



Park Hall Academy Newsletter

2nd May 2025



An Easter to Remember: Year 8 Conquer the Lake District



Over the Easter holidays, a group of enthusiastic Year 8 students from Park Hall Academy set off on an exciting five-day adventure to the Lake District. Based in the small and scenic village of Howtown, right beside the peaceful waters of Ullswater, the trip was an opportunity to swap screens and schoolbooks for fresh air, mountains, and unforgettable experiences.

From the moment they arrived, the group threw themselves into a week of outdoor challenges and new experiences. The weather was on their side, with sunshine and blue skies making every activity even more enjoyable. Whether it was paddling across Ullswater in canoes, tackling gorge walks, hiking through rugged terrain, or building rafts and racing them on the lake, each day brought fresh excitement and opportunities for personal growth.

The trip kicked off with the traditional “jog and dip” – a bracing run into the lake that certainly woke everyone up and set the tone for the week. Students learned new skills, worked together in teams, and pushed themselves to try things they’d never done before. The sense of camaraderie and support was clear to see, as classmates encouraged one another through every challenge.

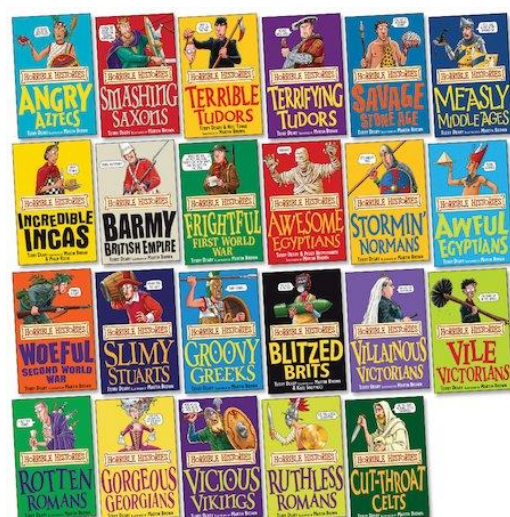
By the end of the week, students returned home with muddy boots, proud smiles, and plenty of stories to tell. More importantly, they brought back a sense of achievement, confidence, and a stronger bond with both nature and each other.


The Lake District proved the perfect setting for adventure, and this Easter trip is sure to be remembered by all as a highlight of their time at Park Hall Academy.

Year 7 Book Swap

We will have our Book Swap shelf at Year 7 Parents' Evening next week – please bring a book along to swap. After a sizable donation of books, we are proud to have the full set of Harry Potter, a bounteous selection of Horrible Histories and an impressive array of Artemis Fowl available, plus lots and lots more! The Shelf will be situated with the English department in the Sixth Form refectory. If you are meeting your child here, make sure they've popped a book in their bag the night before.

Books we have ready to swap...






Park Hall Academy

BOOK SWAP

Reading gives your imagination wings, it can strengthen your mental health and it will boost your grades!

Where? When?
Thursday 8th May, Parents' Evening, 6th Form
Refectory

What do I do?
Bring along a book, any book, and swap it for a new one!



Easter Charity Donations

A special 'thank you' to Year 8 students, Cherri-Marie Hughes and Amara Slimper Nisar, who collected Easter Eggs before the holidays. Cherri-Marie took the donated Eggs to the local food bank at Water Orton Church.



YEAR 11 SAVE THE DATE!

Please be reminded of the following very important dates for **ALL** Year 11 students 2024-5.

The revision school will be tailored towards supporting you with your examinations and remember 100% equals learning energy prizes!

For more information please contact Mrs Cullum-Kenyon - Associate Assistant Headteacher



No1, No1, No1 - Park Hall Academy Number 1 Three Times in a Row!

Park Hall Academy have been number 1 three times in a row - thank you to our students who are putting the hard work in! Let's keep this going.

A reminder to parents that we are aiming for every child to achieve at least 80% on each assignment. Independent tasks can be completed on SENECA as well as those assigned by teachers. Thank you for your support in encouraging your child to complete their home learning.

Our SENECA CHAMPIONS for the last 3 weeks (7th-27th April) are:

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1	Tilly McDonough	Poppy-May Addison	Libby Rodway	Louis Yates	Jack Kesterton
2	Darcy Milward	Jorgie Bright	Sophie Hunt	Rafael Dennant	Dylan Dalton
3	Lily Morgan Berrill	Taylor Baker	Aston Martin	Isabella Bryan-Gowen	Megan Reynolds
4	Mara Fitter	Ella Rigby	Jake Sheppard	Sienna-Leigh Byrne	Jacob Mach
5	Amelia Sheppard	Ethan Pearson	Emma Hill	Evie Wallace	Rosie Fallows

And a special mention for our superstars who have achieved 100% in ALL assignments:

Logan McCormack (Year 7)	Lily Yates (Year 7)	Betsy Coniff (Year 7)
Thomas Mitchell (Year 8)	Cherri-Marie Hughes (Year 8)	Celine Kelly (Year 8)
Ava Cooney (Year 8)	Dylan Price (Year 9)	Jacob Hewlett (Year 9)
George Hayward (Year 10)	Darshan Sathish Pillai (Year 10)	Suzanna Otton (Year 10)
Kian Naven (Year 10)	Lexi Neish (Year 11)	Max Murphy (Year 11)
Abdullah Imran (Year 11)	Tori Edge (Year 11)	Sana Shahbaz (Year 11)
Holly Taylor (Year 11)	Charlie Jones (Year 11)	Fraser Rodway (Year 11)
Ruby Spink (Year 11)		

If anyone is having any issues logging onto SENECA, then please ask them to see Mrs Jagdev who will help them get logged on.

Week ending 13th April



Week ending 20th April



Week ending 27th April





P.R.I.D.E Points

Our students have the opportunity to earn PRIDE points in a variety of ways here at Park Hall. Well done to these students for receiving the most PRIDE points in their year group this week.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Codi Clark	Isabel Goodhall	Bradley Millard	Omer Awan Annabel Dunne Mason Weaver Leah Williamson	Ella Caldicott Adrian Perks Bryony Rankin

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



- Monday 5th May – May Day Bank Holiday ~ *school is closed*
- Thursday 8th May – Year 7 Parents Evening – 3.30pm-6.30pm
- Friday 23rd May – Year 13 Prom

Half-Term – Monday 26th – Friday 30th May 2025

Revision School - Wednesday 28th & Thursday 29th May

- Monday 2nd June – Students return to school
- Thursday 12th June – Year 8 Parents Evening – 3.30pm-6.30pm
- Thursday 19th June – Concertina Day – students finish at 12.20pm
- Friday 27th June – Year 11 Prom
- Thursday 17th July – Sports Day
- Friday 18th July – World Culture Day
- Friday 18th July – Last day of term for students

Summer Holidays

Contact Details



Have you changed your contact details? If you have changed your home address, telephone number, email address or name, please ensure that you contact the main office to update your details so that you do not miss out on information from school. You can update your details via email: post@parkhall.org or by calling 0121 748 0400.

Attendance Support

Local Authority (EPAS) are running attendance support drop in meetings to support families struggling with school attendance. No need to make an appointment, just drop in:

Tuesday – 12-1.30 at Elmwood Place, 37 Burtons Way, Birmingham, B36 0UG

Friday – 9.30-12pm at Hatchford Brooke, Old Lode Lane, Solihull, B92 8JE

Park Hall School Attendance Team always welcome you letting us know about any attendance difficulties you might be having.

Attendance Matters

As we all know, attendance plays a huge part in our children achieving their full potential. Research has shown that pupils who performed better at the end of secondary school missed fewer days than those who didn't perform as well. **Reporting a Student Absence:** On the occasions when children are too unwell to attend school, it is the responsibility of the parent/carers to contact school as soon as possible, by **8.30am** at the latest, on **each morning of absence**.

DID YOU KNOW...?

*There are **190** teaching days in a school year. **10** days of absence = **95%** attendance; **15** days of absence = **92%** attendance. Children with **OVER 90%** attendance are more likely to achieve 5 or more Grade 4+ qualifications. Children with **LESS than 85%** attendance are **unlikely** to gain 5 or more 9-5 GCSE's or equivalent qualifications.*

How absence from school affects children long term

Attendance	Average earnings (aged 28)
99-100%	£32,200
90-98.9%	£29,800
50-89.9%	£19,500
Below 50%	£10,100

A recent study by the **Department for Education study**, investigated the long-term impact of absence on future earnings. It highlights how students who attend school more regularly tend to earn higher salaries by the age of 28.

- **Students with nearly perfect attendance (99-100%)** earn an average of **£32,200** per year.
- **Those with attendance at 90-98.9%** earn slightly less, at **£29,800** per year.
- **Students with lower attendance (50-89.9%)** see a significant drop in earnings, averaging **£19,500** per year.
- **Students who attend less than 50% of the time** earn the least, at only **£10,100** per year.

This **Department for Education study** emphasizes the importance of regular school attendance in shaping a child's future success. Encouraging consistent attendance can have a **long-term impact** on job opportunities and financial stability later in life.

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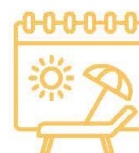
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- **Top-Performing Trust:** Part of a leading Multi Academy Trust in the West Midlands, known for excellence in education.
- **Bespoke Training:** Specialised support for both Primary & Secondary education with personal mentorship.
- **Exceptional Mentorship:** One-to-one guidance from experienced educators, ensuring your growth and confidence in the classroom.
- **Flexible & Practical Training:** Real classroom experience from the start, alongside academic development, giving you a well-rounded foundation



Ready to Start?

Competitive Salary: Earn over £30,000+ with strong pay progression.

Generous Holidays: Including long summer breaks for travel or family time.

Get Paid to Train: Tax free bursaries are available for a variety of subjects

What you'll gain



- **QTS & PGCE Qualifications:** Gain Qualified Teacher Status and a PGCE from the University of Warwick, recognised globally.
- **Real School Experience:** Spend more time in your base school to embed into the culture, with a contrasting placement for varied exposure.

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SUMMER TERM 2025
Open to all Solihull parents and carers



EMPOWERING
PARENTS
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BEING A PARENT GROUPS

Led by trained parent volunteers, the groups provide you with the tools to help manage challenging behaviour, improve communication, and build a positive relationship with your child.

The Being a Parent groups start with a welcome session & then run weekly for a further 8 sessions:

TUESDAY	Virtual via Microsoft Teams	6pm – 7.30pm	6/5/25 – 8/7/25
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UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD

Led by Solihull professionals, the group aims to help you to manage challenging behaviour and improve communication, as well as building and understanding your relationship with your child. The group target age is 4-11 years unless specified, delivered face-to-face for 10 sessions:



TUESDAY	Shirley Heath Outreach Hub (B90 3DS)	1pm – 3pm	29/4/25 – 8/7/25
WEDNESDAY	Three Trees Community Centre (B37 7TR)	5pm – 7pm	w/c 28/4/25 – 7/7/25

FIVE TO THRIVE

For parents with children aged up to 2 years, the FIVE TO THRIVE building blocks explore practical things you can do to enhance your child's brain development, increase confidence in parenting and meet local parents.



TUESDAY
The Bridge, Shirley
(B90 3AG)

12.30pm – 2.30pm

7/1/25 – 11/2/25
25/2/25 – 1/4/25

Book your place now, or find out more by contacting Solihull Parenting Team at: bsmhft.parenting@nhs.net or book via the Eventbrite QR code below:

