



Park Life

Summer 2026



We are almost at the end of the final term of the school year and what a busy time it has been! Our students have benefitted from a wide range of trips and experiences including a visit to the Space Centre, a trip to the King Richard III Centre, Geography field trips, the London theatre residential, the DofE Expedition, a Robotics trip, the Performing Arts Showcase, a Reading Quiz and a Trust Chess tournament. Alongside this we have had Year 9 working with external providers 'Talk the Talk' for a day and our Year 10 students have enjoyed a full week of work experience. We are all incredibly excited about the whole school Sports Day on the 17th July and we are also immensely proud of our U15 Boys handball Team who were runners up in the National finals!

Of course, we are now waiting for our recently departed Year 11 students to find out their GCSE results. They have been a superb year group and we all enjoyed celebrating their time with us in the Leavers' Assembly and during their Prom at Ramsdale Golf Club. We have said goodbye to them but we will look forward to sharing their success when they return for their results on 20th August and then when they return again for their Presentation Evening next year.

Finally, on the subject of saying goodbye, I wanted to let you all know that I will also be leaving Park Vale Academy at the end of this term to take up the role of Headteacher at Colonel Frank Seely Academy. I am incredibly proud to have worked here for so many years and to have seen the transformational journey that this school has been on. The students, the staff, and all of you as parents, have been an absolute pleasure to work with and I will take away the fondest memories of what a very special school this is. I know that the school will continue its incredible journey going forward and I wish you all the very best for the future.

Mrs Pearson
Head of School

Year 8 Students Explore STEM at The Big Bang Fair

On Tuesday June 9th, 36 of our students attended The Big Bang Fair at the NEC in Birmingham, one of the UK's largest celebrations of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).

Throughout the event, students enthusiastically explored a wide range of interactive exhibits and challenges. They had the opportunity to speak with scientists, engineers and technicians, learn about future careers, and take part in practical activities designed to develop problem-solving and teamwork skills.

Some of the highlights of the trip included the animal encounters, where several brave students had the chance to hold snakes and cockroaches! They learnt about how animals inspire scientific and engineering innovations. The escape room challenge was another firm favourite, requiring students to work together to solve problems and complete a series of STEM-based tasks against the clock.

The students were an absolute credit to the school throughout their visit and the coach journey - which allowed our students a little snooze after their early start! Their curiosity, enthusiasm and willingness to engage with the activities were praised by staff. It was wonderful to see so many students stepping outside their comfort zones, asking thoughtful questions and discovering new interests.

We hope the experience has inspired our students to continue exploring the fascinating world of STEM and the many exciting career opportunities it offers.

Ms Jolly - Teacher of Science



Drama Collective

The Drama Collective are a group of 13 students ranging from year 7 to year 9. They have been working on a piece called Monsters Unmasked with an industry professional from Nottingham Playhouse, learning new Drama techniques, building their confidence and the most exciting thing of all performing not only in our school concert but at the Nottingham Playhouse.

Please see below photos of our scary students performing at the Playhouse.



PVA Students off on an Adventure - CAMPS INTERNATIONAL – Kenya Scuba Expedition 25th July – 21st August 2026

As a school, we are very excited to confirm that 6 students and a member of our staff are off this summer for a once in a life time experience with Camps International.

This action-packed and meaningful African adventure will take our group from the Savannahs of Tsavo, teeming with Kenya's top wildlife, to the white-sand beaches of Diani where they will learn to explore the underwater world.



Throughout their time in Kenya they will get involved in a range of projects, helping to support education and community development in two rural communities. Students will become part of the community as they live and work alongside local people, learning about the challenges faced by local people as well as the rich tradition and culture of Kenya.

Throughout the expedition, students will get up close to some truly incredible wildlife – try to spot some of the Big 5 on land and scuba dive alongside colourful marine life as they undertake their PADI Open Water Scuba Diving qualification in the glistening Indian Ocean.

Trips planned for 2026/ 2027 include:

· Capital 1 UK Pathways Project
· DWP
· Ada Lovelace Trip
· Paris Trip - France
· Sprint Workshop
· NWSC
· Loughborough University Trip
· Butlins Skegness
· National Space Centre - Leicester
· Attenborough Nature Reserve
· Science Live
· Jack & the Beanstalk
· Ruddington Framework Knitters Museum
· Dudley Castle and Zoo

· Ski Trip - Italy Residential
· Robotics
· Richard III trip - Leicester
· Newark Civil War Museum - Newark
· Etihad Stadium Maths trip - Manchester
· Doctors Show/Hitler on Trial - Newark
· Bayeux Tapestry session
· Amsterdam - Belgium Residential
· Poetry Live - Theatre Royal
· A Christmas Carol
· Gothic Writing Newstead Abbey
· Dance tour
· Theatre Tours - London Residential
· Restaurant Trip
· Alton Towers Attendance Reward Trip

Norway Expedition 2028 – An Incredible Opportunity



We are delighted to offer an exciting opportunity for our current Year 7 and Year 8 students to take part in a **7-night expedition to Norway in July 2028** in partnership with **World Challenge**.

This unforgettable experience will take students on a journey through some of Norway's most breathtaking landscapes, combining adventure, exploration, and personal development. This experience includes:

- Hiking through dramatic fjords and mountain scenery
- Taking part in outdoor challenges and team-based expeditions
- Experiencing wild camping under the Nordic sky
- Exploring local culture and traditions
- Building confidence while navigating new environments with their peers

This is so much more than a trip—it's a chance to develop independence, resilience, and lifelong memories.

Year 11 Commendation Evening 2026

On Wednesday 29th April 2026, we enjoyed another fantastic evening at Park Vale Academy celebrating the achievements of this year's "Year 11". There was much to celebrate and students should be very proud of their collective achievements. Outstanding individual achievements were recognised in subject awards for exceptional progress and attainment across each subject in the curriculum.

The whole evening was another excellent showcase for Park Vale Academy, as students proudly collected their commendation certificates to the warm applause of friends, family and PVA staff.

Outstanding individual achievements were recognised in subject awards, as well as in prizes for overall commendation winner across the curriculum. Mr Bowhay, Headteacher, presented the certificates to our deserving students.

The Outstanding Performance Award academy shield was presented to Leanne Baah for the most commendations across the curriculum. Leanne achieved commendations in English, English Literature, History, Mathematics, Physical Education, Science, Triple Science, Attendance & Tutor.



6th Form Taster Day – 30th June 2026

Over 75 year 10 students spent an afternoon experiencing life at the Redhill 6th Form. They were introduced to 6th form students who also had attended PVA and listened to their experiences of A levels and enrichment activities. Year 10 students also had three taster lessons of a variety of A level subjects.



Park Life PE Sum 25

We have continued on with lots of students representing the academy in city wide fixtures and events. Below is a list- well done to everyone who has attended we are really proud of you all!

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Athletics Rounders Trust Handball Cup	Athletics Trust Handball Cup Girls England Handball Regionals Holme Peirreport Trip	Rounders Trust Handball Cup Boys Football	Trust Handball Cup Boys England Handball Regionals Boys England Handball Nationals GCSE Sprinting Trip	Boys Football GCSE Moderation

Still to come this half term

- Belief Girls' Football Tournament – 13th July
- Sports Day 17th July

Handball Success

This half term has seen us take part in Trust, regional and national competitions across multiple age groups and genders.

Huge congratulations to our Y8 Girls Handball team who came 3rd in the regional competition, missing out on a place at national by losing on penalties in their semi final. They were also crowned runners up in the Trust Handball Cup. A fantastic achievement and we look forward to seeing them progress next year.

Our Y9/10 Girls team also came home with a bronze medal from the Trust Handball Cup, this time we were on the right side of the penalty shoot-out, winning the 3rd/4th place play off.

And finally our Y9/10 boys handball team, who have had an extraordinary year. Having won the Nottinghamshire Handball competition, first stop this term was the Trust Handball Cup which they won in spectacular style, unbeaten throughout. They went on to become Regional Champions, continuing their unbeaten run, beating West Bridgford in the final. This qualified them for the National finals, where they performed some outstanding Handball to come in the top 8 in the country, narrowly missing out on a semi-final place, losing on penalties after coming back from 5-1 down to draw 6-6 in quarter-finals.

We are so proud of each and every one of our players, what an amazing year we've had!





Girls Active Leaders

Celebration Day

This year we took our leaders, plus 18 other committed girls, to the celebration day at Nottingham Trent University. The girls took part in spinning, skateboarding, drumba, basketball, street dance, cheerleading, tennis and kinball. It was lovely to see them engage with being active throughout the day!



Fundraiser

Our first ever "Drench the Teacher" fundraiser raised £98.50 for charity. Thanks to all the staff who volunteered, fingers crossed for a bigger and better event next year!



GCSE PE Sprinting Trip

A yearly sprinting trip saw our Y10 GCSE PE students embark on Harvey Hadden for some in-depth sprint coaching with Fiona from Notts Athletics Club. This will help the students with their practical marks that go towards their overall PE grade.



Holme Pierrepont Trip Y8

We took a 30 students to participate in raft building (with very little success we might add!), mini golf and 3-storey high ropes course. We couldn't have asked for better behaviour from the students, who enjoyed the day thoroughly.

PVA CHESS CLUB



Chess at PVA continues go from strength to strength, with the number of players increasing weekly. We now have 58 members who attend PVA Chess Club on Tuesday lunchtimes. It is incredible to see so many young people enjoying playing chess, improving their skills and interacting with each other.

Remember! It is not too late to get involved – just come to F16 on Tuesday lunch times – you will be welcomed and included.

TRUST CHESS TOURNAMENT – THURSDAY 25TH JUNE 2026

We recently attended the inaugural Trust Chess Tournament, which took place at The City Ground – home of Nottingham Forest. The tournament was played on the hottest day of the year. However, players were not affected by the heat as the tournament was housed in the air-conditioned Trent Side Lounge with beautiful views over the River Trent.

Three rounds were played before lunch, followed by photos in stands and two further rounds of highly competitive chess after lunch.

Teams consisted of four girls and four boys of varying abilities: Summer Bateman, Freya Pullen, Skyla Brown, Makenna, Charlie Green Broker, Oscar Dalley, Preslav Tsipov and Mujtaba Hussain deserve tremendous credit for their achievements and the fine way in which they represented PVA.



INTER-HOUSE CHESS TOURNAMENT – TUESDAY 7TH AND 14TH JULY 2026



This year also saw the first ever Inter-house Chess Tournament, with twenty-four students taking part. Students play 4 matches each with one point for a win and 0.5 points each for a draw. Trophies will be presented to the victorious house team, and the individual chess champion at PVA. The final rounds will take place on Tuesday 14th July, with the winners announced the following week. Exciting times!

NEXT YEAR

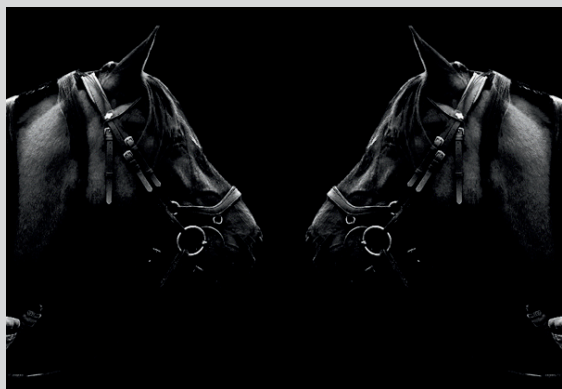
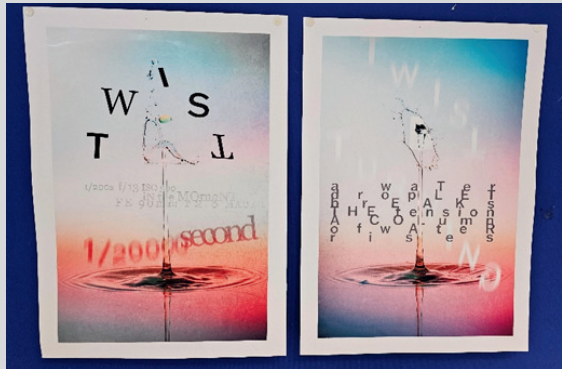
So. Thank you to all the students who have contributed to make PVA Chess Club such a success. Let's make next year even better!

Due to its popularity and increasing numbers, PVA Chess Club will be moved to an after-school time, to allow more students to play, and more matches to take place. Further information will be provided soon. The Inter-house Chess Tournament will be expanded and take place three times a year. The Trust Chess Tournament will also take place again, offering an exciting opportunity to represent PVA at a very special event. Furthermore, I muted a Trust Staff Tournament for next year and received a very positive response from PVA staff and colleagues from other schools (watch this space!). Maybe we should have a staff chess club too?

Mr Scott

GCSE Photography

Year 11 GCSE Photography has been an incredibly successful course this year. Students have demonstrated outstanding creativity and a commitment to excellence, consistently producing work of a high standard. The final examination show was a particularly impressive highlight, showcasing a diverse and sophisticated range of outcomes that reflected both technical skill and personal expression. Our students have worked exceptionally hard throughout the course, and we now await their results with great anticipation.



Out of This World! Year 7 Visits the National Space Centre!

Year 7 students recently enjoyed an out-of-this-world visit to the National Space Centre, where they took part in exciting workshops, explored interactive exhibits, and discovered what life in space might be like.

One of the highlights of the day was the Mars Rover Programming workshop. Students learned about the different Mars Rovers that have explored the Red Planet, from past missions to the latest technology being used today. They then programmed their own virtual Mars Rovers to complete a range of challenges, including recharging solar panels, moving rocks, and even firing balls at invading aliens!

Students also took part in the Tetra Star workshop, an immersive mission that saw them travel to Mars aboard a space shuttle. Each student was assigned a scientific role and worked as part of a team to carry out important research. However, their mission took an unexpected turn when a Martian dust storm forced them to evacuate quickly. Thanks to their teamwork and quick thinking, the group successfully completed the mission and achieved Gold Status!

The trip also included a visit to the Sir Patrick Moore Planetarium, where students watched an inspiring show about the role of astronauts and the challenges they face while exploring space.

After the workshops, students had the opportunity to explore the National Space Centre at their leisure, visiting exhibits and learning more about space, science, and technology.

The trip was a fantastic experience for everyone involved, giving students the chance to develop their scientific knowledge, teamwork skills, and curiosity about the universe. It was certainly a day to remember!

Many thanks

Miss Hayes

Maths Trip to Bletchley Park

Forty Year 8, 9 and 10 pupils recently enjoyed an exciting Maths trip to Bletchley Park, the top-secret home of Allied codebreaking during the Second World War. Bletchley Park played a vital role in the war effort, with staff working tirelessly to decrypt German, Japanese and other Axis communications. It is also widely recognised as the birthplace of modern computing, where Alan Turing and his colleagues developed pioneering machines to break the famous Enigma and Lorenz ciphers.

The trip was organised to encourage students to develop their interest in Mathematics beyond the classroom and to see how mathematical thinking can be applied to real-world problems.

Throughout the day, pupils took part in a fascinating learning session, enjoyed a guided tour of the historic site and had time to explore the museum exhibits independently.

One of the highlights of the visit was the opportunity to learn about the world of codes and ciphers. Students worked collaboratively to decipher messages, solve puzzles and discover the techniques used by wartime codebreakers. They also had the rare chance to use a genuine Enigma machine, bringing history to life and giving them a deeper understanding of the mathematical and logical skills required to crack encrypted messages.

The visit provided an excellent opportunity for pupils to appreciate the importance of problem-solving, perseverance and teamwork, all of which are essential skills in Mathematics. The activities challenged students to think critically while also allowing them to engage with an important chapter in British history.



The pupils were a credit to the school throughout the day, demonstrating enthusiasm, curiosity and excellent behaviour. To make the experience even more memorable, we were treated to perfect weather, which allowed everyone to enjoy the beautiful grounds of Bletchley Park. The day was rounded off perfectly with a well-earned ice cream before the journey home.

Overall, the trip was a fantastic success and provided a unique opportunity for students to explore the fascinating connections between Mathematics, computing and history. We hope the experience has inspired many of our pupils to continue exploring Mathematics beyond the classroom and to appreciate the impact that mathematical thinking can have on the world around us.

Inter-House History competition

This year our Inter-House History competition ran throughout March and April. The aim was to encourage students to research and present something from History that we don't cover in school and something that may be of personal interest to them.

We had several entries which showed the talents of our budding Historians. It was great to see the interests our students have across different periods and themes.

We are very much looking forward to next year's competition!

The winners were the students below:

A big well done to:

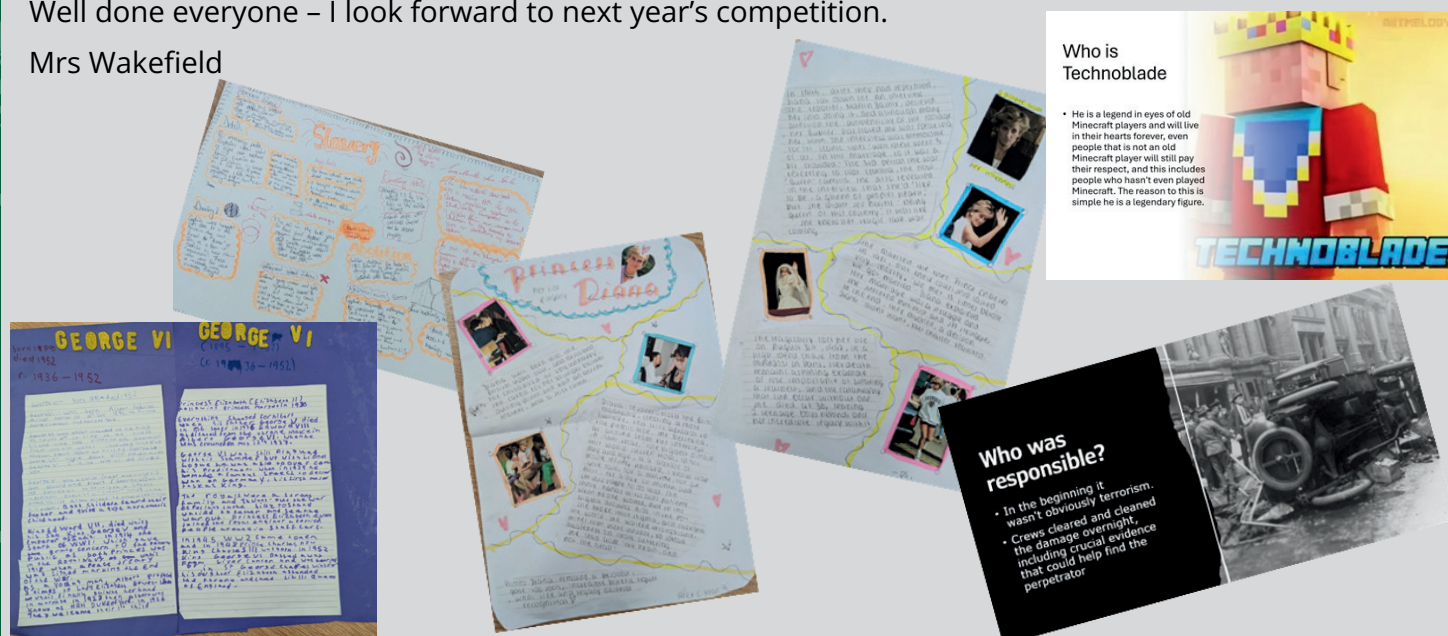
- 1st Place - Charlene Charles – C5 – A detailed case study on the Transatlantic Slave Trade which showed a lot of effort and research.
- 2nd - Laraya Badder – N9 – A PowerPoint on a case study of the Wall Street Bombing showing research and effort in putting her presentation together.
- 3rd - Alex Cuttriss – W8 – A moving case study on the life of Princess Diana, showing a lot of research and effort in the display.

The following entries made it a tough competition!

- Kivein Meddavitag – (N8) - Minecraft Legend character Technoblade – an interesting take on what a Historic character could be.
- Unnamed!! - George VI – a really well researched and put together case study.

Well done everyone – I look forward to next year's competition.

Mrs Wakefield



Textiles at PVA

It has been a busy year in Textiles. Our newly refurbished room has been really appreciated, and has enabled students to begin a multitude of projects in an expanded learning environment.

Year 7 have been learning key skills and began their creative journey with a hand-sewn project. Year 8 produced some amazing 'Ugly Dolls' (as pictured), using hand and machine skills. Their creativity has been fantastic. Year 9 have designed, printed and dyed their tote bags, while Year 10 have been working hard on their GCSE in Textiles, and preparing themselves for Year 11.

We are all very excited to see what the new school year will bring.



Year 9 Keep Their Cool in Food Technology

Year 9 demonstrated fantastic ingenuity and resilience this week as they adapted brilliantly to the soaring temperatures during the heatwave. Rather than turning on the ovens and making our already warm G9 kitchen even hotter, students embraced the challenge by creating delicious no-bake mini cheesecakes.

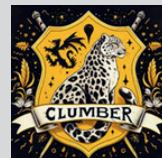
Students prepared buttery biscuit bases and whisked smooth, creamy cheesecake fillings, demonstrating the KS4 food preparation skill of aeration by whisking double cream to soft peaks before carefully folding it into cream cheese, sugar and vanilla extract.

They then showcased their creativity by decorating their cheesecakes with a colourful selection of fresh fruit. Many took inspiration from the FIFA World Cup, using their impressive knife skills to carefully prepare and arrange the fruit into national flag designs.

The finished cheesecakes looked spectacular and tasted just as good! The lesson was a great reminder that successful cooking is all about being adaptable, solving problems creatively and making the most of the ingredients and equipment available. Well done to all of Year 9 for producing such fantastic results despite the challenging conditions.



Clumber News



As we reach the end of another successful school year, I would like to thank all of our students and families for their continued support. Your enthusiasm, commitment, and involvement have helped make this a fantastic year for Clumber House.

We have seen excellent attendance at our inter-house events throughout the year, with students representing the house with pride and enthusiasm. There have been some truly outstanding performances across the various competitions, and it has been wonderful to see so many students getting involved and supporting one another.

A special mention must go to Clumber 7 and Clumber 1, whose attendance has been exceptional throughout the year. These tutor groups have consistently been the top two attendance groups across the school, demonstrating an excellent commitment to learning and setting a fantastic example for others to follow. Well done to all students and staff involved.

Students across Clumber House have also earned an incredible number of House Points this year, reflecting the hard work, positive attitudes, and commitment shown both in and out of the classroom. A special congratulations goes to Clumber 2, who have led the way this term with an outstanding contribution to our House Point total. Thanks to the excellent efforts of all Clumber students, we currently sit in an impressive second place overall in the House competition. This is a fantastic achievement and one that everyone in Clumber House should be proud of. Well done!

This term, we also said goodbye to our Year 11 students. They have made a significant contribution to Clumber House during their time with us, and we would like to thank them for their hard work, dedication, and support. We wish them every success and happiness as they move on to the next stage of their education and future careers.

Our Year 10 students recently completed their Work Experience placements. They embraced the opportunity to develop valuable workplace skills, gain insight into different careers, and represent both themselves and the school positively. Feedback from employers has been excellent, and many students have returned with new confidence, experiences, and aspirations for the future.

Looking ahead to next year, we will be recruiting new House Captains, Sports Captains, and Tutor Representatives. These roles provide a fantastic opportunity for students to develop their leadership skills, represent their peers, and make a positive contribution to the house community. If you are interested in applying, please speak to your tutor for more information.

We say a fond farewell to Mr Ludlow, who is leaving us to take up the exciting role of Head of Rufford House. Mr Ludlow has made a significant contribution to the school community, and we are grateful for his dedication, enthusiasm and support over the years. We wish him every success in his new position. At the same time, we are delighted to welcome back Mrs Hickling, who will be joining us as our new HAC from September. We look forward to her return and are excited to have her enthusiasm, dedication, and commitment in supporting our students and wider school community.

Thank you once again for a wonderful year. We are incredibly proud of everything our students have achieved and look forward to building on this success in the year ahead. Have a safe, enjoyable, and well-deserved summer break.

Miss Dolan, Mrs Harvey-Taylor, Mr Ludlow, and the whole Clumber Team.

Non Scholare, Sed Vitae Discimus



Newstead News



Dear parents/carers of Newstead students,

As we come to the end of another successful academic year, it is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on everything that has been achieved by the students of Newstead House.

Throughout the year, our students have demonstrated resilience, determination and a commitment to personal growth, whether through academic progress, involvement in co-curricular activities or the way they have supported one another; every student should be proud of the effort they have shown and the positive contributions they have made to our school community.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to all parents and carers for your continued encouragement and support throughout the year. Your partnership with the school plays a vital role in helping our students thrive, and we greatly appreciate everything you do to support their learning, wellbeing and success.

We want to take this opportunity to thank all the students who have contributed to the House through their leadership roles this year. To our House captains, Othniel and Laraya and all of our fantastic tutor reps, thank you for your hard work, you are excellent role models for Newstead.

This year, Newstead House has once again embraced opportunities to make a positive difference beyond our school community. Our fundraising efforts for Children in Need and Comic Relief were a fantastic success, with students enthusiastically taking part in events and activities to raise money for two incredibly worthwhile causes. Thank you to everyone who donated, participated and helped make these events such a success.

A huge well done also goes to all the students who proudly represented Newstead House in Sports Day and the many inter-house competitions held throughout the year. Your enthusiasm, teamwork, determination and house spirit have been outstanding. Whether competing on the field, performing in competitions or supporting teammates from the sidelines, you have represented Newstead House with pride and positivity.

We would also like to express our heartfelt thanks to our dedicated team of tutors. Their commitment, guidance and encouragement have made a significant difference to the lives of our students throughout the year. From celebrating successes to providing support through challenges, they have been instrumental in helping students develop both academically and personally.

As the summer holidays begin, we would like to wish all our students, parents and carers a restful, enjoyable and well-deserved break. We hope you have the opportunity to relax, spend time with family and friends, and make wonderful memories over the summer. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new academic year, refreshed and ready for another exciting year together.

Mrs Harford-Smyth, Mr Harper and Mr Dean.

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'Deeds not words'



Wollaton News



As the summer term comes to an end, we have some great things to reflect on this school year. Wollaton House has shown fantastic commitment, determination and team spirit across a wide range of competitions and events.

From achieving a brilliant result in the Spanish Spelling Bee to strong performances in the Logic Challenge, EDoL Quiz, Basketball, Handball, and many other activities, students from Wollaton have represented the house with pride.

What has stood out most is the willingness of so many students to get involved, try new experiences, and support one another throughout the year. Every point earned, every challenge taken on, and every event entered has contributed to making Wollaton House a positive and vibrant part of our school community.

As we celebrate our successes and say goodbye to our valued Year 11 students, we look forward to welcoming a new team of House Captains in September who will continue to build on this year's achievements. Thank you to everyone who has taken part, supported events, and proudly worn the Wollaton colours this year.

Sports Day is just around the corner, and it is our final opportunity this year to make Wollaton House stand out with pride!

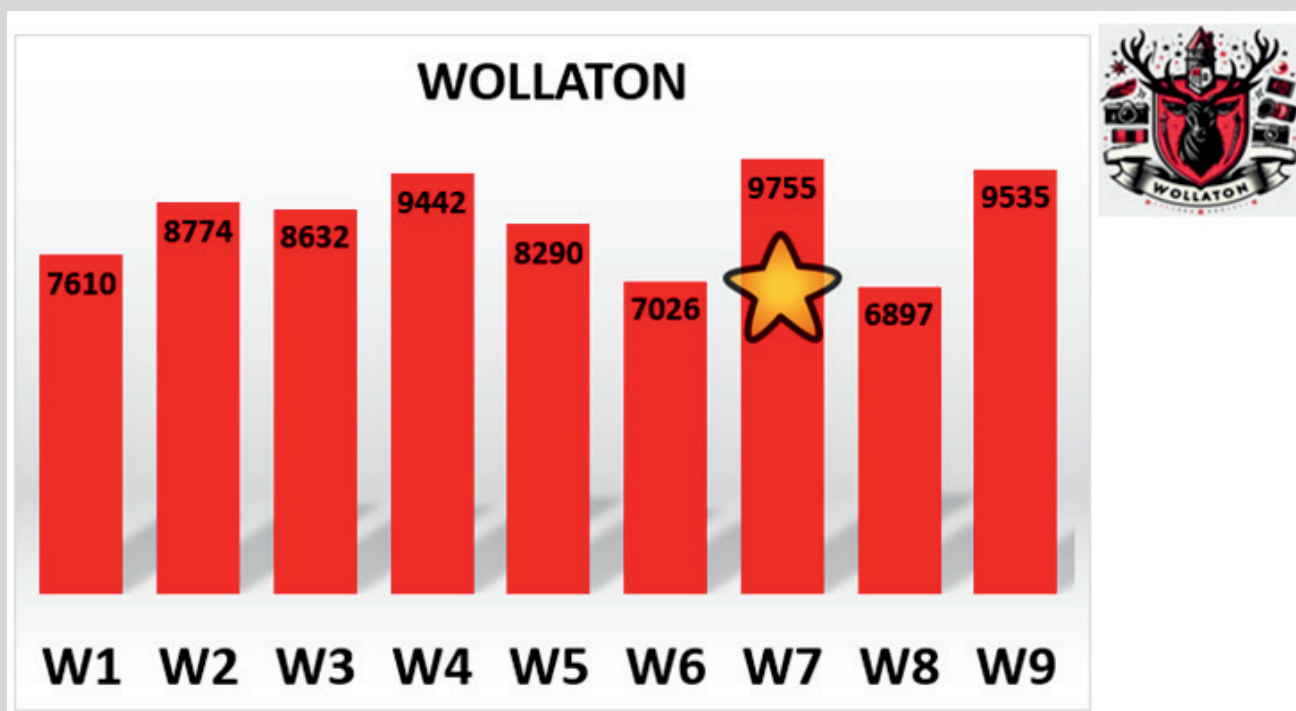
As we come to the end of another fantastic school year, Sports Day gives us one last chance to come together, show our house spirit, and cheer on our fellow Wollatonees. Every student taking part should be incredibly proud of themselves. Whether competing on the track, in the field events, or supporting from the side-lines, every contribution counts and helps make Wollaton House stronger.

We know that everyone representing Wollaton House will give their best effort, demonstrate great sportsmanship, and inspire others with their determination. Most importantly, every competitor will have the full support of Wollaton House behind them every step of the way.

We are hoping for some fantastic results, but above all, we want to see teamwork, encouragement, and pride in wearing the Wollaton colours. Let's make plenty of noise, support one another, and finish the year on a high.

Good luck- let's make Sports Day one to remember.

House points as of 3rd of July:



Star students for tutor time

W1 - Alyssa Dosanjh

Always contributes, is very mature and a great role model to the younger students. She has completed jobs in tutor this year, as well as having great attendance.

W2 - Addison

Superb start to his time with us at PVA!

W3 - Ollie Slater-Gunn

Very polite, always engaged and a great role model for other students in our tutor.

W4 - Tommy

Always happy and polite, willing to help others. Always offers to pick up the folder, update the attendance ladder and present Votes for Schools.

W5 - Nyah Sweeney

Nyah is consistently cheerful, polite, and lovely to work with. Her positive outlook and respectful manner brighten every tutor session. Thank you, Nyah!

W6 - Hamza Zaheer

Positive attitude to school and learning, always participating in PSHE. Good attendance and has almost 700 positives.

W7 - Adam Wisniewski

For always having a positive contribution to lesson. He is always listening and taking in what we are learning, asks responsive questions and is very respectful of those in the class.

W8 - Reishann

Consistently contributes well to tutor group discussions, always offers to do jobs such as collecting in sheets or taking the tutor wallet up, and readily volunteers to lead on games and activities. She has a natural ability to bring everyone together within the tutor group, encouraging positive communication between all year groups.

W9 - Sana Koomullil

Always has a great attitude to all we do in Tutor and comes in each day with a lovely smile and a cheery "Good Morning!". She has made a wonderful start to her PVA journey!

Finally, we wanted to send you all our kindest regards. We wish you all a great Summer holiday and we hope that you have a well-deserved break!

Best wishes,

Miss Wright

Head of House

And Mrs K Hickling

House Achievement Coordinator

Carpe Diem





R1 – Zala Safi

Her classwork in subjects is immaculate, and in tutor time she is not afraid to discuss and reason through the most divisive topics. Zala consistently produces immaculate classwork across most subjects and is a thoughtful, articulate contributor during tutor time. She engages confidently with challenging and sometimes divisive topics, demonstrating maturity, reasoning skills, and an ability to consider different perspectives. Zala has all the qualities needed to be a truly outstanding role model for her peers.

R2 – Kabeek Balamurugan

He has been perfect this year: no negatives, and he gets involved in as many extracurricular activities as he can. Teachers love him, and the students in R2 love him too. He presented last Thursday and was amazing.

R3 – Alex Shooter

Always contributing to discussions, Alex has great attendance and punctuality. He is an all-round lovely lad, and we are proud to have him as part of R3.

R4 – Biyash Gurung

Biyash is a real asset to R4. His attendance, punctuality and attitude towards school are fantastic. I have been particularly impressed with his involvement in co-curricular activities, for example Maths Circles on a Monday after school, as well as his participation in the Junior Maths Challenge.

R5 – Oisin Mulligan

Oisin is an absolute superstar! He is always keen to learn and get involved with tutor activities, such as PSHE and Votes for Schools. He always arrives with all of his equipment and with his uniform looking perfect. Keep it up!

R6 – Brainard Dery Bonye

Brainard has grown up a lot since the start of Year 7. He is very helpful and volunteered to take on the role of tutor representative when our Year 11s left. He always participates in our tutor discussions.

R7 – Zak Gilbert

Zak is very hardworking, always on point, has received no negatives for the third year running, and is actively involved in tutor activities.

R8 – Charlie Richardson

Our Star Tutee for R8 this year is Charlie Richardson. Charlie has been superb in his first year at the academy. He has made the perfect impression and is always near the top of the Class Charts points leaderboard. His attendance has also been very good. Charlie is always the first to put his hand up and offer an answer, as well as attending a wide variety of after-school clubs.

R9 – Kairo Craig-Johnson

Kairo always engages in discussions and is eager to complete any task. He is always the first to pick up the folder and is, overall, a very kind and funny tutee.

Rufford Commendation Evening

Thank you to everyone who attended our House Commendation Evening on 15th July. It was a lovely event that allowed us to celebrate those students who have shown commitment to their studies.

Inter-House Challenges and Sports Ambassadors:

A very special mention goes to our Boys' Handball Team, featuring Ethan McDonald-Loseby and Freddy Simpson from Rufford House. Our amazing team reached the quarter-finals of the National Handball Competition, unfortunately losing on penalties!

Another shout-out goes to Luis Lima, who has attended trials at Nottingham Athletics. We wish Luis the very best of luck in his athletic career.

Rufford Inter-House Highlights This Year:

- 1st in Handball
- 2nd in Rowing
- 2nd in European Day of Languages Quiz
- 2nd in Basketball
- 2nd in Spanish Spelling Bee
- 3rd in Football

A big well done to everyone involved in these events.

Additionally, thank you to those who took part in the Trust Big Reading Quiz – well done to Teddy Stocker who won for Rufford, and represented the school in the Trust Finals.

Park Vale Sports Day was a fantastic event. We are extremely proud of all those in Rufford who took part. Miss Baillie's voice is only just recovering!

Attendance and House points:

Rufford has maintained the lead for both attendance and house points this year, which is an absolutely incredible achievement. Well done to R7, who collected the most house points, and to R6, who achieved the highest attendance with an incredible 94.5%.

Special mentions go to Charlie Richardson, Sam Washington, Charlie Green Broker, Skyla Brown and Amelia Kerry, who have earned the most house points across Rufford House.

We were also delighted to take the '100% Club' to Slick City on 20th July. The students below have not missed a single day of school this year—a brilliant achievement and an inspiration to us all.

Mariam Janneh	Amelia Hudson
Eliot	Zachary Ward
Aaliyah Rose	Brainard Dery Boyne
Emeida Adamkoviciute	Jacobi Hudson
Corryn-Faith Mather	Adom Nomafo
Greatness Aderemi	Ester Coker
Harriet Aikins	Zak Gilbert
Hadie Andrulyte	Teddy Stocker

Thank you for your continued support, wishing you a lovely summer break.

Mrs Meeks, Miss Baillie and Miss Anderson

Unifrog- All students have access

In keeping with our commitment to provide students with outstanding careers guidance and tailored support when choosing their next step after school, and after much research regarding the best online careers platform, the academy made the decision to use a system called Unifrog. Unifrog is the complete destinations platform – a one-stop-shop for students across KS3, KS4 and KS5 regardless of their interests or academic ability. It is the only place where students can compare every university course, apprenticeship and FE course in the UK as well as university in 30 other countries across the world. This is alongside getting access to labour market information and advice on careers and subjects for all routes. The platform can be accessed at the following link: www.unifrog.org.

What is Labour Market Information, why is it important and where can you find it?

Labour market information can support you with decision-making. Maybe you want to research or change jobs or career, or move to a new location.

For example, if you are a skilled production-line worker and you move to a town with few factories, you may have difficulty in finding a job. Researching the labour market before you move can help you make planned and informed decisions.

Labour market information details:

- The jobs and skills employers are looking for
- Which industries are hiring and where they are located
- Where to find employers who are hiring
- What working conditions are like for specific industries
- What education and training you need for specific jobs
- What factors can stop you from getting a job
- Which job areas are growing in the future and other statistics

Use our Labour Market information on our website to look at employment trends, job roles and job availability:

<https://parkvaleacademy.org.uk/career-related-learning/labour-market-information/>

www.unifrog.org.



15 Labour Market Questions

WHAT QUESTION ARE YOU ASKING?

- What is the UK average salary?
- What are the progression opportunities for this career?
- Can I do an apprenticeship in this career?
- How much do people get paid for this job?
- What jobs are most in demand?
- Where do graduates go after completing their degrees?
- How many vacancies are there for this job in my area?
- How far do people travel to work in this career?
- Which industries employ this kind of occupation?
- Do I need a degree to enter this career?
- What careers are in decline?
- Which region of the UK has the highest employment?
- What skills are most in demand in the UK?
- What are the day to day tasks for this job?
- What training do I need to enter this industry?

Where to find the answers

Imiforall.org.uk • prospects.ac.uk • icloud.com • bbc.co.uk/bitesize/careers • careerpilot.org.uk
ucas.com • skillsroute.com • Big Data Sources: nomisweb.co.uk • ons.gov.uk • hesa.ac.uk

Careers week 2nd - 7th March

National Careers Week is a **one-week celebration of career guidance and free resources in education across the United Kingdom**. The campaign aims to create guidance activities for young people at what is a very important stage in the academic calendar. Charting a career path can be both exciting and challenging. National Careers Week provides a dedicated time frame to focus on exploring career opportunities, understanding individual potentials, and setting ambitious yet achievable goals for the future.

The week provides a focus on career guidance activities to help young people develop awareness and excitement about their future pathways. Find out more about virtual National Careers Week.

Feedback from students has been really positive with 99% recommending this experience for other students. The interviewers felt that our students conducted themselves extremely well. Each student received personalised feedback on their interview.

Work Experience 6th -10th July 2026

All year 10 students participated in work experience in July 2026. More information can be found on the academy's website
A huge thank you to all those who offered places to our students.



SEND Surgery for Parents – (Fortnightly) Wednesday Online



Special Educational Needs
& Disabilities

A reminder of the Wednesday surgery for parents of children with SEND to speak with a member of the Learning Support Team via video call.

If you would like to discuss your child's progress or have any questions for the Learning Support Team, please book an appointment in advance using this link:

www.parkvaleacademy.schoolcloud.co.uk/

Y9 Talking About Communication Y9 – 25th June 2026

Expert trainers from **Talk The Talk** were in school on **Thursday, 25th June** working with students in **Year 9**.

Talk The Talk
CONFIDENT COMMUNICATION FOR LIFE

Talk The Talk's mission is to develop students' oracy skills and their communication confidence to support positive interaction in all life situations and improved social outcomes.

Talk The Talk has trained over 115,000 students to be confident communicators across England and Wales since they began in 2013. The Talk About Communication workshop is an exciting and engaging master class developing speaking and listening skills within a creative learning environment. The workshop provides numerous speaking opportunities and students are coached and supported throughout the day to deliver a structured two-minute presentation, on a topic for which they have a genuine passion, to their peers.

Alumni

Former students can transform a young person's confidence, motivation and skills – if you attended Park Vale, you can help inspire a future generation. It's always wonderful to see the distance you go after leaving us and to welcome you back for events, reunions and to share your stories.

Sign up to our alumni network and stay connected.



Park Vale Academy Alumni



NO EXCUSE FOR ABUSE!

We strive to create a safe and secure environment for pupils and staff alike.

We will
not tolerate
behaviour
that is:

THREATENING!
VIOLENT
ABUSIVE

We will take action
when necessary.

Calling all PVA students!

Park Vale Academy Curriculum Plus



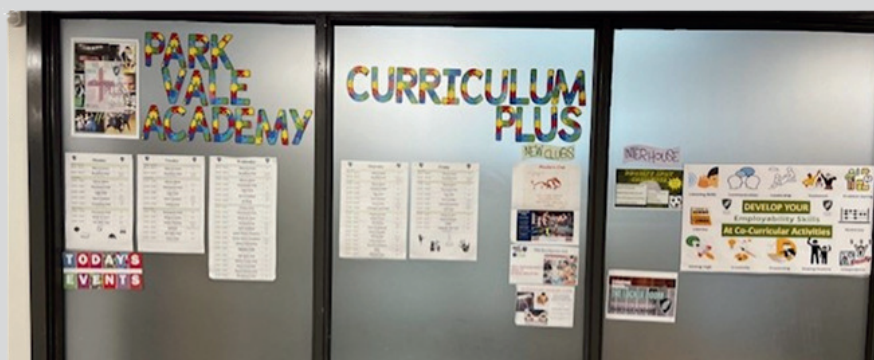
Students have access to all the Curriculum Plus offerings on the notice boards around the school and classrooms.

The timetable is available on the PVA website

<https://parkvaleacademy.org.uk/>

Student can also access details via the digital timetable via Class Charts

https://www.canva.com/design/DAF0QKGI32w/IAaa1ko5aY3iRK2CsZwVGQ/edit?utm_content=DAF0QKGI32w&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link2&utm_source=sharebutton



Privacy Notice

Please note that our student privacy notice can be found [here](#)

Park Vale Academy have a full-time Counsellor. Students can find additional support and guidance on the following contact numbers or websites:

TextHealth is a new service from Nottingham CityCare, available Monday to Friday from 8:30am to 5pm (automatic bounce backs respond to incoming messages out of hours). As our lives have changed over the last few months due to the coronavirus, it's more important than ever for young people to have easy access to support with their health.

The text number for this is [07480 635024]. Or visit www.chathealth.nhs.uk Text a nurse. Text Health.

Below are a range of resources to help young people with any problems they may be facing:

Childline – **I don't feel safe at home** – Tel: 0800 1111 (Free Call) www.childline.org.uk #Listen to your selfie

Barnardo's Young Minds –

Find a service where you live; support for parents and carers; support for young people <https://www.barnardos.org.uk/>

KOOTH –

Your online mental wellbeing community www.kooth.com

The Mix –

Essential support for under 25s www.themix.org.uk

Mental health UK –

How to maintain good mental wellbeing during coronavirus <https://mentalhealth-uk.org/blog/how-to-have-an-open-conversation-with-young-people-about-coronavirus/>

Children's bereavement centre –

Grief and loss <http://www.childrensbereavementcentre.co.uk/>

SelfharmUK –

Recovery, insight and support www.selfharm.co.uk

Calm-

Campaign Against Living Miserably <https://www.thecalmzone.net/>

Nottingham Recovery Network –

Alcohol and drug support, advice and treatment <https://www.nottinghamrecoverynetwork.com/>

SHARP –

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEn5_lkBX9bUd6SQliAih3w

CAMHS –

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFf1QiK2WJByHpoUOoHB-Yg/featured>

BeSafeBeSound –

<https://www.counterterrorism.police.uk/safetyadvice/>

NottAlone –

<https://nottalone.org.uk/?a=yp>

Anxiety and Sleep-

<https://teensleephub.org.uk/teens-young-people/>

Sleep-need some advice, want some information <https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/information-support/children/>

Link for Children and Young Carers- <https://sidekick.actionforchildren.org.uk/>

Alternatively, if you feel that you need support in school, you can contact the safeguarding team:
pvasafeguarding@parkvaleacademy.org.uk

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**Free breakfast for
all students
Monday – Friday
8.30-8.40am
Dining hall**

Dear parent/carers,

Please find below a letter from Kooth about wellbeing support for students during the holiday period.

[KOOOTH.com](https://www.kooth.com) is still here to support young people during the Summer holidays!

Over the last academic year, an Engagement Lead for Kooth has worked closely with staff in school to deliver training on all aspects of how Kooth works and supports your child. As well as all students having the opportunity to hear much more about Kooth, a range of physical and digital promotional resources are being used around school to promote the service & remind students Kooth is here to help 24/7 365 days of the year.

Kooth offers free, safe and anonymous access to online wellbeing support and advice for children and young people aged 11 to 25. The registration process is quick, anonymous and safe. Using non-identifiable information, Children and Young People can access support, simply by registering at www.kooth.com.

With no thresholds, waiting lists or referrals required, young people can access support for ANY issues they may be experiencing. These may include; body image, self-esteem, bereavement, academic pressures, anger, anxiety, suicidal thoughts, self harm, friendships, sexuality, transition from primary to secondary school etc.

Kooth's BACP (British Association for Counselling & Psychotherapy) qualified therapists are online 365 days a year. Monday to Friday, from midday until 10pm and on weekends, 6pm until 10pm. Users can also message the team 24 hours a day and receive a next day response.

Young people can access fully-moderated support forums, self-help tools, and online magazine articles (written by our professional team and other users across the UK) covering topics ranging from health and wellbeing, sport, technology, fashion etc. alongside social, emotional and wellbeing support. Everything on www.kooth.com is pre-moderated before going 'live' on the site, allowing for young people to offer and receive peer support in a safe and secure online environment.

Kooth delivers 1000's of online wellbeing sessions each year in Local Authorities across the UK. As 50% of referrals to CAMHS are unfortunately deemed inappropriate to their criteria, Kooth gives schools, professionals and families an alternative way of ensuring children and young people can access free support when they need it, in a way that they find comfortable to access, via any web-enabled devices.

Please find a selection of Parent/Carer resources that can be accessed using this link: [Parents/Carers resources](#) and If you have any questions or would like to discuss what [Kooth.com](https://www.kooth.com) can offer, please, simply email parents@kooth.com.

Kind Regards

IMPORTANT DATES AUTUMN TERM

August 2026

Thursday 20 GCSE Results Day

September 2026

Tuesday 1 INSET Day

Wednesday 2 INSET Day

Thursday 3 Y7 & Y11 return to school

Friday 4 All years return to school

Wednesday 9 Y7 Welcome Evening

Wednesday 16 Y6 Open Evening

Friday 18 INSET Day

Monday 21 Y7 School Photos

Tuesday 22 Flu Vaccinations

Monday 28 Y9 Review week
Y11 Assertive Mentoring week

Wednesday 30 School closes early: 2.10pm

October 2026

Thursday 1 Y10 PE Loughborough Trip
Y11 Elevate Revision Workshop

Wednesday 7 Y10 Geography Rivers Trip
Y8 Civil War Trip Warwick
Y9/10 Winter Trust Games – Hall Park Academy

Friday 9 Y7 Gothic Writing Trip

Monday 12 Y11 Review Week

Tuesday 13 Y 7 & 8 Lovelace Trip
Y11 Revision Evening

Wednesday 14 Y7 Bayeux Tapestry Session (10.30-11.30) 29
Y10 Geography Rivers Trip

IMPORTANT DATES AUTUMN TERM

Friday 16

Y10 Geography Rivers Trip
School closes early: 2.10pm
School finishes for Half Term

November 2026

Monday 2

Term starts

Wednesday 4

Y8 Capital One UK Pathways Trip

Thursday 5

Y9-11 Careers Fair

Wednesday 11

Y7 Literacy Evening
Y7/8 Winter Trust Games

Monday 16

Y11 Mock Exams all week
Y10 A Christmas Carol - Quantum Theatre

Monday 23

Y11 Mock Exams all week
Y8 Review Week
School closes early: 2.10pm

Wednesday 25

Y10 Capital One UK Pathways Trip

December 2026

Tuesday 1

Y11 Textiles Museum Trip

Tuesday 8

Believe Girls Football Tournament – Redhill

Thursday 10

Performing Arts Show

Friday 11

Y11 Mock Results Day

Monday 14

Y7 Reading Tests all week
Y11 Assertive Mentoring all week

Thursday 17

Jack & The Beanstalk Trip

Friday 18

Last day of term



