

Headteacher's message



Flourishing at school and beyond

As we reach the final week of the half term, we find ourselves at one of the most defining points in the academic year.

The school has maintained a strong sense of focus and

determination over the last few weeks during exams, alongside a wide range of educational and co-curricular experiences. This has been particularly evident for our Year 10 students, who have spent time out in the real world undertaking their Work Experience placements. They have gained invaluable and career defining insights into the world of work and have represented our school community with distinction. It is during this demanding period that our school motto, *Nemo sibi nascitur*, "No one is born unto themselves alone", is most evident. It is reflected in the care our staff show for our students and the collective support our families give to the school, ensuring our core values of Community, Aspiration and Opportunity remain central to helping every individual grow and flourish.

This term, our commitment to this supportive ethos was validated in the most extraordinary way. I am thrilled to share the exciting news that Parmiter's School has been officially awarded the Emotional Mental Wellbeing in Schools Mark by Hertfordshire County Council. In an absolutely phenomenal achievement, we were the only school to secure a perfect overall score of 63/63 possible accreditations, achieving the highest possible 'Advanced' status across every single assessed category. The assessors warmly praised our comprehensive, whole school approach, noting that our deep pastoral care and continuous improvement give the Parmiter's family a deep, authentic sense of belonging. This historic milestone is a testament to our wonderful staff, students and families working in unison.

The heart of the Parmiter's Family

Our sense of togetherness and shared pride has been felt across a wonderful array of events this term. Our musical community has given us so much to celebrate, including many amazing concerts. Among

these, the emotional Leavers' Concert stood out as a beautiful occasion where we were able to recognise the huge and lasting contribution that our Year 13 students have made to the creative life of the school. We also saw a magnificent display of school spirit at our inaugural Senior Sports Awards Evening, a fantastic event where our many fixtures and sporting successes from across the year were celebrated in style.

Our ties to the wider Parmiter's community were further strengthened at the Old Parmiterians' Annual Dinner, an event steeped in tradition and mutual support. Closer to home, our partnership with parents and carers continues to thrive. We recently enjoyed a brilliant evening of community fundraising with the Parents' and Carers' Association (PCA) Quiz Night. I would like to thank everyone who made it such a success and encourage families to look out for more opportunities to help or join PCA events in the future, whether you can give an hour of your time, join us for an evening, or become a part of the committee itself.

Challenging times

It is in challenging times that the true character of the Parmiter's Family emerges. This half term we have supported each other through the loss of a colleague, Cynthia Farrelly, and a student, Fatima Zeeshan. Both were highly regarded members of our community and both will be sadly missed. Our thoughts are with their families at this difficult time.

Striving for personal excellence

In our classrooms and examination halls, a culture of high aspiration remains at the absolute centre of what we do. This term marked a massive milestone for our Year 11 and Year 13 students as they reached their respective "Stand Down" days and began their GCSE and A Level exams. The exam season is now in full flow and we wish them all the very best for what is left of this intense period. They have worked with immense dedication and we are already looking forward to seeing them let their hair down at their upcoming Proms, as well as celebrating their achievements with them on Results Day in August. We look forward to welcoming a significant number of our Year 11s back into the Sixth Form and we

hope that many of our departing Year 13s will return to support the school in the future and keep their connection to us alive.

Exploring the world around us

We pride ourselves on providing a wealth of diverse experiences that allow our students to expand their minds and broaden their horizons. This term has been exceptional for travel and experiential learning. Our students have explored far and wide, from the historic streets of Berlin with our Year 10 historians to the stunning landscapes of Sorrento for our Year 10 geographers. Closer to home, our Year 8 students enjoyed fantastic, immersive Warner Bros. trips, while our Drama students benefited from an enriching Stratford-upon-Avon residential alongside many other brilliant theatre trips throughout the term. Even as this half term draws to a close, our commitment to learning outside the classroom shows no signs of slowing down. Just this week, our Geography students have been out conducting their vital NEA trips and our Year 12 artists have headed off on an inspiring residential trip to Paris. Each of these opportunities allows our young people to discover their potential and I am incredibly grateful to the staff who give so selflessly of their time to make them happen.

To ensure an environment where every individual can continue to grow and flourish, maintaining consistency in our high expectations remains key. I thank our parents and carers for maintaining a unified approach to our school culture and uniform standards. I wish everyone in the Parmiter's family a restful, safe and rejuvenating holiday.

Nemo Sibi Nascitur!



Mr A Smith



Monday 1 June:

INSET Day - School closed to students

Tuesday 2 June:

Students in school (Week 2)

Monday 8 June:

Sports Day (Woodside)

Thursday 25 June

OPEN DAY (No lessons today)

Friday 17 July

End of Term (Midday)

Tuesday 1 and Wednesday 2 September

INSET Days (Staff training)

Thursday 3 September

Year 7 and 12 Induction Day

Year 11 Study Skills Day

Friday 4 September

All Year groups in school

Free School Meal Vouchers for school holidays

A message from Herts County Council

Since December 2020, the Local Authority has been able to provide supermarket vouchers to families, supported through government funding streams. From October 2021 onwards, this was funded through the Household Support Fund, a national programme from the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) designed to help households with the cost of living.

The government has now confirmed that the Household Support Fund will come to an end in 2025. Unfortunately, this means we will no longer be able to issue vouchers to children who are entitled to benefit-related free school meals for the holiday periods.

We understand that this change may be difficult for some families, and we want to reassure you that support is still available. If you feel you may need additional help, we encourage you to visit the Hertfordshire County Council [‘Cost of Living Support’](#) pages on the council website, where you can find information about a range of services and assistance options.



PCA Update: A Fantastic Quiz Night with More to Come....

What a brilliant few weeks it has been for Parmiter's PCA.



We want to start with a huge celebration of our recent **Quiz Night**, which was a fantastic success. A very big shout out goes to our new Quiz Master, **Denise**, who, with the help of her family, created such an exciting and enjoyable evening. The event was virtually sold out, with **19 teams competing**, and together we raised **over £1,500**.

It was a wonderful evening full of laughter, friendly competition and real community spirit. A huge thank you must also go to everyone who volunteered on the night: those scoring, collecting answer sheets, running the raffle, helping behind the bar, clearing up afterwards and generally keeping the evening running smoothly. Special thanks also go to **Tina** for preparing and putting together the raffle prizes.

A fantastic time was had by all, and we are already looking forward to doing it again. Our next Quiz Night will be announced in the coming months, so please keep an eye on our social media posts.

We were also delighted to run the bar for the **Senior Sports Awards Evening**, where the very best of Parmiter's sporting achievements were celebrated. As a PCA, we thoroughly enjoyed being part of such a positive evening and we would like to say congratulations once again to all the winners, runners-up and everyone recognised for their hard work, dedication and sporting spirit.

Looking ahead, we have several important events coming up where the PCA will be supporting the school:

17 June – Transition Tea Party, 4.30pm to 5.30pm

We will be providing refreshments for families of some of the children joining Parmiter's in September, giving them a chance to meet others and feel welcomed into the school community.

25 June – Open Evening, 4.00pm to 8.00pm

The PCA will be providing refreshments throughout what is always a very busy evening. This year, we also intend to make use of the Snack Shack.

7 July – Headteacher's Evening, 4.00pm to 6.30pm

We will be providing refreshments outside, with pre-loved uniform available inside for children and families joining Parmiter's in September.

As always, we need lots of support, both on the day and in the preparation beforehand, including shopping and setting up. If you have not volunteered with us before, please do come along and get involved. These are some of our more social events and they are a great way to meet other like-minded parents and carers. We promise you will not be left on your own or in the dark. We will also be announcing our next PCA social evening soon, so please watch this space.

Finally, we are looking for anyone who may be interested in joining the **PCA Committee**. Tina will be stepping down as Vice Chair, and we would welcome new people to come forward and be part of the team. We know how busy life can be, many of us work full-time and juggle family life too, so we understand the pressures. The PCA is a supportive group and we work together to make things manageable, enjoyable and worthwhile.

From all of us at the PCA, thank you for your continued support. Have a wonderful break, enjoy the pause, and come back refreshed.

All the best

Greg Longmore (Chairman) and the Parmiter's Parents' & Carers' Association Team

"Sometimes the best communities are built not by doing big things alone, but by many people doing small things together."



Opportunity

During the Easter holiday, 60 GCSE Geography students took part in an enrichment trip to Sorrento and the Bay of Naples. We set off on Monday morning and, after a midday flight to Naples, we made it to our hotel in Sorrento in time for some food and to find our bedrooms.

Tuesday morning saw us visit Herculaneum. However, rather unseasonal weather including high winds and snowfall meant that, disappointingly, our planned hike up Mount Vesuvius was cancelled.

On Wednesday, we ventured across the sea to visit the Island of Capri. Again, high winds played havoc with our plans and our boat trip around the island was curtailed as the sea was too dangerous for the smaller pleasure boats to safely circumnavigate the island. However, we did still see the famous rocks of Faraglioni. Wednesday evening saw us make our visit to David Gelateria, where the owner Mario provided his very entertaining demonstration of the process to make artisan Gelato and everyone got to taste a range of flavours, which was a real highlight for many!

As the high winds continued on Thursday, our planned boat trip to Amalfi became a bus ride instead. We enjoyed spectacular views from the famous Amalfi Drive and we spent some free time in the beautiful town of Amalfi.

For our final morning, we visited a local lemon grove and sampled some local delicacies. We had time for one more excursion as we headed back to the airport, and this was to visit the underground tunnel complex that runs under Naples. Students saw how water was first piped into Naples, and also some of the places that were used to shelter during WW2.

As we headed home, we all felt a little bit exhausted as we had packed so much into our time away. Despite the fact that the sun was rather reluctant to shine this year, and the wind was much more dominant, we all brought home some amazing memories!

Team Geography looks forward to returning to Sorrento again next Easter and to introduce another group of students to this amazing locality.





Drama Residential

Earlier in the Spring, our Year 10 and Year 12 Drama students attended a Drama filled weekend away to Ingestre Hall Arts Residential Centre.

All students developed their page to stage skills, with an inspiring bespoke workshop from the Royal Shakespeare Company, where students brought key moments of the tragic story of Macbeth to life.

Following on from this, the students undertook site specific devising tasks, using the incredible stately home as our stimulus. The performances were a mixture of class and period dramas to supernatural paranormal investigations.

A real highlight of the weekend was our Murder Mystery Party, where we were transported to a 1920's America Jazz Bar.

The students commitment to their characters was truly remarkable, their costumes, use of voice and physicality all led to them solving the case at hand.



A group of Year 7 students had a fabulous time at the Sky Studios in Elstree earlier this month. They were given a tour of the studios and an insight into the opportunities for careers and jobs within the film and television industry.

Sky Studios ~ Elstree

The group was shown original props from the films Jurassic Park and Wicked and, armed with their new knowledge, they then assumed the roles of director, editor, cameraman and actor to make their own short films. What a trip!





Year 10 Work Experience

Last week, 10 Year took part in Work Experience Week, with students undertaking meaningful placements in a wide range of business sectors and educational establishments. This was the culmination of a number of months of organisation and preparation to ensure that they were ready for the big week! These placements were curated and delivered by professional connections that Parmiter's has grown over the years, and also by numerous parents, carers and alumni who were so generous in offering their time and input to support students in their own workplaces.

It was a pleasure for me and other staff members to visit so many students on their placements during the week, and to see them fully engaging and thriving in their respective workplaces, undertaking tasks and projects to an excellent standard. The feedback from the employers has been excellent and a testament to the students representing not only the school, but most importantly themselves in a professional environment.

Every year, this Year 10 Work Experience Week Programme is an excellent opportunity for our students to not only experience the workplace and learn how to behave in a professional environment, but also to start developing the key skills that will be transferable to all industry sectors and an understanding of the breadth of opportunities available to them both on their doorstep and further afield.

Mrs Zanetti



Our Careers Fair ~ your opportunity to take part!

On **Friday 10 July** we are holding our traditional **Careers Fair** and we would like to offer parents and carers the opportunity to have a stand to represent their business or organisation.

This event will be a celebration and promotion of local and national businesses, both small and large, to increase students' awareness of the variety of business and sectors represented in our local community and beyond, and showcase the breadth of careers and opportunities within these businesses.

Alongside our longstanding regular business attendees, we want to offer our parents and carers a platform to promote their businesses and publicise opportunities with our school community and beyond. For example; work experience opportunities for future year groups, career opportunities with students who will be thinking about their next steps such as apprenticeships, post-18 jobs, placements during degrees, or post-graduate opportunities.

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Community

All students in Years 9, 10 and 12 will be attending the Fair during the school day, with other local schools invited as well. After school, there will be the opportunity for parents, carers and students from any year group to attend, thereby widening the scope for interaction.

The Fair will take the format of stands around the Main Hall area (we provide tables for you, but you can also bring your own equipment if you wish) and will run from 12.20 - 5.30pm. We appreciate that this is a long time commitment and we are able to be flexible with the time businesses can commit.

If you would like to attend, please fill out a few details on [this form](#) and we will get back to you.

We hope you will be able to join us to make the Careers Fair an end of year celebration of how our school community interacts with the business community near and far.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions: Mrs J Zanetti: j.zanetti@parmiters.herts.sch.uk



On Friday 24 April, students held the first **Parmiter's Thrift event**, raising an amazing £261 which was donated to hertsyounghomeless.

The event was brilliantly supported by students and their families who donated some great items of clothing and accessories. Much fun was had by all as they perused the rails and table

displays, whilst listening to some great music.

Sixth Form's Fashion Society proposed this event because, in our modern society, there are so many clothes going to landfill. By reusing clothes, selling them online, donating them to charities or through this events like this, we can become more sustainable and help clothes have a second life. The students were so pleased with how the event was received and look forward to running the next one.

Year 12 students completing their Industrial Cadets project ran a stall at the event, selling cookies and 3D gifts and, as well as making enough to cover their project expenses, they were able to generously donate towards the hyh charity. Well done to everyone who got involved with this environmental and sustainable event.

Stop press!

From Herts Young Homeless ~

“Your support is so appreciated by us and the money you have raised will help us to support young people locally at risk of homelessness. We couldn't do it without you and are so pleased to have been chosen. All the money raised will help us to support young people across Hertfordshire who are facing homelessness and is the equivalent of:

- ◆ 4 hours of Mediation sessions for a young person and their family to help prevent family breakdown, which is the leading cause of youth homelessness
- ◆ 2 Education sessions for up to 30 students a session, to equip them with the knowledge and skills to advert a crisis (like the ones your students will have been part of)
- ◆ 1 weeks' worth of food and essentials for 9 young people
- ◆ 26 calls answered to the hyh Advice Line to help a young person facing crisis
- ◆ 6.5 hours of counselling for young people
- ◆ 5.5 hours of Outreach for a young person facing homelessness to provide vital support “

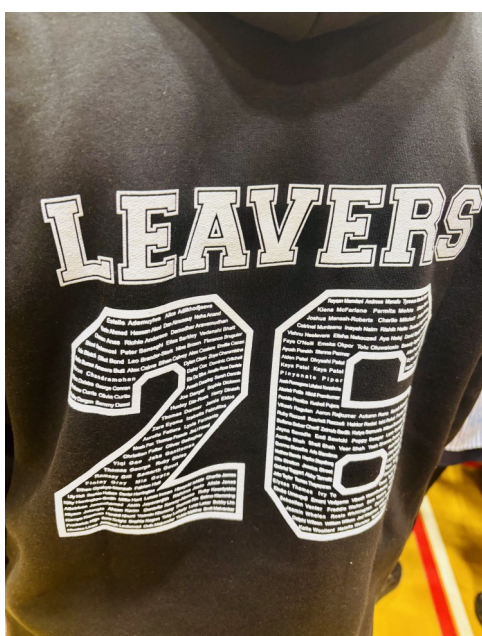


Farewell!



This half term sees us bid farewell to our Year 11 and 13 students as they stand down to begin their public GCSE and A Level exams.

The goodbyes began with the Summer 'Leavers' Concert on 30 April. Each Leaver wore a button hole for their final performance and the audience enjoyed a brief citation as Mr Bates reviewed their individual Parmiter's musical career.



Year 11 collected their Yearbooks and Leavers' Hoodies on 6 May. Mr Smith wished them all well at their final assembly before Mrs Sellers shared a farewell film and memories of their time at Parmiter's .

Year 13 Stand Down 2026

Our Year 13 celebrated the landmark of standing down from Parmiter's on Friday 8 May with the now traditional fancy dress, silly games, chicken nuggets, ice cream van and emotional speeches. We wish them all the best for their forthcoming exams and beyond. A truly lovely bunch of students!

Good luck to you all!

Mr Henson



It has been another exceptional period for school sport, with students continuing to impress across a range of competitions and fixtures. From County titles to Regional qualification, the dedication and commitment shown by all teams has been outstanding.

Cricket

In cricket, the Years 7, 8, 9, and 10 teams have all enjoyed an excellent season so far, with every side progressing to the County Plate quarter-finals. The standout achievement came from the Year 9 team, who have already secured victory in their quarter-final and now move on to the semi-finals. The future looks incredibly promising as the cricket season continues.



Girls' Football

There was fantastic success in girls' football, where the Senior Girls produced a dominant performance to win the County Plate Final against Dame Alice Owen's School. A superb 6 - 0 victory capped off an outstanding campaign.

Athletics

Our athletes have continued to excel, with all four teams - U13 Girls, U13 Boys, U15 Girls, and U15 Boys progressing from the County round to the Regional Championships. In addition, all four teams have placed strongly in the County League standings, with hopes high for qualification to the County Finals later in the season. The consistency and determination shown across all age groups has been exceptional.

Boys Tennis

In boys' tennis, the U14 doubles pair were crowned County Champions after an impressive victory against Habs in the final. The players demonstrated great composure and teamwork to secure a well-deserved title.

Girls' Tennis

There has also been an excellent start to the season in girls' tennis, with both District and County teams recording strong victories in their opening fixtures. Confidence is growing throughout the squad, and hopes of reaching the County finals are firmly in sight.



Rounders

The rounders season began with a fiercely contested local derby against St Michael's. The matches were played in excellent spirit, with strong performances and victories across several year groups, providing a brilliant start to the season.

Senior Sports Awards

We were delighted to hold our inaugural Senior Sports Awards Evening, where over 120 members of the Parmiter's community came together to celebrate sporting achievement and success over the past year. The evening was a tremendous success, recognising the dedication, commitment and accomplishments of students across a wide range of sports.

It was fantastic to see such strong attendance and engagement from students, their families and staff, creating a wonderful atmosphere.

The evening also provided an excellent opportunity for members of the school community to come together, interact and celebrate the positive impact of sport within the school. We look forward to building on this success and hosting an even bigger event next year.

Our Junior Sports Awards will be held at the end of July, full details to follow.








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Young Carers Offer

Support for Young Carers is now being provided by a new Young Carers team within Hertfordshire County Council, following the end of the young carer contract with Carers in Hertfordshire.

This includes assessments, help with managing caring responsibilities, regular reviews, ensuring the voices of young carers inform the support they receive, and support in preparing for adulthood.

The registration process for young carers is now via a new [Young Carers webpage](#). This new webpage has been developed in collaboration with young carers and their families and includes information about the support available, team contact details, and 'a Day in the Life of' form to register a young carer online so that they can get the support they need.

Hertfordshire County Council has contacted all registered young carers directly to welcome them, provide updated contact information, details on how to access support, and a link to the new webpage.

CHILDREN'S SHOWS, FILMS and EVENTS

MAY 2026

Hoppers 
Monday 4 May
11am & 3pm
TICKETS £4.50 adults, £3.50 children

Bluey at the Cinema 
Sunday 10 May
11am & 3pm
TICKETS £4.50 adults, £3.50 children

The Magic Faraway Tree 
Sunday 17 May
11am & 3pm
TICKETS £4.50 adults, £3.50 children

The Super Mario Galaxy Movie 
Tuesday 26 May
11am & 3pm
TICKETS £4.50 adults, £3.50 children

Dinosaur Live 
Wednesday 27 May
12.30pm & 3.30pm
TICKETS £18.50 adults, £16.50 children

Unicorn Live! 
Friday 29 May
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