



DEER PARK

newsletter

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Headteachers Hello!

What an eventful half term! The weeks have flown by, with many opportunities and new experiences taking place, some of which you will be able to read about within this newsletter. Special thanks as always goes to the students who have been exceptional. I know it's often tough to get information out of your child regarding what they have done at school. I've experienced it myself - you're often met with an 'I can't remember' or 'it was ok!' But please do take the time to find out what they have enjoyed doing in their subjects or clubs since September and what they are hoping to achieve next half term. Even if it does feel like pulling teeth as you try to extract the information!

Thanks also goes to you as parents and guardians - it was lovely to see so many of you at the 'Welcome to...' evenings. We appreciate your support and time that you give as a member of the Deer Park community and look forward to seeing you again next half term. We'll be sending you more information when we return about other Parent Support Programme sessions / key events. (I know it's early but carol singing is already being organised...)

I hope the half term is an enjoyable one for you and the message to the students from us is that it's ok to rest. They work very hard when they are with us - although we have stressed that a bit of help at home; whether that's tidying the bedroom, helping with the washing up or looking after the pets, will always go down well!

Best wishes

Mr M Jones



European Day of Languages

Students had the opportunity to experience Languages across all subjects in our European day/week of languages. Mrs Angell held an assembly to both Year 7 and Year 8 about the importance of learning a Language. Activities were held in different languages across the school (including timetables in different languages). Students in Year 7 partook in a House Competition quiz about the languages across the world. We also had our European Day of Languages Menu in our canteen, which was a great success with lots of delicious food.



Spanish Club

This term has seen the start of Spanish Club, which is offered to both Year 7 and Year 8 every Wednesday lunchtime. We have covered basic topics such as introductions, greetings, numbers, family and two cultural topics. Students have loved looking at the cultural aspects such as flamenco dancing, feria days across Spain, La Tomatina festival, attractions in Barcelona and Dia de los Muertos. We have ended this half term with creating crafts for Dia de los Muertos which captures students' imagination and creativity.

Bike Dr

We welcomed in the Bike Dr's as well as our friends from Sustrans and Hampshire County Council on Monday 17th October. The students enjoyed having their bikes serviced for free; a cycle safety assembly and even made some fruit smoothies using pedal power.

Fit for Life

Students benefited from an interactive session from Fit4Life on Tuesday, 18th October. They are a local charity who specialise in supporting young people's wellbeing through physical activity. The

session's linked in nicely with Mental Health Day as well as this half term's Education for Life theme, health and wellbeing.

Education for Life

This half term students have been focusing on Health and Wellbeing in their Education for Life lessons, tutor sessions and assemblies.

Year 7 have covered the following topics: Mental Health Day, Transition, Anxiety, Personal Safety, Friendships, Teamwork, First Aid

Year 8 have covered: Drugs, Smoking, Alcohol, Energy Drinks, Prescription drugs, peer pressure and prescription drugs.



Preparation for Dance Live has begun. We have three collaborative teams helping to create and put together the production. Our Performance Team has started rehearsals and the talented dancers have already learnt two main movement phrases. Our Set Design Team are at the beginning stages of designing the set and props which will be used to create and frame each scene of the performance. Finally, our Film and Editing Team who are working behind the scenes to record footage of rehearsals and to interview students ready for the 'Journey to Dance Live video'.

Miss Cotterill



Cipher Day

Last Thursday the year 8s took part in their first ever Deer Park Cipher Day. In assembly Mr Smith shared stories from his legendary grandad who assisted with the design of the Bombe at Bletchley

Park! Miss Outhwaite gave us a History lesson on ciphering. The students then worked in tutor groups and learnt all about different types of ciphers in their ICT and Maths sessions; before taking part in a treasure hunt later on in the day. Well done to everyone who cracked the code and rescued Bucky... who was captured by the dastardly Mrs Stratton! We will be giving out certificates after half term!

Mrs Yale and Mrs Stratton



Team of the week: Year 7 & 8 Girls Football Team

Physical Education, Sporting Fixtures & Clubs

A big well done to all those who continue to attend a weekly sports club. We have seen more year 7s attending netball, badminton and football and we are on the lookout to enter tournaments to provide competitive matches for year 7 pupils with regular attendance at weekly sports clubs. In curriculum time, year 7 have been developing their fundamental movement skills and techniques to enhance their running, jumping, catching and throwing skills. Year 8 have completed this week their badminton topic showing much improvement in their physical, mental and social skills when on court. Please remember to bring additional layers within PE bags as the temperature begins to drop for outdoor lessons.

Results:

Year 7/8 Girls v St Marks - DPS 0 - St Marks 0

Year 7/8 Girls v Regents Park - DPS 2 (Layla S x2) - Regents Park 1

Year 8 Boys Football v Regents Park - DPS 3 (Cole H, Jonathan L, Archie K) - Regents Park 3

Year 8 Boys Football v Greggs - DPS 0 - Greggs 0

Year 8 Netball A v Kings A - 21-6 Deer Park

Year 8 Netball B v Kings B - 7-2 Kings

Year 8 Boys Football v Upper Shirley - DP 3 (Archie K x2, Josh H x1) - Upper Shirley 3

Student Librarians

Student Librarians have now been announced...

Year 7 - Hayden R, Oakley R, Faye A, Millie B, Jacob Brooks & Poppy J

Year 8 - Ewan H, Yuna Z-R, Hannah G, Lauren C, Eryk G & Isabella T

We are also thrilled to have 2 of our year 8 students helping to run the Genius Bar, Jayden P and Charlie T. Students can visit the Genius bar at break at lunch for help and support with IT.

Thank you to all of the applicants, there will be another opportunity to apply for Student Librarian or Genius Bar Assistants next year.



An important aspect of our pastoral support is for young carers. These students take on caring responsibilities at home due to family members having long term medical or personal problems. This can significantly impact on their daily life and presents a number of challenges in fulfilling the expectations and demands of school.

Therefore, we encourage and support young carers by inviting them to clubs, events and on a number of trips that can build friendships, broaden life skills and foster career aspirations. We also offer a drop in session in room 121

with Mrs Brenton every Friday break 1.

If you think your child might be a young carer please complete the form linked [here](#).



Should you have any concerns or worries regarding yours or someone else's child please contact safeguarding@deerparksecondary.org or wecare@deerparksecondary.org

You can contact the school and ask to speak to your child's Director of Progress and Achievement (DOPA) or a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

We have lots of wellbeing resources available to students and parents on our wellbeing page linked [here](#).



The Green Edge Award

Our goal is to become an eco minded school which facilitates environmentally conscious thinking among our students. Our aim is to create globally aware young people once they leave Deer Park. Part of our plan to achieve this involves both years 7 and 8 taking part in the 'Green Edge Award' programme. Students will undertake the award during Geography lessons throughout the year. Centered around character development with each award level focusing on 5 attributes – leadership, organisation, resilience, initiative and communication. Students will be encouraged to

demonstrate these skills through a series of activities, including plastic waste surveys, organising litter picks, and setting up repair cafes. The Green Edge will provide students with a range of activities that can be completed to benefit both the environment and their own awareness. The award content has been produced by the Environment Agency's plastics and sustainability team on behalf of the Interreg Preventing Plastic Pollution project, which is working with the education, business, community, sports and agriculture sectors.



🎄 Hillier Garden Centre Christmas Fayre 🎄

Join in the festive fun at Hillier Garden Centre, Woodhouse Lane, Hedge End on Thursday 10th November from 6pm until 8pm the evening will include...

- Christmas Carols (including the Deer Park Student Choir)
 - Hog Roast provided by the onsite butcher
 - BBQ demo and various tastings
 - Craft Stalls
 - Orchid Expert
 - Raffle and other activities in aid of charity
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Guidance for Absence and Lateness

All schools within our Hedge End Cluster are committed to working together to support the improvement of children's attendance and punctuality to school. There is a strong correlation between high attendance and high achievement as well as emotional health and positive relationships, and so we are committed to promoting good school attendance as an important part of giving children the best possible start in life.

We understand that absence is sometimes inevitable, and are keen to support families experiencing particular difficulties to prevent situations where school absence may become persistent. Research shows that absence from school, for whatever reason, can disadvantage a child by creating gaps in learning, which affect a child's ability to succeed. Schools are therefore required to monitor all absence thoroughly and to share attendance data with the Local Authority. It is for these reasons that we will contact you if we have any concerns regarding your child's attendance.

Impact of poor attendance in secondary schools



Impact of poor attendance in primary schools

Average absence of children achieving EXPECTED STANDARD = 3.5%
 Average absence of children **NOT** achieving EXPECTED STANDARD = 4.7%

This letter outlines Hampshire County Council's statutory Code of Conduct March 2020 to promote your child's good attendance. Although the Hampshire Code of Conduct remains unchanged, from September 2022 schools can submit a Legal Intervention Team referral once a pupil has received 10 or more unauthorised absences in a 100-

session period and it can be evidenced by the school that they have been unable to resolve attendance concerns, including through the issue of a penalty notice.

The law entitles every child of compulsory school age to an efficient, full-time education suitable to their age, aptitude, and any special educational need they may have. It is the legal responsibility of every parent to make sure their child receives that education either by attendance at a school or by education otherwise than at a school. All schools in Hedge End aim to achieve a goal of 100% attendance. A Penalty Notice will be issued for any unauthorised absence where the pupil has been: -

- Absent for 10 or more half day sessions (five school days) of unauthorised absence during any 100 possible school sessions
- Persistently late for up to 10 sessions (five days) after the register has closed.
- Persistently late before the close of the register, but the school has met with the Parent or Carer and has clearly communicated that they will categorise as unauthorised any further lateness if, and when, the threshold of 10 sessions (five days) has been met.

To be clear, schools in Hedge End will issue penalty notices/fines for cases of unauthorised absence (which may include family holidays) where it meets the criteria above.

Thank you for your support. Good school attendance is more important now than ever before. The children have missed so much time in school, it is vital that they attend so that we can continue to work with them to fill the academic and social gaps that they have as a result of the last two years.

For more information please see the Hampshire County Council website and your school's attendance policy: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/behaviour-attendance-parents>

If you do have any questions about your child's attendance, it is important that you talk to the school so that we are able to support you.

FREE HALF TERM ACTIVITY
FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN EASTLEIGH

COMPLETELY SUPPORTED,
INCLUDES LUNCH AND TRANSPORT

Industrious Minds Half Term Workshops

Hampshire Cultural Trust invites you to join us for three one-day workshops this October Half Term at Eastleigh Museum.



Activities will include:

- Explore the museum and use objects to tell stories
- Learn how to use digital media to share heritage with the public
- Find out about the impact of Eastleigh's industrial past and present on the environment
- Get creative with a local artist and produce your own artwork to go on display in an exhibition



10.00am - 3:00pm Tues 25 October
10.00am - 3:00pm Wed 26 October
10.00am - 3:00pm Thurs 27 October

Lunch will be provided each day
(please get in touch with any dietary requirements).



Hampshire Cultural Trust is a registered charity (no. 1150583) and company (no. 06967251) in England and Wales.

CONTACT KAILEA BY 23RD OCTOBER TO SIGN UP:
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Upcoming Dates

Date	Activity	Year Group
Monday 24 October – Friday 28 October	Half Term Holiday	All Years
Monday 31 October	Week B	All Years
Thursday 3 November	Year 7 Tutor Evening	Year 7
Monday 7 November	Week A	All Years



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