

Park Campus Academy

News

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Goodbyes and Farewells!

Welcome to our final newsletter of the academic year. We end another busy term by saying 'goodbye and good luck' to our Year 11's of 2016. We also say a fond farewell to Park Campus Academy's Headteacher, Mr Dodds.

Mr Dodds joined Park Campus in January 2009 as Assistant Headteacher and was then promoted to Headteacher in 2011. In his time as Headteacher he has helped the school to achieve a variety of achievements including Park Campus winning the PiXL Outstanding Achievement Award for three consecutive years (2013, 2014, 2015), a 'Good' from Ofsted 2013, and runner up in the Pupil Premium Award 2016.

Over the last seven years, Mr Dodds has worked with staff to help students achieve positive outcomes and push them to be their very best, overcoming a number of issues which may have hindered them on their arrival at Park Campus Academy. Our GCSE results have exceeded expectations and rivaled those of mainstream schools. All pupils leaving Year 11 go on to employment, training or further education.

Mr Dodds leaves for pastures new in a different setting to Park Campus, but he will be hugely missed by students and staff. We wish him the best of luck in his future career.

All staff at Park Campus Academy

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Goodbye to Class of 2016



On 1st July 2016, our Year 11 students celebrated the end of their time at Park Campus Academy.

Parents, carers, and staff were invited to join in with the festivities at the Leavers Ceremony. Music was provided by Raw Materials and senior staff presented each student with their leaving folders. It was clear to see that everyone was impressed with the achievements that our young people have gained and how fantastic they all looked in their finery!

After the presentation, everyone enjoyed a fantastic BBQ and refreshments followed by a delicious cake to complete the celebrations.

We wish all of our Year 11's every success for the future!

Check out our website for more pictures from the day:

<http://www.parkcampus.org.uk/custom/15/gallery/default.aspx>

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My Bank Project

My Bank, a community school project came into our school to work with a small group of year 10 students supported by Mr Williams.

Their project called Business Battle aimed to give students the opportunity and skills to plan and present a business enterprise plan. Over the course of a week the students brainstormed ideas for a product, drew up a plan and worked out costings and how to sell their product.

On 1st of July they set up a stall in East Street market selling cup cakes and fruit smoothies. This was a huge success and students made a good profit as well as learning valuable life skills.

Apprentice in the Making

One of our Year 11 students, Nyeem will be starting his apprenticeship at Canary Wharf Management on the 1st August. Nyeem will be doing his apprenticeship as a maintenance operator in electrical/mechanical and HVAC systems. He will be attending college for one and working four days a week.

In order for Nyeem to secure this apprenticeship he had to show perseverance and commitment. He also had to attend two interviews and do a number of tests, as well as research about the company.

All his hard work and commitment has now paid off! We wish him all the very best for the future and a big 'well done' from all staff at Park Campus Academy.

Dates for the diary

Last day of term:	Friday 15 th July 2016	Monday
INSET Day:	5 th September 2016	Tuesday 6 th
INSET Day:	September 2016	Wednesday
Start of Term 1:	7 th September 2016	Thursday
Last day of Term 1:	20 th October 2016	Friday 21 st
INSET Day:	October 2016	

Keep up-to-date with events by visiting our website for more information:

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Synergy Theatre Group

The Mouth that Roars Film Company, sponsored by Synergy Theatre Group have been working with some of the students at Park Campus Academy around the theme of bullying. The students have written and produced a short film on the subject which was shown to staff, parents and carers on 5th July.

Janai and Teauna, Year 10 have written about their experiences:

Janai: I was privileged to take part in a film production with the Mouth that Roars Film Company and combined with the Synergy Theatre Company. We designed a script based on a girl whose life is controlled by her abusive boyfriend which was played by me and I also filmed most of the film so I had to multi task.

I really got into character and I just pictured how this abusive controlling boyfriend was and I just became that person and performed as the boyfriend. I think that's a skill you must have, when you're performing for/in front of an audience. I learnt that you must have a lot of confidence when you're performing on camera and in front of people. Because I did get a bit nervous when performing but I enjoyed the programme; it was a fun experience.

Teauna: Over the past few weeks, I became involved with a film project; it was an amazing experience. My involvement with the project has really boosted my confidence so much. The role I played was one of the directors. It was quite hard to do! I had to make sure that everybody was focused and encourage them to be themselves. The film was about a girl who was being abused by her boyfriend. I enjoyed the project; it made me realise that actresses go through a lot, just to get into character. It can take up to 60-100 shots just to get a perfect scene! I didn't realise that it would take that long but it was worth it in the end. Our film will be available to see on the school website very soon!