



Park Hall Weekly News 4th November 2022



Year 11 Parents Evening

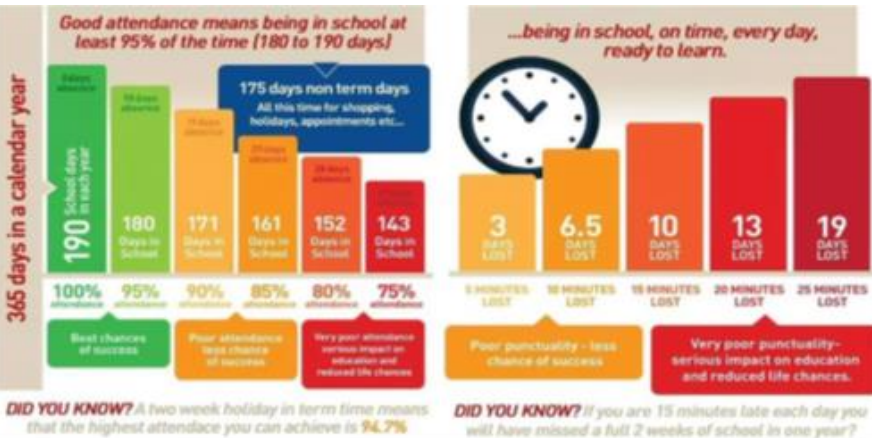
Year 11 Parents' Evening is on Thursday 17 November 2022. This is an important opportunity for you to discuss with your child's teachers how well they have settled into Year 11 and their final year of GCSE studies, particularly their strengths, and targets for improvement as they prepare for their Christmas mocks.

Appointments are made on school cloud but this is a **face to face parents evening** at Park Hall. **If you are unable to attend for any reason**, please make sure you inform Mrs Percival, your child's Head of Year, on ipercival@parkhall.org so we can invite you into school at another time to discuss your child's progress.

Celebrating Success

Congratulations to -

- **Ben Wallis, Emma Lovell and Elliott Astley** for the contribution to assemblies this week.
- **Max Murphy and Jack Lynch** for making a good start on the extra curricular challenge.



Dates for your diary

Thursday 10th November – Concertina day, pupils finish at 12:30

Thursday 17th November – Year 11 parents evening

Thursday 1st December – Year 9 parents evening

Thursday 1st – Thursday 15th December – Year 11 mock exams

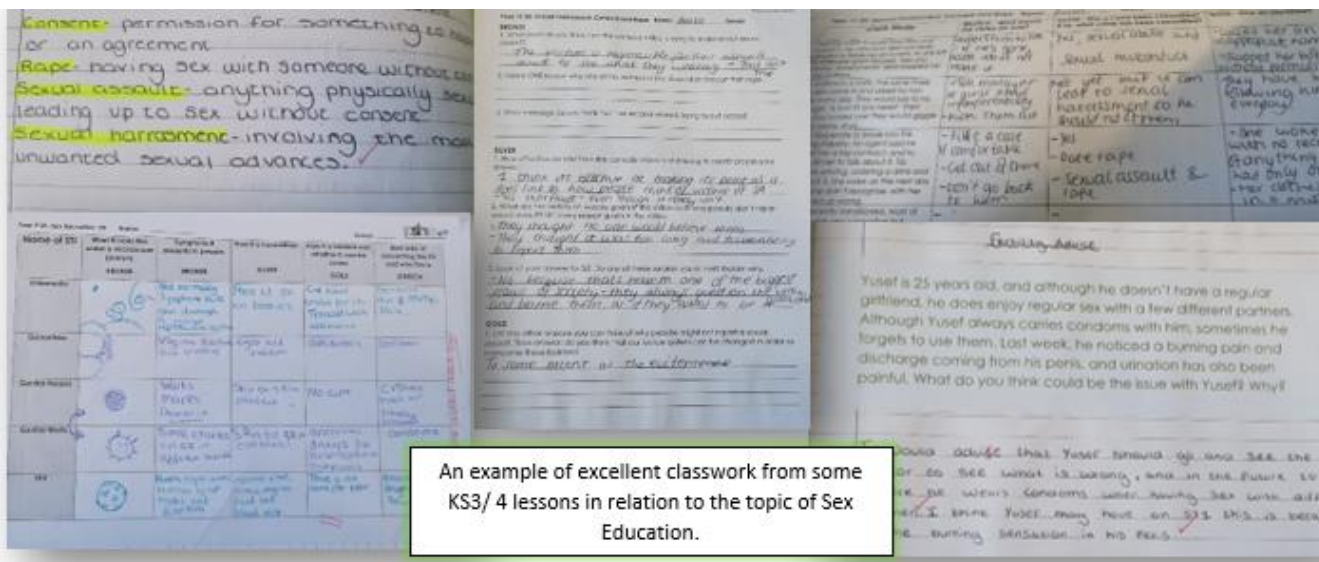
Monday 5th December – Christmas Concert

Monday 12th December – Presentation Evening

Thursday 15th December – Last day of term

This week in PSHE all students have been studying the topic: Sex Education 1

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Puberty	FGM	Safe Sex	Fertility and Reproductive Health	Consent



GCSE Dance

On Wednesday 19th October 22 GCSE Dance students travelled to Leeds for a workshop with Phoenix Dance Company. Students were given the opportunity to engage in a Q and A session with dancers from the professional work 'Shadows' which they study for Component 2 of the course. Alongside this students participated in 3 separate workshops where they learnt professional repertoire from the work. All students demonstrated commitment, enthusiasm and perseverance throughout making it a successful day!





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Black History Month

As we welcome the new month and the start of a new term, we are reflecting back on Black History Month 2022 and showcasing the amazing events to that took place throughout October to celebrate our black communities:

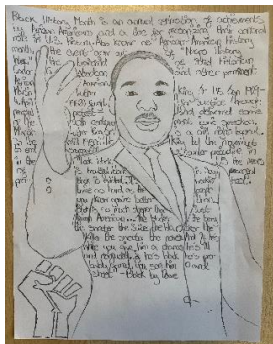
Creative Competition

To celebrate Black History Month, students were asked to create one page of original artwork or poetry, script etc on the theme of: "Time for Change: Action Not Words." We were blown away by the amount of responses received and so proud of students' dedication to making a change in society. The Social Science Department would like to thank all those that entered the competition and look forward to seeing all entries showcased around the school:

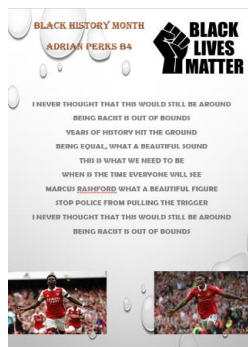


Within this art work a black lady has been placed at the front of the composition to demonstrate black people being at the forefront of Black History Month and its importance within our society. You can also see the clenched fist symbolising black lives matters campaign coloured using White, Black and Asian skin tones to signify that we are all in this together and united we can fight Racism. The use of colour and pattern has helped to symbol the ladies cultural heritage to make it an well devised and considered composition. Well done! – Mrs Carlin

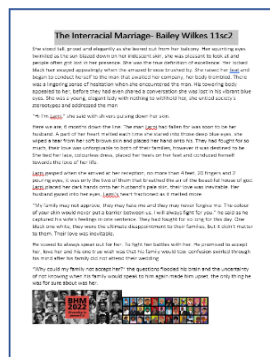
The winner for the Black History Month Creative Competition: **Grace McLeod**



Sammi Muatesem



Adrian Perks



'Black History Month is important in schools because young minds are easily influenced by the media and we need to teach them the importance of Black History. I really loved the assembly by Miss Mafemba because it was interactive with the students and not just about slavery. We learnt about present day influences and celebrating black culture in the UK. We watched a snippet of Stormzy's new music video which was really cool' – **Emma Lovell Year 11**

'We need more black history in schools!' – **Toby Baldry Year 11**

'I have been trying to name all the flags from the different African and Caribbean countries displayed in the foyer – I had no idea that there were so many' **Milly Kent Year 11**



Troy Denney

On the Thursday 13th of October, Park Hall Academy had the pleasure of welcoming Birmingham City footballer and anti-racist campaigner, **Troy Denney**. Troy spent the first part of the morning delivering an inspiring assembly to our year 10 students. Troy touched on his life experiences and how he managed to turn his life around after making bad decisions. He spoke **passionately about his mission to get Black, Asian and minority ethnic histories and experiences on the curriculum** across schools in the UK and generally the importance of school! Troy spent the rest of the morning touring the school and discussing exam stress and work experience with some sixth formers in the study room. The students lucky enough to meet our guest said that they were overjoyed with the opportunity and were excellent representatives of Park Hall. – **Miss Vaughan**



Sister Act

On Thursday 13th October, a group of students watched the classic musical, Sister Act. The students had such a lovely time and particularly enjoyed the musical number "I Could Be That Guy"! Most importantly, I am beyond proud of how sensible and well behaved the students were in the public. I cannot wait to take the students on another theatre trip in the future!

