 September	Jeans for Genes Day	All Years
Monday 26 September	Week B	All Years
Tuesday 27 September	Fit for Life	All Years
Friday 30 September	Macmillan Coffee Morning	All Years
Saturday 8 October	Healthy Mind, Healthy Me Workshop	All Years



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