

## Headteacher's message

It is with immense pride and excitement that I introduce the InForm Newsletter for the first time as the new Headteacher of Parmiter's School. Taking the helm of such a distinguished institution is a true honour. I am sorry that, due to the time of the year, I was not able to host a specific introductory event for us all to meet at the school, but I look forward to meeting you at school events over the coming weeks, months and years ahead. Please come and introduce yourselves to me!

I was able to address all of your wonderful children via my inaugural school assemblies, which focused on the vital quality of kindness, which I feel is key to any successful community and resonates with our school values and motto. The assembly linked to the book 'Wonder' by RJ Palacio and the LRC team has brought my message to life with some fantastic competitions relating to the book and random acts of kindness. The energy and dynamism within these walls since the start of April have been truly inspiring. I have already had the pleasure of witnessing the support, dedication and talent that define 'The Parmiter's Family'.

We commemorated the 80th anniversary of VE with an incredibly moving assembly from Miss Harris and Mr Carter, highlighting how the nation and the Parmiter's School community were affected by the Second World War, VE day celebrations and the resilience shown in rebuilding a post war Britain. Mr Carter expanded on how our current Parmiterians could speak to their families to learn about their experiences before the choir performed a rendition of the commemorative VE day song, "I'll Remember" composed by Simon Haw MBE.



Throughout the week, twelve staff members shared photographs and stories from their relatives. These were presented through recorded interviews and slideshows, which were screened in the Hall during break and

lunchtimes. Finally, we rounded off the week with our VE Day picnic, which included dancing and music of the era on The Plaza; a beautiful and poignant way to finish a week for a school community containing Old Parmiterians who fought in conflicts throughout the history of the school.

Our students, across all year groups, have thrown themselves into their studies and the wider life of the school with characteristic enthusiasm and recent weeks have been a testament to this vibrant spirit. Our athletics teams lead the way in the County League competition. Anna in Year 9 (pictured right) scored the two goals and was player of the match in Hertfordshire's first National Cup win for over 30 years, while the Year 10 boys' football team competed gallantly in the Hertfordshire Plate Final. These are just a few highlights that show the fantastic example of the sporting prowess nurtured here, and, beyond this success, I have been impressed by the numerous triumphs in a range of sports this half term. My sincere congratulations go to all the students involved and my deepest gratitude to our dedicated PE department for their incredible work in providing so many opportunities.



The musical heart of Parmiter's has been beating strongly. I was invited on my first day to attend the future 'Turn It Up!' concert and I understand there may be a tradition forming of Headteachers joining one of the bands for a song; I cannot promise any vocal talent but it has been impressive to see the student-led initiative in action and visit some of their rehearsals to see the Parmiterian music stars of the future!

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After a beautiful coffee morning concert at St Lawrence's Church earlier this half term, the preparations are well under way for the next opportunity to see our exceptionally talented instrumentalists and vocalists at the Summer Picnic Concert in the Plaza and we look forward to seeing many of you there. More information on how to get tickets is coming soon! I would like to thank the Music Department for the fantastic work that they do.

Beyond the stage and the sports field, Parmiterians have been actively engaging with the world around them. Mr Clark was recognised for his contribution to the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme alongside a number of other Parmiterians collecting their Gold Awards, which is an incredible achievement. I was delighted to join a new cohort of Year 10 students embarking on their Duke of Edinburgh journey and we were pleased to hear that we are the 4th placed school nationally for the number of awards achieved this year!



Year 10 did not stop there in what has been a busy half term for them. Following their Duke of Edinburgh training day, they headed off on work experience. Mrs Zanetti received incredible feedback from their employers and I am sure they gained valuable experience in planning their futures and building their aspirations towards future career pathways as a result.

As we embark on this new chapter, I want to acknowledge the outstanding leadership of Mr Jones. He has guided Parmiter's with unwavering dedication and has undoubtedly left the school in a strong and flourishing position. I know the entire Parmiter's Family joins me in wishing him a happy and fulfilling retirement.

I am eager to build upon the remarkable legacy established by Mr Jones who was rightfully recognised for his services to education with an invite to the King's garden party at Buckingham Palace earlier this month and I thank him and all the staff for the extraordinary position that Parmiter's School is in, as one of the country's top schools academically, and the happiest in Watford!

Looking ahead, my ambition is to build upon these firm foundations. I am committed to fostering an environment where every student can reach their full potential, both academically and personally. We will continue to champion a holistic education, celebrating not only academic excellence but also the rich tapestry of co-curricular activities that make Parmiter's so special. We are now seeking to develop the school site to improve the educational experience of staff and students alike and I want to thank the Parents' and Carers' Association (PCA) for their warm welcome and generous donation which will allow us to introduce a catering pod to the Plaza, shortening canteen waiting times, bringing new menu offerings and allowing the students to access even more of our great co-curricular offerings. I encourage you to support the PCA in any way that you can through donating, volunteering and attending the many events that they offer throughout the year to raise vital funds. Details of our next project will be coming soon.

Meeting the Old Parmiterians at their Annual Dinner at the start of May, as such a passionate group of people whose lives have been entwined since their school days, really brought our *Nemo Sibi Nascitur* motto to life. They even gave me the honour of singing a solo in their school song 'The Best', which is apt given this has been one of the best half terms of my career and together, I am confident that we can continue to elevate Parmiter's School and ensure a bright future for all Parmiterians.

We have a lot to look forward to in the last half term of the year. Alongside the many other activities and celebrations we have to look forward to in the second half of the summer term, we will be welcoming back Old Parmiterian, Arsenal goalkeeper and sustainability activist, Alexei Rojas, for our Junior Speech Night and will see the return of the Parmiter's Fringe Festival!

I am excited to work in partnership with our dedicated staff, supportive parents and carers, and of course, our remarkable students. I look forward to meeting many of you in the weeks and months ahead and wish our Year 11 and Year 13 well with their ongoing exams.

*Nemo Sibi Nascitur!*

Headteacher



## Class of '25



The sun shone on Years 11 and 13 as they stood down from lessons in preparation for the public exam period.

We wish them all the very best of luck in the coming weeks and beyond!





**WHAT A RESULT** - Our recent **Second-Hand Uniform and Book Sale** raised a whopping £688 – and it's all thanks to **YOU**, our amazing parents, carers and volunteers. Every pound goes straight back into making Parmiter's even better for all our students.

### A Warm Welcome to Mr Smith

We've had our first meeting with our new Headteacher, Mr Smith, who is not only super supportive of the PCA but even popped into our **Second-Hand Uniform and Book Sale**! It meant a lot to see Mr Smith's enthusiasm in person - we're looking forward to a brilliant year ahead with him cheering us on!

### Christmas Fair: Yes, We're Already Planning!

It may be spring, but the early bird catches the mince pie!

### We need your help!

- **A local Watford estate agent to sponsor Christmas Fair advertising** (Parents: do you work in property, or have a brilliant agent to recommend?)

- **Three volunteers for our Christmas team: help with tombola setup** (Fri 14 Nov, 5pm) and running the stalls (Sat 15 Nov, 11am–3pm).

To get involved (and for legendary mince pie status): [pa@parmiters.herts.sch.uk](mailto:pa@parmiters.herts.sch.uk)

**Deadline for estate agent suggestions: 6 June**

### Wanted: Your Donations!

We'll soon collect second-hand uniform, study books, trainers and astro turf boots, etc. Please keep an eye out for PCA messages – your contributions make all the difference!

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**EMAIL:** [pa@parmiters.herts.sch.uk](mailto:pa@parmiters.herts.sch.uk)

Have an amazing break and we will see you on the other side ready to go.

Warmest regards

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

*"Individually, we are one drop. Together, we are an ocean." – Ryunosuke Satoro*





## Careers ~ Year 10 Work Experience

Our Year 10 cohort all took part in the school's Work Experience Programme, when they attended a week of organised work experience to learn more about potential career pathways and opportunities and to develop key employability skills.



The organisations our students attended covered a breadth of career sectors including engineering, education, law, finance, charity, local government, healthcare, business, architecture, computing, hospitality, performing arts, retail and sports. Mrs Zanetti and other staff members visited many of the placements during the week and it was fantastic to see our students in a different setting clearly thriving, conducting themselves in a mature and professional manner and enjoying what they were doing.



The skills they will have developed; communication, teamwork, initiative, adaptability and resilience, will be useful in any job applications, university or apprenticeships. Now the students are back in school, we look forward to learning about what they achieved and will be encouraging them to share their experiences with their peers, so they can all learn from each other's experiences.



For the majority, this was their first time in a professional work environment and we are pleased to report that the feedback from employers has been overwhelmingly positive. Our students behaved in an exemplary manner, engaging fully with the opportunities offered and the tasks they were asked to complete. They were excellent representatives of Parmiter's School and, more importantly, they showcased the best versions of themselves and we are very proud of their achievements.



Thank you to all the parents and carers who supported their children in both helping them arrange placements and/or in facilitating work experience at their workplaces. Your support is invaluable and we really appreciate your time in organising such meaningful experiences for your children. We have also developed links with numerous employers who were able to support students who had not been able to source work experience themselves. Developing relationships with businesses, to provide opportunities for our Students, is key to the Careers programme at Parmiter's.

We welcome contact from any parents or carers who would like to support our students in the future, either with work experience or other careers-related engagement, such as attending Careers Fairs or giving talks. Please contact Mrs Zanetti if you would like to discuss this further: [j.zanetti@parmiters.herts.sch.uk](mailto:j.zanetti@parmiters.herts.sch.uk)





## Year 8 Textiles workshop with Renae Cotton

Renae Cotton is a London based Textile Designer who creates bespoke prom and wedding dresses. She ran 2 x 2 hour workshops with 8 students each, discussing and demonstrating how fabric can be manipulated to create different effects on fashion garments.

The students worked in pairs to create their own fashion outcomes on the mannequins, using these newly learnt techniques and lots of pinning! The students learnt fabric manipulation techniques like roping, pleating, gathering, plaiting and weaving.



## Years 12 & 13 Artwork

Working with a local clinical psychologist and some of her patients, our students created artwork for a session using trees as a metaphor. Their artwork eventually travelled to London for a bigger exhibition.

Hertfordshire Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (HPFT) provides mental health and learning disability services across Hertfordshire. We received this message from Dr Banks in response to the art:



*Everyone agrees that the artwork is just beautiful. It set the scene for the group before any of us knew where the sessions would take us. It has been as much a part of the group as the facilitators and attendees.*

*Thank you from all of us here at HPFT!*

*With best wishes,  
Dr Banks*



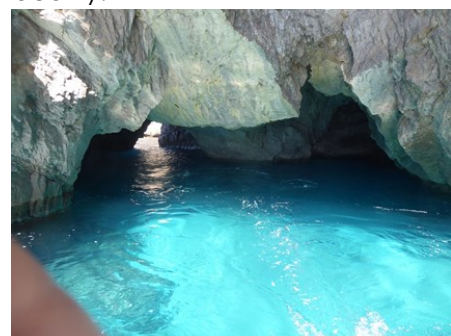
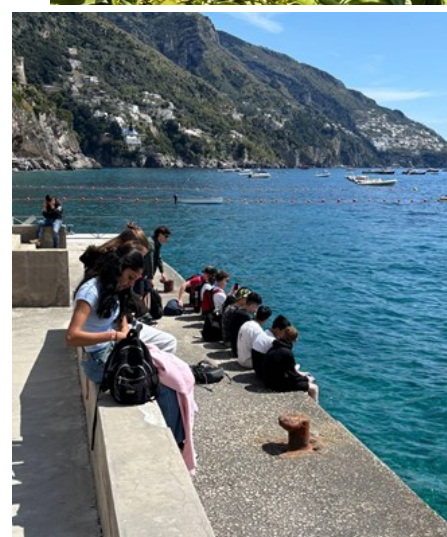
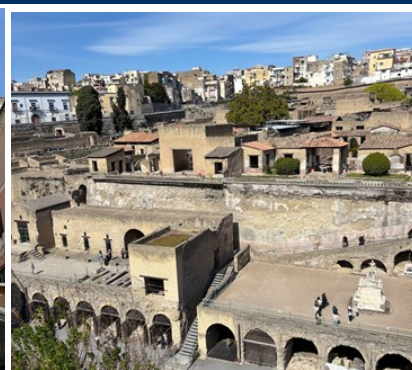


On a sunny Saturday morning in May, some of our wonderful musicians were to be found performing in St Lawrence Church in Abbots Langley. First up was **Jazz Workshop**, a group of musicians from Year 7 through to Year 13, led by Mr Walker (our saxophone teacher). Their warmly-received first set of three pieces included well known jazz standards; *The Chicken* and *Mercy, Mercy, Mercy*, which immediately engaged the audience. It was then the **Brass Ensemble's** turn to introduce a suite of three contrasting pieces inspired by early 20th century popular American music culture, *Americana*, with each movement being stylishly delivered with a confident sound that filled the church. This was followed by an exquisitely played classical guitar solo from departing A Level music student, Michael, and Schubert's *String Quintet in C (1st movement)*, from the student-led **string quintet**. Both provided spellbinding performances that made the most of the soaring church acoustics. To round off our concert, Jazz Workshop provided a second set that included an unusual arrangement of *It Happens Everyday* for melodica and a rousing rendition of *Duffin* 'Round to close. Thank you, as always, to the parents and carers who support and come to listen to our students perform. It was a wonderful opportunity for our talented young musicians to share an eclectic mix of music with a new audience in a different environment. A special thanks to the vicar and St Lawrence church community for inviting us and making us feel so welcome - what a wonderful way to start a bank holiday weekend!





## Sorrento 2025



During the Easter holiday, 39 GCSE Geography students took part in an enrichment trip to Sorrento and the Bay of Naples. We made our first stop at Naples Underground. No relation to its London namesake, this is a series of underground tunnels below modern day Naples which date back thousands of years, and which feature a Greco-Roman aqueduct and bomb shelters which were used during World War 2.

We climbed Mount Vesuvius, enabling us to see into the crater, and we visited Herculaneum which was buried by pyroclastic flow during the famous Vesuvius eruption of AD79.

We visited the beautiful island of Capri, enjoying a superb boat trip around the island to see the rock formations and cliffs which make the landscape so dramatic. We also spent a day visiting Positano and Amalfi, experiencing local culture and seeing some of the famous landmarks of the Amalfi Drive.

For our final morning, we visited a local lemon grove and sampled some local delicacies. Exhausted, but full of amazing memories, we headed home for a well deserved Easter break!

These photos don't do justice to the spectacular scenery which we witnessed, but may offer a flavour of some of the fantastic places that we visited.

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

### I'm looking for a new home - can you help?

If you have a fish tank that you no longer use, please consider donating it to our Science department to provide a new home for our axolotls. Please contact Miss Lange if you can help -

[l.lange@parmiters.herts.sch.uk](mailto:l.lange@parmiters.herts.sch.uk)





## Berlin



In April, 68 Year 10 students went on a History trip to Berlin, Germany.

On the first day, students took part in a walking tour through Berlin. Here, we were able to see many historically significant parts of Berlin, including the Brandenburg gate, the Reichstag building and the Holocaust Memorial (among many others). All of these gave a vivid insight into German history.

The second day involved a visit to Sachsenhausen concentration camp. It was an informative, though sombre, visit that enabled students to understand much more about the experiences of the victims of Nazi Germany. Later, students visited Berlin Wall memorial at Bernauer Strasse which helped them further understand the nature of Germany's division during the Cold War.

Next was a guided tour of the Berlin Unterwelten, where students were separated into groups, either doing a Cold War bunker tour, or WW2 bombing raid tour. Students were particularly fascinated with the Cold War nuclear bunkers, given how impractical and unrealistic they truly would be - another insight into the futility of many actions taken in the Cold War.

The final day began with a visit to the Checkpoint Charlie museum, where students were really able to find more about the effects of the Berlin Wall through written extracts, films and documents, particularly on families and individuals - giving them a firsthand look into Cold War Germany.

The trip ended with an in-depth tour of the Olympiastadion. Although having historic links with Nazi Germany, students also learned about its modern use and its development over time as one of the most developed modern stadiums.

Overall, both students and staff found the trip extremely valuable, giving an insight into very significant sections of German history.



## Athletics

It's been a fantastic start to the season for all four of our athletics teams. The U13 Girls, U13 Boys, U15 Girls and U15 Boys have shown outstanding form in the first four County League meets, with all teams currently sitting in the top four of their respective tables - well in contention for the County Finals. In the ESAA Track & Field competition, all four teams have continued their dominance, with all four teams also qualifying for the Area Finals after half term. The students' dedication, drive, and passion for improvement have clearly paid off. Athletics at our school is stronger than ever - we're a force to be reckoned with as we approach the business end of the season!



## School Records

This athletics season has seen a number of outstanding performances which has meant that a number of school records have been broken, some that have stood for a long time.

School record breakers for their age category/year group are:

- ♦ Hurdles - Emily Todd (Year 8) - 12.0s
- ♦ Triple Jump - Dina Bozorgi (Year 8) - 9.73m
- ♦ Triple Jump - Anna Anene (Year 9) - 10.68m
- ♦ Long Jump - Jayden Eiremiokhae (Year 7) - 4.78m
- ♦ 800m - Jonah McNaught (Year 8) - 2:13.2
- ♦ 1500m - Jonah McNaught (Year 8) - 4:37.5
- ♦ 300m - Ramsey Gill (Year 10) - 38.6s
- ♦ High Jump - Peter Bansaghi (Year 10) - 1.82m
- ♦ Long Jump - Jaquim Veneracion (Year 10) - 6.43m
- ♦ Pole Vault - Ramsey Gill (Year 10) - 4.00m



## Cricket

The cricket season is in full swing and it's been a winning start for all year groups from Years 7 to 10. Each team has successfully navigated the first round of their league and County fixtures, securing their spots in the second round. With strong performances across the board, there's plenty of promise for a successful summer on the pitch.

## Tennis

There has been plenty of action on the tennis courts this half term. The Year 7/8 boys' County team remain unbeaten, showcasing real talent and teamwork. The U14 boys have also enjoyed success, progressing confidently in the National competition. Meanwhile, the U16 girls have made it through to Round 3 and are gearing up for an exciting match against Bedford Girls' School. A superb term for school tennis all around!



## Rounders

Rounders has seen fantastic participation and commitment from students across the board. The teams have delivered some excellent performances, particularly in the away fixtures against RMS and St Michael's. It's been great to see so many students getting involved and enjoying their sport - rounders continues to thrive!



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