

## Headteacher's message



### **A Season of Celebration and Community**

As we approach the end of an incredibly vibrant autumn term, I am writing to you following our wonderful Christmas Dinner. It was a joy to see the school community come together in such high spirits, and I would like to extend a huge

thank you to our exceptional kitchen staff. They worked tirelessly to produce such a fantastic festive meal, allowing us all to celebrate the season as one big Parmiter's Family.

This edition of our newsletter is packed with stories that reflect the heart of our school, including updates from the Parents' and Carers' Association (PCA) and highlights from the Christmas Fair. You will also find articles on our Festival Concerts, the Christian Union Social Event and important Estate updates regarding our ongoing commitment to sustainability. However, there is so much more to what has happened in school this half term, which I have tried to give you a flavour of here.

### **Living Our Values: Nemo Sibi Nascitur**

Our school motto, Nemo sibi nascitur - "No one is born unto themselves alone" - has been strikingly visible this half-term. Our students have embraced the value of Community through numerous charitable initiatives, including: Charity Hampers and Cards of Kindness: Spreading festive cheer to those in need. Anthony Nolan and Blood Donation: Our Sixth Form students showed immense maturity during the Blood Donation visit and Anthony Nolan event.

We were honored to welcome members of the Parmiter's Almshouses and Pensioner's Charity from Bethnal Green for an afternoon of carols and fun. This was a moving opportunity for our students to connect with our history and support our former community members.

Our poignant Remembrance Parade allowed the whole school to pause and reflect with dignity with a moving assembly from Mr Redmond honouring Christopher Harrison, an Old Parmiterian who sadly lost his life in Afghanistan.

### **Aspiration and Academic Excellence**

We continue to set the bar high, providing the

opportunity for every individual to grow. This half-term has seen some truly prestigious achievements:

A massive congratulations to our debating team for their victory in the South-West Herts Debating competition. This prestigious event was hosted by Gagan Mohindra MP at the Houses of Parliament and judged by the Lord-Lieutenant of Hertfordshire, Robert Voss CBE CStJ.

In the GCHQ competition, our top team placed 29th out of over 2,500 schools nationwide, which is a staggering achievement.

Our students have remained focused through Trial Exams, Maths Challenge Competitions and the Oxford Model United Nations. While our Year 12 and 13 Economics students attended a conference featuring Ed Balls and other keynote speakers, the Sociology students visited the Royal Courts of Justice and West Herts College.

### **Creativity and Exploration**

From the stage to the laboratory, our students have immersed themselves in a wealth of experiences:

We were treated to an incredible performance of Twelfth Night, creatively set in 1960s London, with a fantastic soundtrack dreamt up by Mr Froy and Miss Windmill and executed beautifully, in the round, over three nights, by our very own Parmiterian Players. If you missed this year's school play, I urge you to keep the dates free in 2026 so that you can join us next year. We further explored careers available locally with the filmmakers evening, where students enjoyed an evening at Warner Bros. Studios, which even saw our school featured on BBC News.

More in school performances included a visiting MacBeth performance and some more of our own Parmiterians performing in the vibrant 'Plugged In 3' concert, before our very own House Pantomime Competition closed the curtain on the year of in school performances, the talent on display is breathtaking, oh yes it was!

Students explored the future at the Animal Aid Science Conference, took part in the Bright Sparks Computer Science visit and Year 10 Design and Technology students visited HH Global.

Our students have truly been global citizens this term, with successful expeditions to Iceland, Washington and a Sixth Form visit to Berlin.

### Sporting Prowess and Seasonal Fun

Our athletes have been equally busy with a jam packed schedule of fixtures you can read about on the following pages, from Ski Team Training at the Hemel Snow Dome to a unique Real Tennis trip to Hatfield House. We have also enjoyed a Careers in Golf day at The Grove, proving that the opportunities here extend far beyond the classroom. Finally, we ended the term with a delightful trip to the Watersmeet Theatre pantomime to see Beauty and the Beast!

### Staffing

We say thank you and farewell to Mrs Davitt and Mrs Febrianti, who are moving on at the end of term. Both have worked as Technicians in the Science Department. We welcome Miss Buttigieg and Miss Skobeeva, who are taking on these roles. Mr Procter left our Estate Team at the beginning of December after 10 years service. He goes with our gratitude and every best wish for his future career. Mr Dorey will be joining the Estate Team as a Caretaker in the New Year.

As we look toward the holidays, I want to thank our staff for their dedication and our students for the way they consistently embrace every opportunity with aspiration and a diligent approach to their studies. I also wish to thank you for supporting your children to make the most of their time at Parmiter's School and being our biggest supporters. If you want to stay up to date with what is happening in school, then please follow our Instagram page, which is where we are now sharing regular updates and pictures.

I wish you all a restful and peaceful holiday. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I am already excited to see what we will achieve together when we return in 2026.

Nemo Sibi Nascitur!



Mr A Smith  
Headteacher



@parmitersschool



### Beauty & the Beast, Watersmeet Theatre

The Parmiter's family was treated to a fabulous exclusive performance of Beauty & the Beast on Wednesday 17 December! We hope to repeat this event next year, so keep your eyes open for tickets when they go on sale - it really was a fun-packed evening for all the family!

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### The Spring Term starts on Monday 5 January 2026

**Friday 13 February** - End of first half

**Monday 23 February** - INSET Day, School closed for students

**Tuesday 24 February** - Second half begins

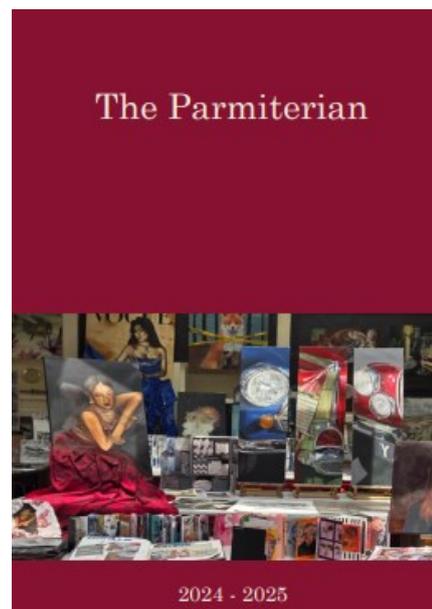
**Friday 27 March** - End of Term (Midday)

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### The Summer Term starts on Monday 13 April 2026

This year, we have distributed hard copies of The Parmiterian to all Year 7 students and to those families who requested one.

An electronic version of this year's edition is available to view on the school website [here](#).





As we draw this term to a close, the **Parents' and Carers' Association** would like to pause and offer one simple but heartfelt message: **Thank You!!**

Since our last update, the school community has come together for two wonderfully uplifting occasions, the **Christmas Gift Fair** and **The Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols**.

Both events reminded us not only what we can achieve together, but why we do it in the first place. Our deepest thanks go to **everyone** who gave their **time, energy** and **goodwill** so generously. Whether you helped plan behind the scenes, set up stalls, served

refreshments, cleared away at the end, or simply turned up to support the events, every contribution mattered. It is important to say this clearly: **without volunteers coming forward, none of this happens.**

The funds we raise, the events we enjoy and the community we build only exist because people like each one of you choose to give a little of their precious time. By staying together, welcoming new members and continuing to grow the PCA, we are ensuring that this success is sustainable. Most importantly, everything we do is for the **benefit of our children**. What we are building now, lays the foundations for others to build upon in years to come and the beneficiaries of that commitment are, and always will be, the students at

Parmiter's School. As mentioned, **The Christmas Gift Fair** was once again a highlight of the school calendar and we raised an incredible **£9131.08**. It was a joy to see families, students, staff and friends of the school coming together in such a festive and positive atmosphere.

Events like this showcase the very best of our community spirit and demonstrate what can be achieved when people rally together.



The **Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols** was a beautiful and reflective way to end the term.

We were delighted to support the evening by providing refreshments and to share in such a meaningful moment with the school community. Thank you to everyone who helped before the event itself, on the night and to those who attended and supported the event.



### A Special Thank You to Tina Canning.

We would like to take this opportunity to share that our Vice Chair, **Tina Canning**, will be stepping down later in 2026 and we will soon be looking for her replacement. Before that, however, a very special thank you is in order.

Tina has been nothing short of exceptional. Her dedication, organisation and calm command of complex logistics mean that large-scale events, particularly the Christmas Fair, are run with what can only be described as **military precision**. Clipboards, spreadsheets, timings, contingency plans... nothing escapes her watchful eye.

On a personal note, as Chair, I can say with complete honesty that having a committee partner like Tina makes my role significantly easier. Her behind the scenes work ensures that ideas become reality and that events move from "ambitious" to "exceptionally well-run". We are enormously grateful for everything she has given and continues to give to the PCA. THANK YOU.

If you are someone who would consider stepping into this role to make your own, please do get in touch, you would be joining a supportive, committed and friendly team.

As we close the year, our thanks extend to **every volunteer – past, present and newly joined**. Your involvement keeps the PCA alive and thriving, and your contribution directly enriches school life for our children. We wish you and your families a **very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**, and we look forward to working with both familiar and new faces as we continue this journey together in the year ahead.

With warmest festive wishes,

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



## A Christmas Festival 2025

For two consecutive evenings in December, the main hall was packed with Parmiter's friends and family who were treated to a vibrant selection of Christmas music at 'A Christmas Festival'. 150 students from all year groups relished the opportunity to take part in the festive celebration, which included classical pieces, familiar carols and popular tunes as well as some sing-along numbers that required audience participation!

The Snowfall Band, Friday Band, Chamber Choir Orchestra and Senior Strings, led by Mr Bates, Dr Tyack, Miss Birley and Mr Jones, had clearly invested hours of practice to produce such an impressive and professional performance. Having sat quietly through O Holy Night, the Nutcracker and Walking in the Air, it was time for the audience to join in with some lively renditions of 'Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree' and 'It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year', culminating in a lively, action filled version of 'The Twelve Days of Christmas'! A rousing chorus of 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas' ended the evening and everyone left with a festive spring in their step.



## Christian Union Social Event

On the 25th of November, after school, members of the Parmiters Christian Union organised their annual Christmas social, an event to spread Christmas joy and share the true meaning behind Christmas. The CU offered complimentary hot chocolate and snacks, along with fun Christmas-related activities. We had students from all year groups help with setting up and running specific activities. We also had a guest speaker, Karl McClane, who came in to share a special Christmas message, along with a Christian band composed of students studying at Parmiters.

It was an amazing afternoon of fellowship and fun! Many thanks to CU members and parents of the Parmiters CU for making this event possible once again.

By Vanessa Law

### Estate Developments: Building a Better, Greener Parmiter's

Over the past year, a number of important site improvements have been completed across the school, each designed to enhance the learning environment, improve sustainability, and support our growing school community.

One of the most visible changes has been the installation of new window walling in the Main Block. These modern, energy-efficient windows provide far better insulation, helping classrooms stay warmer in winter and cooler in summer. The result is not only a reduction in energy use, but also a more comfortable and consistent environment for learning. The refreshed façade has also given the heart of the school a bright, contemporary look.

The installation of new internal fire doors throughout the Main Block has further improved safety, accessibility and the overall appearance of the building. Both this project and the window walling works were made possible thanks to the generous support of the Parmiter's Foundation Trust, whose continued investment helps ensure our facilities meet the highest standards for students and staff alike.

A new addition to the school grounds this year is the **Snack Shack**, a purpose-built outdoor food kiosk that has quickly become a favourite with students. By expanding our food offer and reducing queue times at lunchtime, the Snack Shack helps ensure everyone can enjoy a wider variety of healthy, freshly prepared food in a shorter space of time. This project was funded through the generosity of the Parents & Carers Association, whose support continues to make a real difference to daily life at Parmiter's.

Sustainability remains at the heart of our development plans. The installation of a 215kW battery marks a major step forward in our journey to become a more energy-efficient and environmentally responsible school. This state-of-the-art system allows us to store electricity generated by our solar panels (located on the Main Block, English Block and Conference Centre roofs) and use it when demand is highest. By managing our energy use more intelligently, we are reducing both our carbon footprint and long-term energy costs. Each of these projects represents an Investment, not only in our facilities, but in the experience of every student, creating a more sustainable, comfortable and inspiring place to learn.



### Charity Hampers ~ House Competition

#### Thank You!

We had an amazing response to our request for donations to create hampers for Homestart. Students in KS3 collected donations in their House groups, to fill hampers for Homestart, a local community network who support families through challenging times. Mrs Mullett and Mrs Dormer delivered the hampers with the students and were presented with a certificate of appreciation from the Homestart team.



### Anthony Nolan Event - Wednesday 3 December 2025

The Sixth Form held their Anthony Nolan awareness event again this term and had 52 students who came forward for a cheek swab, so that they can be registered on the Anthony Nolan database of possible stem cell donors. 6 volunteers from the Anthony Nolan charity visited the school to help students who wanted to join their register by doing simple cheek swabs. One said “Many people haven’t heard of stem cell transplants – but 2000 people in the UK need one each year. With Anthony Nolan supporting 4 stem cell transfers a day, it’s not enough and more donors are always needed!” For more information see <https://www.anthonynolan.org/>



### Future of Science Conference

15 Year 12 students attended an incredible Future of Science schools conference hosted by Animal Aid in central London.

The students all learnt so much from the excellent talks, panel discussion and workshops. Students were amazed by what companies like XCellR8 and InterNICHE are doing to improve the teaching and learning for future medics, whilst moving away from having to use animals.



## Christmas Cards of Kindness

The Christmas Cards of Kindness project started during the COVID-19 lockdowns and aims to connect young people with elderly members of the local community. The idea of the project is to write a kind message in a card and post it to someone who might like to receive it.

As part of the Sixth Form tutorial programme, students are invited to write a Christmas card. These are then collated and sent to residents of over 30 different local care homes in and around Hertfordshire. This year, students sent over 450 Christmas cards and postcards, filled with messages of goodwill. Year 12 and 13 students have been delivering these to the care homes, in person, in the run up to the Christmas holidays. Our more artistic students also put a lot of care and effort into decorating envelopes, to ensure the post looked extra special when it was received.

Lower school students were also invited to get involved, by visiting the library at break time, to write cards for people who will be in-patients at Watford General Hospital over the festive period. Students made their own cards, or chose one from our card shop. We collected an amazing 350 cards in the post box. Students were awarded house points for their contributions, with Woolley House coming out on top, collecting an amazing 285 points for their card writing efforts.

*“Thank you very much for thinking of us at Montrose's Care Home and our residents at this Christmas. Our residents are delighted to receive your children's Christmas cards, and how much are touched by their messages. “*

*“On behalf of all the residents, thank you for the students' thoughtfulness. The cards will be enjoyed by all who read them. “ Water Mill House, Hemel Hempstead*

*“No one wants to be a patient at Christmas but the cards that the students have made and written will help brighten patients' days” Watford General Hospital*

As part of anti-bullying week, 7MIK  
 Discussed what kindness looks like within  
 the classroom and around school. They focused on  
 how a voice can be used and its power to make a  
 difference, big or small.  
 Here are some of the poems they compiled.

### My Power, My Voice Poem

Think about the following questions:

- How can your voice make a difference - in school, online, or with friends?
- How can small actions show big power?
- How does it feel when someone listens to you?
- What message would you want everyone in your school to hear?

What might this poem look like?

"The little things are most worthwhile  
 A quiet word, a look, a smile,  
 A listening ear that's quick to share  
 Another's thoughts, another's care...  
 Though sometimes they may seem quite small,  
 These little things mean most of all."  
 - Margaret Lindsey

Sentence Starters:

- "The power I have is..."
- "I want to use my voice to..."
- "When I speak up..."
- "Even when I feel small..."
- "Together, our voices can..."

The Power I Have is Big But Small  
 I could smile, look or even hold a door  
 But either way the object is tall  
 And another person will no longer look to the floor.

Paul



### Our Power, Our Voices 7MIK

Our voices mean the most of all.  
 And even if you feel quite small,  
 One smile, one word, could change the way,  
 People feel throughout their day.

Everybody has the power to speak,  
 And this power is stronger than the weak.  
 The power to listen, to speak, to care  
 Is the most important thing you share.

Your power is the strongest of all.  
 No matter what happens,  
 if you're sad or feel small.  
 One quick smile, one word, one laugh,  
 Can lead a person to a kinder path.  
 And when you walk,  
 Through the school halls,  
 Remember,  
 Your power is the strongest of all.

- Hiteshree

Together Our Voices  
 can Make good choices  
 and through this Power  
 You will feel strong like a tower  
 and though sometimes you may feel down  
 but together and united you will never frown

Ashun Patel



We have a voice so we shall speak  
 Push your limits to your peak  
 let their be kindness in your heart  
 then your journey of happiness will start

Can your actions show big Power  
 Remember to try not to be sour  
 Shout out loud in the halls  
 We have a voice and this message you can recall

Nishka Patel



Even though others are okay,  
 it doesn't mean I can't slay,  
 if I think I am not good,  
 there is no way I can be good.  
 There will always be someone whose better  
 But that doesn't mean I can't become better,  
 you are good at things that others aren't,  
 Even if you think you aren't.

Vandhi

Kindness is key as it all we need  
 to unlock the friendships waiting to be seen  
 key spread not by Santa but by us  
 you should give, you should love  
 you should be you but  
 the nice you the kind you



The power that I have is to make someone's  
 day  
 This could be a kind word, a smile or a  
 "good morning!"  
 It doesn't matter if its big or small  
 It still makes someone feel it all

by Sylvie



The people who change the world are the ones who make you smile  
 Max

There are a lot of people that are sour  
 but do not let them take over your power.

Mika



This is my haiku  
 I really hope you enjoy  
 OK, let's do this.

Little things are good  
 They can make a difference  
 They could change a life.

Insignificant  
 We feel, but we don't have to  
 We can rise up, strong.

Together we can  
 make a change, a little bit  
 at a time. - Lucas  
 Thanks for listening  
 Thank you for all of your time  
 Time to go now, Bye!

LUCAS ZHU

### Our Power, Our Voices 7MIK

When I speak up,  
 I want to be loud.  
 I want to influence,  
 This very big crowd.

Even when I feel small,  
 I stand up tall.  
 I lift my chin up  
 And proceed with my  
 goal.

- Alvin



Our voices can make a difference  
 Even if its little  
 Even if its worthless  
 Even if faced in the toughest situations  
 It is said that it could make someone's day.  
 Your voice is invaluable,  
 Your actions make a change  
 But you have the power to choose  
 Whether to shelter their future  
 Or to make their day



Mahir

Together our voices can mean  
 a lot.  
 When I speak up and stand in the  
 spot.  
 I feel like I mean a lot

Saanvi

Even when we feel small  
 We find sparks, Don't take the fall  
 You have the power  
 Stronger, louder  
 Keep on climbing  
 Don't stop shining



The power you have is enough  
 Saanvi

### Swimming Success

Our swimmers made an extraordinary impact at the District Swimming Gala, winning the overall championship! Every student contributed to this outstanding achievement, excelling in a wide range of strokes and events. Both our boys and girls squads showed remarkable determination, teamwork and skill, delivering performances that set a new benchmark for the school. Special mentions go to swimmers who achieved personal bests and podium finishes across multiple events.

### Badminton Highlights

The U14 Boys Badminton team were crowned County Champions, securing a place in the Regional Round. This talented team also reached the Regional Final of the School Sports Magazine Competition, where they will face Loughborough Grammar School, showcasing their skill and composure under pressure.

The U16 Girls Badminton team performed brilliantly to finish runners-up in the County Championships. Their matches were fiercely contested, demonstrating strong tactical awareness, resilience and outstanding individual performances throughout the tournament.

### Table Tennis Achievements

Our table tennis teams delivered impressive results at County level. U13 Boys, U16 Boys and U16 Girls teams all finished as runners-up in the County Championships. Their consistent teamwork, sharp technique and strategic play have earned them progression to the Regional Championships, where they will represent the school with pride.

### Trampoline Triumph

The GCSE Trampoline squad competed at the Eastern Region Championships, finishing as runners-up. Their routines displayed incredible precision, creativity and confidence, earning them progression to the Regional Championships. The squad's dedication to training and performance excellence continues to inspire younger students in the department



### Football Victory

Congratulations to the 1st XI Football team, who secured the District League title with a resounding final league win over Rickmansworth School. The team displayed exceptional teamwork, strategic play and determination, culminating in a season of consistency and success that reflects both talent and commitment.

### Netball Success

Both our 11A and 11B Netball teams were crowned District Champions at the District Netball Tournament. Their performances combined skill, speed, and tactical awareness, resulting in a series of thrilling matches and a well-deserved double triumph for the school.

### Cross-Country Champions

The District Cross-Country Championships at Royal Masonic School presented a challenging course, yet our athletes excelled under tough conditions. Congratulations to Jonah McNaught (Year 9) and Peter Bansaghi (Year 11), who won their respective races, earning the title of District Champions. Many other competitors also achieved personal bests, demonstrating resilience and endurance across all age groups.

### National Champions!

We are thrilled to celebrate our national champions, who have brought the school outstanding recognition:

**Hui Xin Sezille** – crowned U17 National Fencing Champion, displaying exceptional technique, focus and competitive spirit.



**Viahaan Nair** – became U13 Singles and Doubles Badminton National Champion, and is now officially the number one badminton player in the country for his age group. These achievements are a testament to their hard work, dedication and the high standard of coaching and support within our PE department.



Mr Swaile

At Parmiter's, we are fortunate to have a community of parents and carers who play a vital role in helping the school continue to thrive. The partnership between families and the school enhances every student's experience, from upgraded classrooms and improved facilities to memorable events and opportunities beyond the classroom.

There are many ways you can get involved and make a meaningful contribution:

### 1. Join the Parents and Carers Association (PCA)

The [Parents and Carers Association \(PCA\)](#) is at the heart of our school community. It's a friendly, welcoming group of parents and carers who work closely with the school to raise funds and organise events that enrich student life. Whether you can commit to attending meetings, help at events, or simply share your ideas, every contribution is valued. Being part of the PCA is also a great way to meet other families and feel more connected to the life of the school.

### 2. Support PCA Events

Throughout the year, the PCA organises a range of events from quiz nights and raffles to Christmas fairs and second hand uniform sales. These events not only raise essential funds, but also bring our community together. Attending, volunteering, or even donating raffle prizes are all fantastic ways to show your support.

### 3. Sign Up to EasyFundraising

Did you know you can raise money for Parmiter's every time you shop online, at no extra cost to you?

By signing up to [EasyFundraising](#), you can help generate donations from over 7000 retailers, including major names like Amazon, John Lewis and Tesco. It's simple, quick and a brilliant way to support the school all year round.

### 4. Donate Directly to the School

For parents and carers who wish to make a more direct contribution, donations to the school can be made through one-off payments or regular monthly direct debits via our secure [GoodHub page](#). Every penny raised goes directly towards enhancing learning spaces, upgrading equipment and funding projects that benefit all students. Regular giving helps us plan long-term improvements with confidence and consistency. And don't forget if you're a UK taxpayer, your donation can attract Gift Aid, adding 25% to the value of your contribution at no extra cost to you.

### 5. Support Ongoing Fundraising Projects

The PCA is continuously fundraising for specific projects that make a lasting impact, such as upgrading classrooms and improving learning environments across the school. They are currently raising funds for new classroom furniture and interactive screens, helping to create modern, engaging spaces for all students. Other recent projects include funding a catering pod in the playground, outdoor basketball hoops, interactive screens in Art and DT, study skills programmes for students. They are currently running an [Amazon wish list](#) in support of the Christmas Gift Fair.

### Every Contribution Counts

Whether you give time, attend an event, or set up a monthly donation, your support makes a real difference. Together, we can ensure that Parmiter's continues to provide the best possible opportunities for all our students - now and in the future.

If you'd like to get involved, please contact the PCA at [pa@parmiters.herts.sch.uk](mailto:pa@parmiters.herts.sch.uk) for more information or visit the [PCA webpage](#) to learn more.





What a wonderfully busy first term it has been in the world of Parmiter's Houses! It has been an absolute pleasure to see so many students and staff involved with House competitions.

### 'This Is Me' Shield Competition (Year 7)

Over the Summer, all Year 7 students were asked to take part in their first (of many, we hope) Parmiter's House Competition. Students were asked to create a shield showcasing who they are. With over 200 students' shields to choose from, it was a very difficult decision to make! The winner of this competition was Anhad, who scooped 100 points for Renvoize, Niya of Mayhew came in 2nd place and in 3rd place was Jessica, also of Mayhew House.



### World Mental Health Day Challenge

In recognition of World Mental Health Day on 10 October, we ran a House Challenge in which we asked students to either: share a positive story with us and/or in response to current, upsetting and difficult news stories, create a positive affirmation. We had 121 responses from students across all year groups. We thoroughly enjoyed reading all of the comments. Each participant was awarded 3 House Points for taking part; Beven had the most participation.

### KS3 Pumpkin Carving Competition & Halloween Quiz

In October, students were challenged to create the most impressive looking pumpkin and submit a photo to us. The winners of this competition were brothers Arran and Keiran of Woolley and Beven House, respectively. Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all who took part in the creepy carving contest! As well as this, Year 8 students, Clem and Elwood, designed a Halloween inspired quiz - the winner of this competition was Mayhew.



### The Great Parmiter's Bake Off

In November, members of staff took part in our annual Great Parmiter's Bake Off. Our individual winners this year were: Blind: Miss Chapman (Mayhew), technical: Mrs Murray (Lee) and showstopper: Mrs Acreman (Renvoize). The overall winner this year was Lee House. Thank you and well done to all those who baked, judged and taste tested! Special thanks also to Mrs Kosky for organising this event year after year.

### Staff Badminton/Pickleball

During this term, we have held a staff badminton event and a staff pickleball event. It was Mr Hornby of Renvoize House who took the win in badminton and Mrs S Dormer of Mayhew House who won pickleball. Congratulations to both!

### House Art: Christmas Card Competition (Year 7)

Mr Smith had the pleasure of reviewing this year's Christmas card design entries and WOW did they impress! What a talented bunch of budding artists we have in Year 7. From over 200 entries, many were shortlisted, with six being chosen as the winners of each House; one of those designs was then selected for printing as the Headmaster's Christmas card for 2025. All of those that were commended were awarded 10 House Points, those shortlisted 50 House Points and the one that was printed 100 House Points! Congratulations to all shortlisted: Angelica (Beven), Avantike (Lee), Sienna (Mayhew), Emily (Renvoize) & Marco (Woolley), and a special mention to Cecily of Carter House whose card was printed.



### House Hyrox

New to 2025 - House Hyrox! Despite some tough competition, it was Carter House who won this indoor fitness competition. Well done to Ruby G, Emeka O, Frederijk K and Danny W for leading Carter to victory in this event. Many thanks to Sixth Form students for creating this opportunity and demonstrating fantastic leadership skills.

## Cross Country

In October, all KS3 students took part in a timed cross country. The winners for Year 7 were Benji (Renvoize), Daya (Lee), Ellen (Lee) & Yuna (Mayhew). The winners for Year 8 were Mark (Mayhew), Sam (Lee), Sienna (Renvoize) and Una (Lee). The winners for Year 9 were Charlie (Woolley), Emily (Carter), Gabi (Woolley) and Jonah (Lee). Fantastic effort, well done!

## House Chess

An incredible turnout for House Chess across all years! In 1st place was Beven, in 2nd place was Carter, in joint 3rd place were Lee and Woolley, in 4th place was Renvoize and in 5th place was Mayhew. Extra House Points were also awarded to Vihaan (Year 9, Beven), Prahaan and Premal (both Year 7, Carter), Adrian (Year 10, Woolley) and Hersh (Year 7, Woolley) for winning all of their matches. Adheedhan (Mayhew) and Adrian (Woolley) earned further House Points each for their assistance. Well done to everyone who took part and thanks to Mr Hancox for his expert advice!

## House Maths

During Maths Week England (15-23 November), Miss Chapman provided students daily with challenges that were related to the theme of 'connection or coincidence'. Houses were then awarded House Points based on how many collective correct answers they had. In 1st place was Lee, in 2nd place was Woolley, in 3rd place was Mayhew, in 4th place was Carter, in 5th place was Beven and in 6th place was Renvoize.

## KS3 Poetry

During November, all KS3 students were challenged to write a poem inspired by either the symbol of the poppy or by the themes of war and/or remembrance. The standard of writing was remarkable, making the decision-making process incredibly difficult! In Year 7, 1st place went to Anhad of Renvoize, 2nd place to Vihaan of Mayhew, 3rd place to Siddhant of Beven, with poems by Tanvi of Lee and Jessica of Mayhew's being highly commended. In Year 8, 1st place went to Jayden of Woolley, 2nd place to Herbie of Lee, 3rd place to Naeil of Lee, with Diya of Renvoize and Ella of Carter's poems being highly commended. In Year 9, 1st place went to Elizabeth of Beven, 2nd place to Becky of Renvoize, 3rd place to Rhia of Lee, with poems by Michael of Beven and Shubham of Carter being highly commended. Special thanks to Ms Irwin and Sixth Form students, Aibhilin & Surani, for creating, organising and judging this competition. An e-book of the poems will be available in due course.

## KS3 Festive Charity Hampers

During December, KS3 students decorated, donated and delivered an astonishing 300 items in hampers to Home-Start Watford and Three Rivers (a charity for children whose families are experiencing challenging circumstances). The House who collected the most items was Mayhew, closely followed by Lee in 2nd place, Woolley in 3rd, Beven in 4th, Carter in 5th and Renvoize in 6th place. Thank you so much to those of you who so generously donated items to fill the hampers! Thanks also to Mrs Dormer for organising this initiative.



## Christmas Fair Chocolate Collection

During November, we had our annual chocolate tombola challenge, in which students attempt to collect as much chocolate as possible for the chocolate tombola at our Christmas Fair. Thank you so much, again, to all those who donated - the chocolate tombola is always very popular! The House that collected the most chocolate this year was Renvoize.

## Christmas Cards of Kindness



Throughout the end of November and the beginning of December, all students were invited to write a 'Christmas Card of Kindness' to patients in Watford General Hospital or a residential home over the festive period. Students could choose to write a premade card or make their own (for more House Points!). We are delighted to report that Miss Potter and the Sixth Form team delivered an astonishing 350 cards!



Many thanks to Miss Potter for creating and facilitating this community focused opportunity.

## House Panto

In November, students began rehearsing for our first ever House Pantomime and, during the last week of term, took to the stage in front of a live audience. Judged by Mr Smith, Mr Froy and Miss Windmill, the House who was awarded best use of performance skill was Mayhew, the best use of an ensemble went to Mayhew House and the best creation of mood/atmosphere/audience engagement were Mayhew and Woolley (joint).

The overall winners were Mayhew, in 2nd place was Woolley, in 3rd place was Beven, in 4th place was Carter, 5th place went to Lee and in 6th place was Renvoize. Fantastic performances from all involved, well done!



## LRC Christmas Quiz

During December, a Christmas quiz, created and hosted by Year 8 students Clem and Elwood, was held in the LRC at lunchtime. The winner of this quiz was Tanvi (Lee), in 2nd place was Lex (Renvoize), in 3rd place was Hana (Carter), Isabel (Lee), Layla (Lee), Sophie (Carter) and Syeda (Beven), in 4th place was Max (Carter), in 5th place was Finlay (Renvoize) and in 6th place Harshal, Ishan and Jamie of Woolley House. Well done all!



## Fantasy Football

This term saw the return of the Premier League Fantasy Football league, with the managers of the month for August, September, October and November as follows:

August - Mr Hughes (Renvoize), September - Rohan Kalia (Lee), October - Noah Fox (Lee) and November - Arav Patel (Carter).

## House Captains

At the end of October, we announced our new House Captains for this academic year; having received 156 incredible applications, we really did have an extremely difficult job on our hands. Congratulations, again, to all those selected. (Please see details on the next page)

## Regular Competitions

As ever, there are regular ways of winning some all-important House Points for your Houses. Every Friday, Mr Perkins emails the Houses Quiz of the Week, with the House with the most participants winning 10 points and second place winning 5. This term, the House with the most wins was Mayhew. We also award House Points to students who only gain positive points across the term - these are our 'Zero Heroes'. The House with the most 'Zero Heroes' was Mayhew.

## Live Competitions

We currently have one competition running: House PE/Drama - design the programme cover/suggest a name for the Performing Arts Show. The winner will be announced when we return in January.

## Coming Up

There will be many competitions and challenges launching next term, including (more) House Poetry, House Badminton, a National Science Week competition, House Table Tennis, our annual 'Random Acts of Kindness' challenge, Languages Week challenges, a Maths quiz, the annual Parmiter's Easter Egg Hunt and World Book Week challenges, amongst other competitions and events.

We thank you so much for all of your efforts so far this year and we look forward to what the new half term will bring in the world of Parmiter's Houses. All that's left for us to say is **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

**Ms O'Malley & Mr Perkins**

# Houses

## Year 7

<b>BEVEN</b>	Devina Topan & Theeran Shah
<b>CARTER</b>	Poorani Balamurali & Prithika Mukherjee
<b>LEE</b>	Avantika Bonde & Kabir Borana
<b>MAYHEW</b>	Ethan Wong & Niya Vyas
<b>RENVOIZE</b>	Anhad Singh & Emily Hughes
<b>WOOLLEY</b>	Heyaa Patel & Khushi Arithia

## Year 8

<b>BEVEN</b>	Timothy Poon & Zara Shah
<b>CARTER</b>	Amelia Narsinghen & Tanishka Shah
<b>LEE</b>	Arya Desai & Gizelle Pinto
<b>MAYHEW</b>	Clem Edwards & Mark Bansaghi
<b>RENVOIZE</b>	Elliot Bonnington & Dhilan Chakravati
<b>WOOLLEY</b>	Arlo Balmforth & Sherri Lee

## Year 9

<b>BEVEN</b>	Gautham Arul Selvan & Noah Scott
<b>CARTER</b>	Colby Brander-Stark & Isla Hammond
<b>LEE</b>	Sophia Iype & Rhia Raj
<b>MAYHEW</b>	Darcey Carter & Siena Pitney
<b>RENVOIZE</b>	Dina Bozorgi & Sanchayan Thushyanthan
<b>WOOLLEY</b>	Charlie Vass-Weston & Louie Mynett

## Year 10

<b>BEVEN</b>	Heighlee Cruz & Rishi Raveendran
<b>CARTER</b>	Beatrice Bardou & Luca Smith
<b>LEE</b>	Aoife Jones & Zoe Thomas
<b>MAYHEW</b>	Aadit Mehta & Isabel Charles-Ojo
<b>RENVOIZE</b>	Lily Taylor & Peggy Edwards
<b>WOOLLEY</b>	Diya Dasani & Harshal Shah

## Year 11

<b>BEVEN</b>	Keya Patel & Natalie Worsley
<b>CARTER</b>	Milana Samuels & Ruby Ghioc
<b>LEE</b>	Dan Almusauy & William Wood
<b>MAYHEW</b>	Parmita Mehta & Zoya Cheremisina
<b>RENVOIZE</b>	Jay Patel & Ramsey Gill
<b>WOOLLEY</b>	Ansh Singh & Sophie Dickson

## Year 12

<b>BEVEN</b>	Kishan Aheer & Marlene Winter
<b>CARTER</b>	Katie Benham & Muneer Ahmed
<b>LEE</b>	Surani Perera & Tom Gow
<b>MAYHEW</b>	Jodie Chan & Kushi Kotecha
<b>RENVOIZE</b>	Laura Luczynska & Sienna Vagadia
<b>WOOLLEY</b>	Arran Sihota & Spencer Pearson

## Year 13

<b>BEVEN</b>	Amaia Dacres & Ibraheem Ali
<b>CARTER</b>	Luca Rebaudengo & Sienna Stapelberg
<b>LEE</b>	Elsa McGaughey & Jacques Mason
<b>MAYHEW</b>	Charlie Beale & Grace Rosenthal
<b>RENVOIZE</b>	Holly Pool & Will Denning
<b>WOOLLEY</b>	Jess Dalton & Prabhuv Gautam

## Staff

<b>BEVEN</b>	Mr T Clark & Miss Keane
<b>CARTER</b>	Ms Smith & Mr Poulton
<b>LEE</b>	Mrs K Clark & Ms Legg
<b>MAYHEW</b>	Mr P Clark & Mrs L Taylor
<b>RENVOIZE</b>	Ms Harris & Mr Peters
<b>WOOLLEY</b>	Miss Lincoln & Miss Windmill

## Current Standings

And finally, at the end of the first term, we are delighted to announce the current standings are as follows... \*drum roll, please\* .....

Congratulations to Mayhew, who are currently at the top of the leaderboard! Have no fear though, it is all very much still to play for!

<b>BEVEN</b>	2381
<b>CARTER</b>	2117
<b>LEE</b>	2297
<b>MAYHEW</b>	2700
<b>RENVOIZE</b>	2279
<b>WOOLLEY</b>	2189



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