



***'Park House School is transformational for the pupils who attend it.'***

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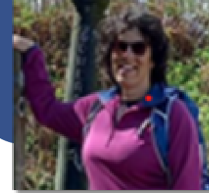
**This term has been a busy time at Park House. Here is a brief look at what has been happening...**

### **Welcome New Staff!**

**We started the term with a new head teacher, Sally.**

**We have also been delighted to welcome three new members of staff to the team this term, Mandy, Hannah and Daisy.**

**They have already expressed their pleasure of having the opportunity to meet and spend some time with students and look forward to time with those that they haven't met yet.**



### **Message from the head Teacher**

**Dear Parents and Carers,  
Recently appointed as Headteacher to Park House School I would just like to say what it a privilege it is to be part of such wonderful school - dedicated staff, motivated and enthusiastic students.**

**This is our first termly newsletter and hopefully will give you an insight into some of the many exciting things we have been up to.**

**Have a wonderful break and we will see students back on Wednesday 3rd January.**

**On our inset day staff undertook a day's training on the Thrive Approach, keeping us on track with our Thrive practices.**

**Any parents or carers who wish to find out more about Thrive please follow the link or feel free to contact Jim, our Trauma and Attachment lead.**

**<https://www.ssps.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Thrive-parents-guide.pdf>**

### Sporting News

Well done to all students taking part in team sport on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

This is proving to be a fabulous opportunity to meet with peers and other park House teams. It has been fantastic to see students growing in sport and social skills!

A huge congratulations to JMa for taking part in another cross country run, finishing in third place!

### Dance with Bristol Bears

This term one of our lucky students got to experience a dance work shop delivered and supported by Bristol Bears Rugby out in the community.

The best part being the silent disco!



### SMSC



Well done to JM with your Halloween fundraising **£70** for Help4Hounds!



Well done to TF, who is working towards his Duke of Edinburgh Award, using his volunteering time to organise and run a Macmillan Coffee Morning, raising **£360.50**



### Forest School

Almost finished the new shelter! A huge thankyou to all the students who helped out.



Pupils have been busy making Bird Boxes, Reindeer figures, Christmas Trees, Bees Wax Candles and so much more!



## Reading

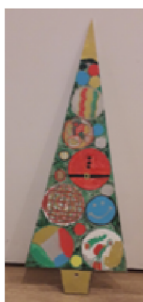
Since launching our 100 Word Reading Challenge scheme a year ago we are incredibly proud to announce that one of our year 9 students is the first member of the 'Twenty-five Thousand Word Club!'  
Fantastic BK!

## Artwork

Pupils have been getting creative making Christmas cards for the Fiver Rivers Christmas card competition.



They have also worked together to design a Christmas Tree for the Taunton Christmas Trail.



From the Community Inclusion Team:  
See the link for Christmas activities in Somerset.

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/the-local-offer/leisure/activities-for-families/>

### Term dates summary:

Term 1: 04 September – 20 October 2023 (35 days)	
Term 2: 30 October – 15 December 2023 (35 days)	
Term 3: 02 January – 9 February 2024 (29 days)	
Term 4: 19 February – 28 March 2024 (29 days)	
Term 5: 15 April – 24 May 2024 (29 days)	
Term 6: 03 June – 24 July 2024 (38 days)	<b>TOTAL = 195</b>

## Exams

Congratulations to all our students who have taken exams this term.  
We have several students now that have passed Entry level exams and now will progress to the next level!

## NSPCC

Useful link for keeping children safe online:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-games/>



Save the Children  
**CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY**

Don't forget,  
Christmas Jumper day on  
Thursday 7th December.  
All donations to Save the Children.

School Attendance for  
Autumn Term 94%

School Inset Day  
Tuesday 2nd January

**School starts back  
Wednesday 3rd January.**