

Headteacher's message

A Fond Farewell to a Fantastic Year!

Can you believe we have reached the end of another academic year? I am sure that it feels like just yesterday that you were returning from the last summer holiday, and now we have said farewell to the incredible Year 11 and 13 students and completed another school year. I want to start by expressing how immensely proud we are of them all. They navigated their public examinations with such maturity and grace, and seeing them all dressed up and celebrating at their Proms was truly a highlight of my first term. For many of our Year 11s, we will see you back in September, but to all those moving on, please know that once a Parmiterian, always a Parmiterian. We genuinely hope our paths cross again – do come back and share your adventures!

Celebrating Our Wonderful Staff

As the summer break approaches, we are bidding farewell to some valued colleagues. Our heartfelt thanks and very best wishes go to Miss Udomjit-Taylor (Teaching Assistant), Mr Ali Lauzzani (Teaching Assistant) who is rejoining to train as a PE and Spanish teacher, Mrs Tomlins (Attendance Officer), Ms Kwon (Attendance Officer), Mr Allen (Head of Computer Science), Miss Unwin (Geography), Mr Wray (Maths) and Miss Arroyo (Design and Technology).

We would also like to give a truly special mention to two individuals who have given so much to our school and students over many years. Mr Doherty is retiring as Head of French after an incredible 20 years and Mrs Foster is retiring as a Food, Art and Textiles teacher after 15 years at the school. I hope that they are both looking forward to a well-deserved change of pace. Their dedication and commitment have been extraordinary, we are incredibly grateful for their immense contributions and wish them well for their retirement.

We have some new faces joining us in September too and some who have recently started their roles here: Ms Tam (Science), Mr Maclean (D&T), Mrs Roberts (Finance), Mrs Harris (Network Resources), Miss Ikene (Geography), Mrs Saya (Mathematics), Mr Wirtz (MFL), Mrs Dodhia (Mathematics), Mr Hancox (History and PRE), Miss Keane (Science), Mr Rutherford (Head of Computer Science), Mrs Pescaru (MFL) and Mrs Hammett (Senior Teaching Assistant). I am sure you will all want to join me in welcoming them into The Parmiter's Family.

Sporting Triumphs and Creative Showcases

What a fantastic half-term it has been for celebrating the incredible talents within our school! Our annual Sports Awards Evening was a true testament to the hard work and dedication of our athletes. New records were set and we have



collected more trophies, cups and medals than ever before. Beyond the victories, it has been wonderful to see so many students participating in a wide array of summer sports. A special shout-out to Carter House, who clinched the Sharples Cup at Sports Day for the third year running – well done!

Our Summer Open Day was a vibrant affair. It gave prospective families a brilliant glimpse into the amazing work our students and staff produce. The exhibition was a feast for the eyes, showcasing exceptional work across Art, Photography, Graphics, Product Design, Textiles and Food from every year group. The plaza was buzzing with the sounds of our talented musicians and dancers, and the Drama Studio was alive with immersive performance opportunities. It was also fantastic to see our Key Stage 3 students shine in their performance of 'Hansel and Gretel' last night, giving us a preview of future whole-school productions!

The highlight was our Fringe Festival where we were all transported in spirit from school to Edinburgh through the phenomenal performances of our Parmiterians as every part of the school, from a minibus and classrooms, to changing rooms were converted into a stage.

Adventures, Achievements and Unforgettable Trips

It has been so rewarding to see a flurry of trips taking place this half-term, enriching our students' learning beyond the classroom. Our Year 7s immersed themselves in French culture in Normandy, putting their language skills to excellent use. Meanwhile, Year 9 students delved into history with a poignant visit to the World War One battlefields in Belgium, deepening their understanding of this significant conflict.

Headmaster's message

Huge congratulations are also in order for our Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 students who successfully completed their Bronze, Silver and Gold Duke of Edinburgh expeditions.

A special commendation goes to the Sixth Form Parmiterians who were invited to Buckingham Palace to receive their Gold Awards, alongside Mr Clark (English) who was recognised for his significant contribution to running the Duke of Edinburgh programme at the school – a truly remarkable achievement!

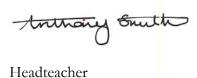
Celebrating Junior Achievements

Our final formal event of the year was the Junior Speech Night, a wonderful evening celebrating the many achievements of our Years 7, 8 and 9 students. We were honoured to have Old Parmiterian, Professional Footballer and Sustainability Advocate, Alexei Rojas-Fedorushenko, as our Guest Speaker. A special mention must go to our truly superb musicians, Leo Gardner on French Horn followed by Freddie Fox and Jonah Jones on piano, whose exceptional performances perfectly complemented an evening dedicated to excellence.



As the academic year draws to a close, I wish you all a fantastic summer, whatever your plans may be. You have all worked incredibly hard, and I urge you to play just as hard and enjoy a well-deserved break. I look forward to welcoming all staff and students back to school in September!

Nemo sibi nascitur!



Building Works Over the Summer

We are delighted to share some news regarding building works happening at school over the summer and into the autumn term.

You will notice activity at the front of our main block, where we are undertaking a complete replacement of the window walling. This will bring a much-needed modern update to the facade, improving the aesthetic and energy efficiency of this prominent part of the school. In addition, we are replacing over 80 internal fire doors throughout the building in an upgrade to our fire safety and security.

We are aiming to complete all these works by the October half-term and are committed to ensuring minimal disruption to the school day.

These improvements are being made possible thanks to funding from the Department for Education (DfE) and the invaluable support of the Parmiter's Foundation Trust. We are incredibly grateful for their contributions, which allow us to continue providing a safe and inspiring environment for our students.

We look forward to seeing the positive impact these enhancements will have on our school community.

Supporting our School: A Call for Donations

At Parmiter's, we warmly welcome donations to support the ongoing development of the educational experience we provide for our students. Over the past 20 years, the incredible generosity of our Foundation Trust, parents, alumni and our marvellous Parents and Carers Association has enabled us to bring numerous vital projects to life, this includes the summer capital works that have recently started.

If you are in a position to help, we would be deeply grateful for your support. Setting up a monthly or one-off

donation is simple and can be done via the link below or using the QR code:

https://
app.goodhub.com/
parmiters-school



Parents' and Carers' Association

Hello Parmiter's Parents & Carers!

You did it again - juggled work, family and the school run, then turned up to power our PCA fundraising engine. Between July 2024 and July 2025, we invested £27000+ in projects that spark curiosity, build skills and, let's be honest, taste pretty good too (we're looking at you, our future Food Tavern!).

Our Year in Numbers:

Here's how your support has helped us invest and commit current funds in our school community this year and next:

Study Skills Workshops (Elevate): £3,238.68

Joe Craig Author Visit: £820.00

Interactive Smart Screens: £3,300.00

Future Pop-Up Catering Pod ("Food Tavern"): £20,000.00

Every penny has had a purpose: inspiring future scientists, fine-tuning gameday skills, boosting study confidence and igniting imaginations of our very own students here at Parmiters.

Fundraising Fun Highlights

- Quiz Nights: Brainy banter and belly laughs our best-attended yet!
- Christmas Gift Fair: Festive feels and one too many mince pies.
- Second-Hand Uniform & Book Sales: Eco-friendly, wallet-friendly and helpfully nerdy.
- Concert & Evening Refreshments: Tea, cakes and that warm-and-fuzzy feeling.

A massive thank you to everyone who hosted a stall, baked a cake, sold a ticket or simply popped by with a smile. You rock!

Fancy a Pint and a Plan?

We meet **once a term at the pub**: swap the school run for a pint, off-the-record chat and chance to hatch new ideas, meet new parents and carers and tighten that bond we share.

Next catch-up: Wednesday 30 July (details on WhatsApp & Facebook)

Pop in, wind down and let's dream up our next wild fundraiser - silent disco bake sale, anyone?

New Faces & Fond Farewells

We're thrilled to welcome new volunteers and send a fond "see you soon" to those stepping back this year. Remember: once a **Parmiterian**, always a **Parmiterian** - you'll always have a seat at our table (and a slice of cake in your hand).

You're Invited to join the Dream Team! What we achieve does not happen by itself!! No secret handshake or cape needed - just your ideas, your energy and maybe a knack for buying biscuits.

Opportunities include:

- Leading a stall at Christmas Gift Fair
- Brainstorming fresh fundraisers (Charity karaoke? Pancake obstacle race?)
- Spreading the word on social media

Get in touch:

Email: pa@parmiters.herts.sch.uk

Facebook: Parmiter's Parents & Carers Association

WhatsApp: Ask to join our volunteer group

Thank you for all your energy and dedication to the PCA. Here's to raising a glass together this July - and to creating even more unforgettable moments for our children! We look forward to seeing you next term at our **Quiz Night** on **11 October 2025** and our **Christmas Fair** on **15 November 2025**.

Warmest wishes

Greg Longmore (Chair) with Tina Canning (Vice-Chair) & Your Parmiter's PCA Team



Parmiter's Got Talent









On Wednesday, 9 July, we held our biennial Parmiter's talent show. After extensive auditions and over thirty applicants, just 12 acts were chosen to take part. With a variety of acts including music, dancing and magic, Noah Scott from Year 8 was selected as this year's winner.



Special commendation was given to Sam Cohen who did some excellent magic tricks and the runners up of the evening were Neriah Oyekan and Deetya Tipireddy.

With all proceeds going to charity, we were incredibly pleased to be able to raise nearly £500 for Better Lives, the charity we work closely with through our expeditions to Tanzania.

Rampaging Chariots





On Saturday 28 June, 8 Year 12 students attended the annual rampaging chariots competition hosted by Leonardo in Luton. This competition requires students to design and construct a controllable robot to compete in a series of tasks, including an obstacle course, a sumo wrestling match, tug of war and a 2 vs 2 football match. Parmiter's School entered 2 robots for this year's competition: Minion, who was designed to look like a Minion from despicable me, and Enderman, who was styled after a Minecraft Enderman.

Despite not winning any of the events outright, a series of strong finishes in each event meant that the robots were competitive throughout. The event organisers commented on how well the robots were designed and how little extra help they needed to get them up and running, Enderman in particular.

Following the events the prizes were announced, with Enderman taking home the bright spark prize for being the robot that needed the least amount of technician support on the day. With consistently strong performances and a prize already under its belt, Enderman was consequently awarded the prize for the overall winner of the day. Well done to the team!

Normandy and Belgium







Normandy, Year 7

On 1 July, 140 Year 7 students set off on a 4 day trip to Normandy, accompanied by 16 members of staff. Given the fine weather, we had a very smooth crossing from Portsmouth to Caen, before travelling on to our destination.

Over the following 3 days, we visited the Mont St Michel, the Bayeux tapestry (before it comes to London for a couple of years!), the D-Day landing museum at Arromanches, a chocolate factory, a market, a restaurant and a bowling alley!

Everyone had the opportunity to practise their French when buying ice cream at Arromanches, as well as buying things in the market and asking locals about what there was in the town.

A BIG thank you to all the staff who gave up their time to make the trip possible, and I hope it has inspired students to want to revisit France.











Belgium, Year 9

From the 2 - 4 July, we took 90 Year 9 students to Belgium and France for our Battlefields Trip. The students visited many sites of remembrance, such as Tyne Cot Cemetery, Thiepval and Langemark, as well as museums like the Wellington Quarry and In Flanders Field Museum in Ypres impressive Cloth Hall.

We attended the Menin Gate Remembrance service on Thursday evening and Chris Wicks and Luke Sharp laid a wreath on behalf of the school, remembering those Parmiterians who lost their lives during WW1. The students all received a name sake to find at some point over the course of the three days, allowing them a moment of quiet reflection and remembrance. It was an excellent trip.

Trip and Visits

CERN

The students enjoyed a couple of very hot days in Geneva where they had the opportunity to go on a tour of the UN Palais des Nations, and spent a day visiting CERN where they were able to tour the Antimatter Factory and Data Centre, spoke to a PHD student who previously went to school in Watford about how they ended up working at CERN, and had a chance to get hands on with the interactive exhibits in the CERN Science Gateway.











On Monday 7 July, a small selection of students visited **The Globe Theatre** for the Poetry by Heart Finale to support our very own Bertie in Year 9! Poetry by Heart is a national poetry speaking competition for schools and colleges in England. It's all about students finding a poem, learning it by heart and performing it out loud. Taking part in Poetry By Heart is all about developing confidence with poetry in an enjoyable, accessible and engaging way that leads to its life-long enjoyment.

Out of thousands of entries into this competition, Bertie was selected by the judges to perform his chosen poems at The Globe Theatre. He was one of ten Key Stage 3 students from across the country, which is a phenomenal achievement!

The day was full of all kinds of performances, from classic, traditional recitals to more freestyle interpretations that included music and dance - showcasing some of the best talent across Key Stages 1-5. There were special performances from writers A F Harrold and Kate Wakeling, who shared some of their own poems with us and really brought poetry to life!

Most importantly, we got to see Bertie perform on two stages. Firstly, he gave a beautiful recital of 'The Sky is Black Tonight' (Berlie Doherty) in the Sam Wanamaker Playhouse: a small, intimate venue within the Globe, in front of a panel of judges. The second performance is known as the 'showstopper' and did not disappoint! Bertie chose Sonnet 130 by the man himself: William Shakespeare. It was the perfect performance in the most fitting venue.

We had a truly wonderful day, celebrating all things poetry in the heart of London and Bertie most certainly did Parmiter's proud!









Gardening Club, overseen by Mrs Wood, has been busy planting and maintaining a number of the planted areas in school. They have worked hard installing new plants in the recently rejuvenated Houses garden at the side of the main block. The garden is now back to looking its best, thanks to the hard work of the Estate team and the student gardeners.

Another new installation is the tree planted outside the Geography block on behalf of the Old Parmiterians, Bethnal Green, in recognition of the teachers who worked at the London School.

Thank you to Mrs Wood and her team for all their hard work and for keeping the new plants watered throughout the recent heatwave!





Summer Picnic Concert

Tuesday 15 July saw a the plaza come alive with an array of music for the informal Summer Picnic Concert.

Students from all year groups performed under the covered seating area as the rain fell - for the first time in weeks!

However, nothing could dampen the mood as the audience joined in a Queen medley and rocked to the sounds of 'Jungle Book' and the Pink Panther.

From classical strings to the Untitled's version of Freebird - every piece was brilliantly performed. Thanks also to the True Adventure team who provided refreshments throughout the evening.





Student Voice

Student Voice has continued to thrive this year with each subcommittee working hard for positive change, be it changes to the PE kit, improving the school environment, ensuring students feel a sense of belonging by creating Diversity, Equality and Inclusion resources, or supporting charity events.

These fantastic newsletters highlight the work being done by the Creativity and the STEM groups.



Year 12 Geography Fieldwork









Our Year 12 Geography students recently took part in three exciting fieldwork trips to Epping Forest, Stratford in London, and Cassiobury Park along the River Gade, enriching their understanding of real-world geographical processes while developing vital skills for their A Level NEA coursework.

At Epping Forest, students worked with the Field Studies Council to investigate woodland management and carbon sequestration. Using specialist equipment like clinometers, infiltration tubes, and soil corers, they measured tree heights, soil organic content, and water infiltration rates. This hands-on experience gave them a deep insight into the carbon cycle and the critical role woodlands play in climate regulation.

In Cassiobury Park, students focused on river processes, using flow meters, measuring tapes and calipers to collect detailed data on river velocity, sediment size and shape as well as depth, and width at several points along the River Gade. Getting directly into the river enabled them to practise practical techniques, enhancing their understanding of hydrology and river management in a truly immersive setting.

The Stratford trip offered an eye-opening exploration of urban regeneration, with students conducting surveys, environmental quality assessments and land-use mapping. Comparing regenerated areas around the Olympic Park with neighboring districts, they collected primary data on socio-economic factors and community perceptions. This real-world experience sharpened

their data collection skills and sparked thoughtful discussions on urban change and spatial inequalities.

Throughout these trips, students demonstrated exceptional enthusiasm and adaptability, mastering a wide range of fieldwork tools and methods. Their impressive commitment to hands-on learning has greatly strengthened their

research skills and deepened their appreciation for geography beyond the classroom.

We are incredibly proud of their achievements and look forward to

seeing how this experience enhances their NEA projects and A Level studies.









Houses

Houses Report - July 2025

What a fantastic year it has been in the world of Parmiter's Houses! As always, it has been an absolute pleasure to see so many students and staff involved with House competitions, events and challenges.

House Fantasy Sport: Football & F1

The Premier League Fantasy Football managers of the month for April and May were both won by Year 12 Mayhewian, Charlie B.



New to this year, students were able to take part in two fantasy F1 leagues. It was Year 7 Arlo B, of Woolley House, who came top in the Chinese F1 and Year 8 Simeon A, also of Woolley House, who came first in the Australian F1.

VE Day Ration Baking Competition

To celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE Day, we challenged students to create a ration inspired bake. Entries were judged by staff in two categories: authenticity/appearance and taste. In overall 1st place was Emily F of Mayhew House, in 2nd place was Emily K also of Mayhew House, in 3rd place was Sisi of Lee House and in 4th place was Aryan of Lee House. Well done to all involved, your bakes were inspiring!

Sports Day

Another year, another fabulous Sports Day! An excellent effort from all who participated and supported. The winning House in Year 7 was Renvoize, in Year 8 Carter took the lead, Year 9 saw Mayhew as the overall winner and in Year 10 it was Carter who came out on top. The Tug of War winner this year was also Carter.

It was very close, but it was Carter who lifted the cup for the third year in a row - well done, Carter House!

House Darts

New to 2025, House Darts proved extremely popular amongst staff and students alike. Following some nail-biting matches, it was Noah F of Lee who took the crown for the Juniors category and Mr Peters of Renvoize who won top spot in our Seniors category. Well done to all who took part. Roll on the 2026 tournament!

Staff House Rounders

A brilliant turnout from staff members in very hot conditions! It was Renvoize House who took 1st place, followed by Mayhew in 2nd place, Carter were in 3rd, Woolley in 4th, Beven were in 5th and Lee who were 6th. A special mention goes to Mr McLaughlin, Mr Hornby and Mr Poulton who received extra points for the best catch, best moment and best throw.

Student House Rounders

An incredible effort from our students throughout this competition! Well done to all who participated.

Year 7 & 8's:

It was Renvoize House who took 1st place, followed by Mayhew in 2nd place, Carter were in 3rd, Lee in 4th, Beven were in 5th and Woolley who were 6th.

Year 9's & 10's:

Mayhew House took 1st place, followed by Lee in 2nd place, Beven came in 3rd, Carter and Woolley were joint 4th and in 5th place was Renvoize.

Student House Cricket

Again another fantastic effort from our students throughout this competition! Well done to all who took part. In 1st place were Woolley, in 2nd place were Beven, Carter House took 3rd place, Lee followed in 4th, Mayhew was 5th and in 6th place was Renvoize.

Houses

Zero Heroes

The House with the highest number of 'zero heroes' this year was Beven.

Quiz of the Week

The House with the most weekly wins this year was Mayhew. Fun fact: Mayhew dominated with 95% of the wins!

PARMITER'S HOUSES Beven Carter Lee Mayhew Renvoize Woolley

Current Standings

We are delighted to announce the final standings are as follows... *drum roll, please*

BEVEN	2827
CARTER	2708
LEE	3048
MAYHEW	4480
RENVOIZE	2764
WOOLLEY	3334

Congratulations to Mayhew, who is this year's House winner! Given that this is Mayhew's first victory since 2009/2010, this is a particularly significant achievement.

We would like to thank you for all of your efforts and we look forward to what the new academic year will bring in the world of Parmiter's Houses.

Have a wonderful summer break.

Ms O'Malley & Mr Perkins

Important Update: Changes to PE Kit from September 2025

As advised in the letter sent in May, from September 2025 there will be a change to the Parmiter's PE Kit.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind students, parents and carers of the upcoming expectations.

Who does this affect?

- New Year 7 students (from September 2025) will be required to wear the new PE kit in full.
- ◆ Current students in Years 7–10 may continue to wear the existing kit. However, as items need replacing, they should be replaced with the updated versions.

New PE Kit Requirements

All items marked with an asterisk (*) must be purchased from HT Sports.

Compulsory Items for All Students:

- ◆ Sky blue polo shirt embroidered with the Parmiter's crest*
- ♦ ½ zip navy mid-layer jumper embroidered with the Parmiter's crest*
- ♦ Navy football socks
- ♦ Trainers and football boots
- Shin pads and mouthguard

Bottoms:

- ♦ Boys: Navy sports shorts*
- Girls: Choice of two of the following three items:
 - Navy sports shorts*
 - Navy skort*
 - Parmiter's branded leggings*

Additional Notes: In colder weather, students may wear a plain white underlayer beneath their polo shirt. Black leggings may be worn as an underlayer for outdoor activities in colder conditions.

We appreciate your support in ensuring all students are properly equipped and dressed for PE lessons. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the PE department.





Sport

Athletics - A Record-Breaking Season!

It has been an incredible summer for athletics at Parmiter's. Our U14 girls, U14 boys, U16 girls, and U16 boys all qualified for the County League finals - making us the only school in Hertfordshire to achieve this. The U14 boys and U16 girls went one step further by winning their County League titles! Throughout the season, our athletes smashed countless personal bests and broke multiple school records. Not forgetting to mention that we won the overall District Athletics Championships for the first time since 2007! A special congratulations goes to Emily Todd (Year 8), Ramsey



Gill (Year 10), and Joe Kelly (Year 13) who proudly represented Hertfordshire at the English Schools National Athletics Championships. All three achieved new personal bests: Emily in the hurdles, Ramsey in the pole vault and Joe in the discus. With her new PB, Emily is now officially the number one Year 8 hurdler in England - an incredible achievement! Well done to everyone involved in what has truly been a remarkable season for Parmiter's athletics.



Cricket

We were treated to a glorious summer of cricket this year, with the hot and dry weather meaning there were no interruptions to play. Our Year 7, 9 and 10 teams all put in some great performances throughout the season, but the stand-out team was undoubtedly Year 8. They played superbly to reach the County Plate final and then produced a convincing win over Tring School to be crowned County Plate Champions - an amazing achievement!

The 1st XI also enjoyed a fantastic highlight, playing out an exciting draw with the MCC in a high-quality day of cricket that will be remembered for years to come. Across all age groups, there were exceptional

performances from Aryan Bhatt, Nirdosh Patel, Mallollan Nitin, Aaron Rajkumar, Nakul Trivedi and Anay Maheshwari. A special mention goes to Anay, who was selected for a State School Select XI to play against the MCC in Bristol - an outstanding achievement.





Sports Awards Evening – A Night of Celebration!

Monday 14 July saw our annual Sports Awards Evening — a fantastic occasion to celebrate the achievements of all our students and the dedication of everyone in the PE department. With so much success this year, it was a packed evening of well-deserved awards and celebrations. A special mention goes to the students who spoke and read the sports reports so brilliantly on the night. Congratulations to all our award winners — your hard work and commitment truly shone through. Roll on next year, with even more representation, successes and fun to come! Well done to everyone for making this cricket season one to remember!







