

Headmaster's message



Welcome to the first InForm newsletter of 2025 and a Happy Valentine's Day to all of you reading this on the day of publication! As you will see from the following pages, it has been another busy and highly productive start to a new

calendar year with our students excelling in their academic and extra-curricular pursuits.

New Staff

We were pleased to welcome Mrs Roberts, who joined the Finance Team in January. Mrs Sanders, who has worked as a Teaching Assistant in the SEN team for the past 18 years, leaves us as we end this half term. We are incredibly grateful for her hard work and commitment to our students during her time with us and wish her a long and happy retirement.

Post 18 aspirations and our ambitious Year 11s

I'd like to start by celebrating the hard work and commitment of our current Year 13 cohort, who have completed their trial examinations during the past few weeks. We are excited to see them receiving such prestigious offers from Oxbridge and Russell Group universities, as well a number of Degree Apprenticeships.

The last few weeks have also given me a chance to review December's trial examination results and see the huge strides our current Year 11 cohort are making towards accomplishing another set of impressive GCSE results this summer. Their focus and commitment to their studies, plus the extensive support being provided by staff, means they are set to fulfil their ambitions to pursue A Level study or secure Post 16 vocational qualifications.

Performing Arts Show – “Dreams and Nightmares”

For the second year in a row, our annual Performing Arts show was staged at the Watersmeet Theatre in Rickmansworth. Once again, the superb venue provided a fitting showcase for such abundant student talent that filled the stage. As ever, we could not have felt prouder of the superb choreography and directorial skills of our student body. Whilst most of these were students in the Sixth Form, what was as pleasing to see was so many of our Dance leaders, who led group performances by our Key Stage 3 students, coming from Years 10 and 11.

The audience was privileged to enjoy the superb work of so many students in the varied dance, gymnastic and Drama performances. Congratulations to all the students involved and our sincere thanks go to the PE and Drama Departments and, of course, to Miss Burnham who oversaw and led it all.

A Level Solo Performance Music Recital & The Winter Picnic Concert

A Level Musicians from Years 12 and 13 hosted a delightful series of solo recitals in January. We have been spoiled by the amount of creative endeavour we have been able to enjoy this half term.

Congratulations to our A Level Musicians who hosted a solo performance evening to showcase their talents. Congratulations too, to students from all Key Stages who took part in Wednesday night's Winter Picnic Concert. Yet another extremely entertaining and impressive musical experience. Thank you to our Music Department and all the peripatetic teachers who led group performances and, in particular, Miss Birley who took oversight over the event.

PCA Quiz Night fundraising and charity work

Finally, thank you also to our amazing Parents and Carers Association and all their fundraising work this half term. A highlight was our PCA Quiz, with our very own Quiz Master, Mr Hawes. Thank you to all our PCA members and helpers and the whole parent and carer body who supported the event to raise almost £2,000 for the school.

I hope and trust you all experience an enjoyable half term, especially those about to set off on our annual Ski trip including all my colleagues and trip leader Mr Cummings.

I look forward to welcoming students back to school on Tuesday 25th February.

My very best wishes to you all,

Michael Jones
Headmaster

Term dates:

Monday 24 February: Staff Training Day

Spring Term, second half:

Tuesday 25 February - Friday 4 April (12 noon)

Summer Term, first half:

Tuesday 22 April - Friday 23 May

Monday 2 June: Staff Training Day

Summer Term, second half:

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we wrap up another fantastic term, we want to take a moment to reflect on all the wonderful events we've shared and extend our heartfelt gratitude to our incredible **Parents and Carers Association (PCA) team**. Your dedication, time and energy have made a huge impact on our school community, helping us raise vital funds for our students whilst fostering a strong and supportive environment for all.

This term, we also mourn the loss of **Cathryn Barnett**, a valued member of our PCA team. Her funeral was on **February 11th** and was attended by members of the PCA. Cathryn's commitment and kindness touched many lives, and she will be sorely missed by all who had the privilege of working alongside her. Our thoughts are with her family and friends during this difficult time. Her dedication to the PCA is a reminder of the incredible work that all our volunteers do and we want to express our deepest gratitude to everyone who continues to support our school community.

Fund Raising Events - A Great Start to 2025!

We kicked off the year with our first **Uniform Sale** at the end of January, raising an impressive **£475!** A huge thank you to everyone who came along to support and to those who volunteered their time to make it such a success.



In February, we hosted another **Quiz Night**, a fantastic sell out social event bringing together returning guests and first-time quizzers alike. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with many commenting on what a brilliant evening it was.

We raised a new record breaking **£1954**. Thank you to one and all who participated.

We'd like to extend a **huge thank you to David Hawes**, who has been our quiz master for over a dozen events, crafting nearly 2,000 questions over the years. David, your enthusiasm and expertise have been invaluable and we are so grateful for the fun and memories you've created! A big round of applause from one and all. As David steps down, we are delighted to announce that **Denise Scott will be taking over as our new quiz master**. We can't wait to see what she has in store for us. Our next quiz date is **11th October** - it's sure to be another fantastic event!

Upcoming Events – Get Involved!

The next event we are supporting is the **Summer Leavers' Concert on April 2**. If you'd like to help out, we'd love to hear from you! Just drop us a note at pa@parmiters.herts.sch.uk.

Looking ahead, our next **Second-Hand Uniform Sale** will be on **Saturday 3rd May**. But don't worry if you miss any announcements - updates on all our upcoming events will be shared via **email, Classlist and our Facebook page**.

Join Our Amazing Team!

We are always looking for new members to join our fantastic PCA team. If you'd like to get involved, whether it's lending a hand at events, sharing new fundraising ideas, or simply connecting with our wonderful community, we'd love to have you on board. Just drop us an email - pa@parmiters.herts.sch.uk.

Until we meet again, have a fantastic break, and we look forward to seeing you at our next event!

Warm wishes,

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



10 students from Years 10 and 12 attended the annual **Oxford Globals Novice Nations MUN** conference between 7th to 9th February.

As with the last conference we attended in November, this was an incredible experience for our students, with hundreds of delegates attending from schools

across the globe. Students spent three days, in their individual committees, debating and coming up with solutions to a range of global issues, ranging from climate change to equitable development of new technologies and many more. Our students did incredibly well across every committee they were involved in and demonstrated exceptional leadership, speaking and diplomatic skills. MUN does, however, have a competitive element to it and we were so proud to see five of our students win awards during the conference. Special congratulations to Camille Vannier, Connie Lamek and Lilia De Souza who won awards in their first ever conference and to Sarah Dennis who won an award despite, not only attending her first ever conference, but had only joined MUN a few weeks ago and was therefore the least experienced member of our delegation!

My personal highlight of the weekend, however, was witnessing a truly titanic struggle in the 'Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice' between two rival blocs of countries, one of which was led by our Year 10 students Natalie Worsley and Shyla Patalasingh. They spent the weekend in opposition to a bloc of countries led by highly experienced 'MUNers' (they are pictured to the right in one of their many tense negotiations with their opponents) and triumphed on the final day by having their resolution narrowly passed instead and had to use all of their charismatic speaking and diplomatic skills to come out on top!

The club continues to go from strength to strength and our students are already looking forward to our next major conference coming up at the London School of Economics in March.

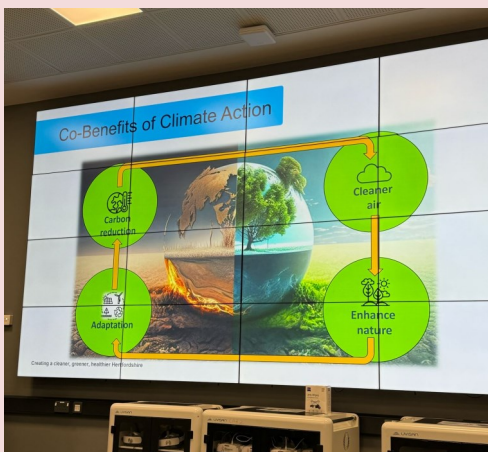
Mr Adaci



Youth COP event

Four students recently took part in the Youth COP event at the North Herts College, Stevenage, alongside peers from 27 other Hertfordshire schools. The event provided a platform for young people to discuss climate change,

sustainability and the actions we can take to protect our planet. Our students engaged in debates, collaborated on solutions and shared their ideas with local leaders. It was an inspiring day that highlighted the power of youth voices in shaping a greener future.





Stargardt's Connected

Raising awareness, Giving support, Seeking a cure

£629.57 was raised for Stargardt's Connected during the December Bakesale ~



MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

A lovely letter from Macmillan who we have supported through various events over the past year ~

Dear Parmiters School,

We appreciate your support

We are absolutely blown away by your incredible generosity in raising £5,471.17 for Macmillan! This is more than just a donation - it's a lifeline for so many people facing difficult times, providing them with the care, comfort, and support they desperately need. Your kindness, effort, and community spirit are truly inspiring, and we cannot thank you enough. Because of you, lives will be touched in ways that words can't fully express. Thank you for making such a meaningful difference.

To help to put this into perspective, £5,471.17 could help run our Online Community forum for 1 week. In this time, 13,525 people affected by cancer in the UK can give emotional and practical support to each other on anything to do with cancer – from treatments, to coping with everyday life, to the death of a loved one.

Whatever it takes

At Macmillan, we give people with cancer everything we've got. If you're diagnosed, your worries are our worries. We will move mountains to help you live life as fully as you can. And we don't stop there. We're going all out to find ever better ways to help people with cancer, helping to bring forward the day when everyone gets life-transforming support from day one.

Find out more about the impact of your support by visiting [Thanks to you.](#)

Thank you again for helping those people living with cancer.

New Hope



£460 was raised for the West Herts Hospitals Charity through the retiring collection at our Christmas Carol Service

STOP PRESS!
Loading the minibus with the donations sent into school this week for New Hope ~

Performing Arts Show

Parmiter's School presents...

DREAMS & NIGHTMARES



22nd January 2025, 7pm, £12

WATERSMEET THEATRE

Parmiter's School Performing Arts Show

Brought to you by the Drama & PE Departments

Cover Designed by Lex De Freitas



Boys' Football

The school's football teams have had an eventful and competitive season, with several squads achieving success in their respective leagues and competitions.

The 7A team performed well, narrowly missing out on a play-off spot, while the 7B team had a solid season, securing three wins. The 8A team faced some challenges, but showed potential for the future.

The 9A team enjoyed another successful season and are just one victory away from reaching the District Final. Meanwhile, the 9B team made an impressive run, reaching the later stages of the National Cup.

The 10A team had a mixed campaign in the District league but have progressed to the quarter-finals of the County Plate. The 11A team came heartbreakingly close to the District final, missing out by just two points, yet their season was still a success.

The 1st XI emerged as league champions, winning the District league and securing a place in the District Final later this term, where they will aim to finish the season on a high.

With strong performances across all age groups, the school's football teams have much to be proud of, setting a strong foundation for next season.



Rugby

This half term has seen the official start of our school rugby season. However, the weather has hampered this with only a handful of games being played.

The Year 7 team started with superb wins vs Queens' School and Dame Alice Owens School. A lot of promise in that group of students. The Year 8 team have also committed well to training but have only played one game in which they fell to a strong Queens' side. Years 9 and 10 are still awaiting their first games of the season, hopefully with success coming.

Girls' Football

Girls' football has had a fantastic run this half term, with continued success across multiple age groups. The U13 girls have shown great progress, steadily developing their skills and teamwork. Meanwhile, the U14 girls delivered impressive performances in the County Cup, securing their spot in the semi-finals after strong matches against Beaumont and Sandringham. Matching their success, the U15 girls have also fought their way to the semi-finals, demonstrating determination and skill. Both teams will compete in their semi-final matches next half term, with high hopes of reaching the finals and achieving county glory!



Netball

The school's netball teams have had a fantastic half-term, competing across a range of age groups from Year 7 to the senior teams. With 19 fixtures played and an impressive 14 wins, it has been a season full of achievement and determination.

The Year 7 teams have been highly active, with 7A, 7B and 7C all gaining valuable match experience and showcasing great potential for the future. Their enthusiasm and teamwork have been a highlight of the season.

A standout performance comes from the Year 10 team, who have excelled in their matches and progressed through the group stages into the later rounds of the County Cup. Their hard work and skill have earned them a well-deserved place among the competition's top teams.

With strong performances across all year groups, the teams have demonstrated exceptional talent and dedication, setting a solid foundation for even greater success in the future. Well done to all the players!



Badminton

Badminton continues to thrive, with impressive success and high participation. The KS4 badminton club is at full capacity every week, reflecting the sport's growing popularity. This momentum follows outstanding performances from all teams in District, County and National competitions.

Despite their strong efforts in the later rounds of the National competition, the U14 and U16 girls narrowly lost to Bedford and Cambourne Schools, showcasing incredible skill and determination throughout.

Meanwhile, the U16 boys' team has been exceptional, pulling off a remarkable win against reigning National champions King Edward

School in the quarter-finals of the National Cup. With a National Finals Day ahead in March, the team is eager to compete for the ultimate title - National champions!

Special mention must go to Vihaan in Year 7 (pictured right) who played in the Babolat French Borders Tournament at the end of January, representing England, and won Gold!! Congratulations Vihaan!



Cross-Country

This half-term featured two exciting cross-country events. The first was the District competition, where students from Years 7, 9 and 11 showcased their talent. The second was the County Cross Country Championships, held on a crisp February morning in St Albans, with competitors from all year groups participating in both the boys' and girls' races. Our athletes displayed incredible determination and resilience, making us immensely proud. A special highlight was Gina Luckhurst's outstanding performance, securing a well-earned bronze medal!



Supporting Parmiter's

We are committed to providing the best possible learning environment for our students. Your generous donations help us enhance school facilities, invest in new resources and create exciting opportunities for our young people.

By setting up a monthly donation, you can make a lasting impact:

- £5 per month – contributes to essential classroom supplies, ensuring students have the tools they need to succeed.
- £10 per month – helps fund extracurricular activities, giving students access to enriching clubs, workshops and guest speakers.
- £25 per month – supports the improvement of school facilities, from upgrading IT equipment to enhancing outdoor spaces.
- £50 per month – makes a significant contribution towards larger projects, such as new learning resources, technology and development initiatives.

Every donation, no matter the size, plays a vital role in enriching our students' education.

If you'd like to support Parmiter's, please visit our [fundraising site](#) or scan the QR code below:



Thank you for your ongoing support, for being part of our school community and helping us continue to provide excellence for our students.

For Accompanied Children & Any Adults

Children's Crafts

Hot Lunch

Totally Free

Pop-Up Cafe

12-2pm

Thursday

20th Feb Cafe

Pop-Up Cafe

All Saints Church Hall

All Saints Crescent
Garston WD25 0LU
office@allsaintslife

LADIES BE FIT

BOXERCISE

Wednesdays: 7.30pm - 8.15pm

Sessions Include: Bootcamp & HIIT

- ✓ Improve Flexibility & Mobility
- ✓ 90's, Garage & R'n'B Nights
- ✓ Stress Buster
- ✓ Great for Mental Wellbeing
- ✓ Fun & Effective
- ✓ Pad, Abs/Core Work
- ✓ Strengthen & Tone
- ✓ Stretch + Relaxation

Parmiters School
High Elms Ln,
Watford, WD25 0UU

Suitable for All Fitness Levels

Email: ladiesbefit@hotmail.com

f Ladies Be Fit i

Get the right help at the right time

early help, brighter futures

Need advice and support for your family?

- Relationship support
- Parenting Advice & Courses
- Emotional & Mental Health
- Staying healthy
- School attendance/anxiety
- Money advice
- Services for Young People
- SEND Local Offer
- Search local services and much more

Families First
Early help. brighter futures

SCAN

Hertfordshire

Visit Hertfordshire's Families First website:-
www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/familiesfirst