



Park Hall Academy

Weekly News

5th June 2026



An incredible way to end the half term – Holding onto the Number 1 spot, even throughout the break!



Park Hall Academy
Birmingham, Solihull

694,080

The first half of the summer term has proven to be as successful as ever on SENECA. Our students have continued to demonstrate an impressive commitment to their learning, helping us achieve another strong set of results on the platform. It has been particularly encouraging to see so many students engaging regularly with independent study tasks, revisiting key knowledge and challenging themselves to improve. Their dedication to consistent revision and self-directed learning has contributed significantly to their progress this term.

As students prepare for upcoming examinations, mock exams and end-of-year assessments, the skills they are developing through their use of SENECA - including organisation, perseverance and effective revision techniques will serve them well. We are delighted to see such enthusiasm for learning and such a positive approach to academic success. Congratulations to all students for their continued effort and determination. We look forward to seeing this momentum continue throughout the remainder of the term.

ALL students are reminded that we want them to achieve a **minimum standard of 80%** on each assignment.

Special mention to our SENECA STARS for the highest usage over the last week:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Chigozirim Ikechukwu-Obi	Theo Perks	Finn Rooney	David Wilkes	Arturs Preijers
Emily Skelcher	Leo James	Frankie Davis	Fern Tanser	Rafe Parry
Kherys Bench	Oliver Willetts	Bernard Monks- Brown	Libby Rodway	Dominic Barker
Martins Okungbeni	Ayda Mahfooz	Poppy-May Addison	Aj Rhodes	Daisy Jenkins
Zakiya Nazir	Jeremy Liu	Carter Slinn	Sum Kiu Chan	Harry Coward
Nisma Ali	Mal Mwedziwendira	Eva Hopton	Ruby Anthony	Rubie Carroll
Ethan Hart	Poppy McGrath	Cordi Savage	Isla Sheasby	Hayden Murrain
Evan Nightingale	Ralph Robinson	Faith Johnson	Summer Giffin	Ryan Bevan
Sienna Gordon	Evie O'Callaghan	Georgie Rogers	Kara Shaw	Teagan Reeves
Tincuta Ciobanu	Zayaan Asim	Arisa Hussain	Summer Fitzpatrick	George Smith

Special mention to those **achieving 100%** on every single assignment over the last half term:

Year 7 – Aiden Edwards and Emily Skelcher.

Year 8 – Keegan Goode-McCreight and Logan McCormack.

Year 9 – Milena Jovanovic, Liam Pilmer, Imogen Hemmings and Isaac Hartill.

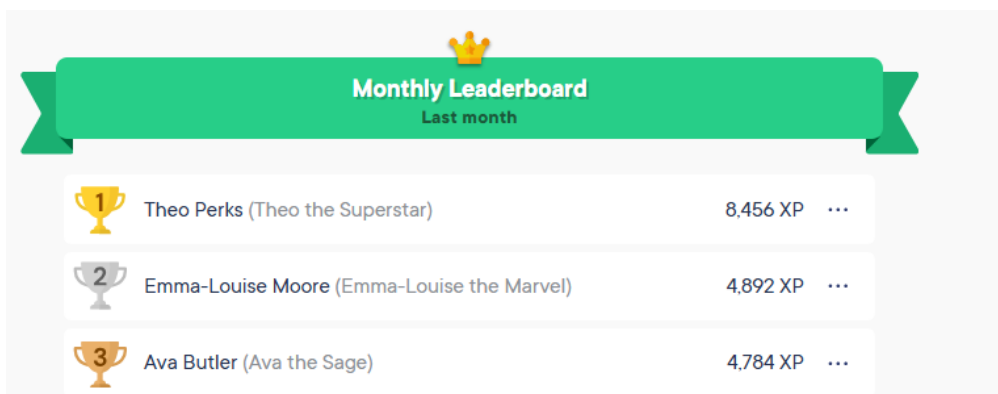
Year 10 – Isaac Allcock.

Year 11 – Grace McLeod, Rubie Gardner, Reuben Barnes, Maisie Astley, Kian Naven, Shekinah Harris and Oliver Games.

SPARX Maths Leaderboard



Well done to all our students who are engaging with SPARX maths and making real progress in their maths lessons. A huge well done to Theo, Emma and Ava for making the top 3 for XP across the whole school last month. Keep it up!



Our highest XP students from May are...

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Sophie Mullins 4,775 XP	Theo Perks 8,456 XP	Emma-Louise Moore 4,892 XP	Ava Butler 4,784 XP
Chigozirim Ikechukwu-Obi 4,476 XP	Ayda Mahfooz 2,975 XP	Bernard Monks-Brown 4,145 XP	Alexia Cuffe 4,185 XP
Lily Crew 3,745 XP	Ciana Hughes 2,833 XP	Blossom Dixon 3,846 XP	Ruben Sansoni 3,381 XP
Mikail Hafeez 3,403 XP	Leo James 2,785 XP	Ryker Baker 3,117 XP	Chloe Dixon 3,203 XP
Ethan Hart 3,386 XP	Myles Henry 2,650 XP	Sienna-marie Pardoe 2,899 XP	Ariella Savage 2,860 XP

If you are in the top 5 for your year group, please remember to collect your chocolate bar from your maths teacher on Friday.

Year 9 Football Team Reach Trevor Francis Cup Final

On Sunday 31st May, our Year 9 football team proudly represented Park Hall Academy in the Trevor Francis Cup Final at St Andrew's @ Knighthood Park, facing Tudor Grange Solihull.

It was a closely contested match, with Park Hall creating the majority of chances throughout the game. Despite our strong start, Tudor Grange took the lead from a penalty. However, the team showed great resilience, and Mason Moore equalised to ensure the sides went into half-time level at 1-1.

Early in the second half, a well-taken strike from Frankie put Park Hall 2–1 ahead, reflecting the effort and determination shown by the team. With just 10 minutes remaining, Tudor Grange managed to find a ball in behind our defence and equalised to make it 2–2.

In a dramatic finish deep into stoppage time, Tudor Grange were awarded a free kick just outside the box. The strike crashed off the crossbar and into the net, meaning Park Hall narrowly lost 3–2.

The result was a tough one to take, especially as we were so close to taking the game to penalties. However, the performance demonstrated the quality, resilience, and togetherness of the squad.

A huge well done to all players who have contributed throughout the year and in the rounds leading up to the final. Reaching the final and playing at a professional football stadium is a fantastic achievement and a memorable experience for everyone involved.

This match marks the end of the Year 9 season, and we look forward to returning even stronger in Year 10 to compete for more trophies.



Thomas, Noah, Carter, Archie, Alfie, Tommy, Zaine, Mason, Louie, Frankie, Harry, George, Ethan, Kylo, Fraiser, Zach, Rian



Year 7 Football Team Crowned Dennett Cup Champions

A huge congratulations to our outstanding Year 7 football team, who were crowned **Dennett Cup Champions of Solihull Borough** on Thursday 21st May after a thrilling and dramatic final against Arden.

In what can only be described as an unforgettable match, the team showed incredible character and determination throughout. Despite finding themselves **2-0 down early on**, the boys refused to give up. Arden extended their lead to **3-1**, but our players dug deep and mounted an incredible comeback, turning the game on its head to take a **4-3 lead**.

Just when victory seemed within touching distance, Arden managed to score a late equaliser, taking the game to a tense penalty shootout. Showing nerves of steel, our team delivered a flawless performance from the spot — **scoring every single penalty** to secure a **5-3 shootout victory** and lift the trophy.

There were several standout performances on the day. **Jensen Rodgers** was deservedly named **Player of the Match** for his exceptional contribution, while **Louis Valton** was in sensational form, scoring a **hat-trick during the match** and confidently converting his penalty in the shootout.

This remarkable victory highlights not only the team's skill but also their resilience, teamwork, and never-give-up attitude. They have done themselves and the school incredibly proud.

Well done, lads — a fantastic achievement!

U13 Girls Shine at County Finals Tournament

On Thursday 4th June 2026, our U13 girls football team travelled to Rugby Borough Women & Girls Football Club to take part in the highly competitive County Finals tournament. Facing strong opposition from across the county, the girls demonstrated outstanding determination, teamwork, and resilience throughout the day.

The team competed in a total of six matches, delivering an impressive performance. They secured four wins, earned one draw, and suffered just a single narrow defeat, losing 1-0 in a closely contested game. This excellent record is a testament to their hard work, skill, and commitment both in training and on the pitch.

What stood out most was the incredible team spirit and leadership displayed by the squad. Each player took on the role of captain during the tournament, showing confidence, communication, and maturity beyond their years. Their ability to support one another and lead by example played a key role in their success.

A special mention goes to our Player of the Day, Lilah Faughey, who was continually positive and highly motivated throughout the tournament. Lilah demonstrated excellent teamwork and leadership qualities, consistently encouraging her teammates and setting a fantastic example on and off the pitch.

The girls' effort never wavered, even in challenging moments, and they should be extremely proud of how they represented the school. Their performances earned them an impressive 3rd place finish in the county, a fantastic achievement at such a competitive level.


Congratulations to all the players—an outstanding achievement and a day to be very proud of!



WB: Monday 8th June 2026












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Protected Characteristics	Ableism and invisible disabilities	The importance of community	LGBT+ Rights	Study Skills



**PARK HALL
ACADEMY**

BRITISH Values

REMEMBER: DR TIM

D	DEMOCRACY We have a voice. We listen. We decide. We respect.		
R	RULE OF LAW We respect the rules. They keep us safe and help us learn and grow.		
T	TOLERANCE We respect differences. We are kind, open-minded and accepting of others.		
I	INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY We are free to be ourselves. We make choices and take responsibility for them.		
M	MUTUAL RESPECT We treat others how we want to be treated. We care for our school and our community.		

BE RESPECTFUL. ★ BE RESPONSIBLE. ★ BE YOUR BEST.



**STUDENT GUIDE
2025-6**

**Launched: Monday 13th April 2026
Deadline for award submission: Friday 12th June 2026**

What is the Character Award at Park Hall Academy?

The Character Award is given to Year 7-10 students who show strong character and citizenship in school.

A good character means being kind, respectful, resilient, and responsible, while a good citizen helps make the school a better place.

To achieve the award, students must:

BRONZE AWARD - Complete a **CHARACTER CARD** with all 12 STAMPS

SILVER AWARD - Complete a **CHARACTER CARD** with all 12 stamps plus 5 completed **CHARACTER CHALLENGES** in the portfolio

GOLD AWARD - Complete a **CHARACTER CARD** with all 12 stamps plus all 10 completed **CHARACTER CHALLENGES** in the portfolio

All students will receive both a certificate and enamel badge

1. What is a Character card?

Students are to carry this character card in the pocket of their blazer and when they have demonstrated a character trait in school, they must ask their form tutors/ teacher to complete it to say they have witnessed the character trait in action.

It is important for students not to lose the cards as they are the evidence needed towards getting the badge!



CHARACTER TRAIT	What you need to show...	British Value (D.R.I.M.)	Where have you evidenced this?	Teachers signature
Commitment	Sticking with something, even when it gets hard.	Rule of Law		
Courage	Having a go, even when unsure or anxious.	Individual Liberty		
Compassion	Being kind and caring when someone needs help.	Mutual Respect		
Co-operation	Working well with others to get things done.	Democracy		
Curiosity	Wanting to learn new things and ask questions.	Individual Liberty		
Courtesy	Using good manners and being polite to everyone.	Mutual Respect		
Consistency	Being reliable and trying your best every day.	Rule of Law		
Creativity	Thinking of new ideas and trying different ways to do things.	Individual Liberty		
Calmness	Staying steady and in control when things feel stressful.	Tolerance		
Citizenship	Being a helpful, responsible member of our school community.	Democracy & Rule of Law		
Character	Doing the right thing, even when no one is watching.	Rule of Law		
Charity	Helping others by giving your time, support, or care.	Mutual Respect		

2. Do I have to do the CHARACTER CARD and CHARACTER PORTFOLIO?

No. Complete the card and you will be awarded a BRONZE award. Complete the card and 5 challenges in the portfolio and receive a SILVER Award or complete the card and all 10 challenges in the portfolio and achieve the GOLD Award.

3. When do I have to hand in the evidence?

Your form tutor will monitor the completion of each card and once completed they will keep hold of it. The card and portfolio must be handed to Mrs Cullum-Kenyon **FRIDAY 12TH JUNE 2026**

4. When will I receive my award?

All certificates and awards are given at the end of the Summer Term during a special Awards events just for you. Students will be awarded a **BRONZE, SILVER, OR GOLD BADGE** for their blazer based on the strength of evidence.

5. Will I get more than one opportunity to get a character award?

You will get one opportunity each year.

6. WHAT DO I NEED TO DO TO START?

- 1) Collect a Character Card from your form tutor to begin working towards your Award
- 2) Collect a portfolio for the SILVER and GOLD Award from Mrs Cullum-Kenyon. You will be given a contents page for you to track and tick off the evidence once you have completed a challenge



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
Zak Jones	Enya Dudley	Poppy-May Addison	Rohey Manneh



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 11 th June	-	Yr 8 Parents Evening – 3.30 - 6.30pm
Friday 26 th June	-	Yr 11 Prom Night – 6.30pm - 11pm (See letter previously sent for further details)
Monday 22 nd June	-	Year 6 Induction Evening One – 6 – 8pm
Monday 29 th June	-	Year 6 Induction Evening Two – 6 – 8pm
Thursday 16 th July	-	Sports Day
Friday 17 th July	-	Last day of term
Monday 20 th July	-	Inset Day for students

Attendance

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.

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/carer 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.*

Student Medication

This is a gentle reminder that if your child requires an inhaler, especially now that the colder weather is here, please ensure it is in their bag or blazer so they can use it as and when required. If your child needs medication that must be kept in school, please complete a consent form – please contact school if you need one

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.

For Parents - How to Report Online Harm

There are so many apps with different reporting functions, organisations, helplines and more it can be really frustrating for parents to get help. Internet Matters have a useful page which details some of these organisations and what they can do, how to report specific issues, how to report on many of the social platforms and games and where to go for more help. You can see all the details [HERE](#).



A colorful poster titled "HOT WEATHER CAN BE DEADLY" from Park Hall Academy. The poster features a sun icon with the text "ENJOY THE SUN STAY SAFE NEAR WATER" and a warning sign stating "4 CHILDREN DIED IN THE UK DURING MAY HALF TERM 2026". It includes sections for "THE FACTS", "WHY IS IT SO DANGEROUS?", and "STAY SAFE - FOLLOW THESE RULES". The rules include: "DON'T GO IN ALONE", "DON'T JUMP IN OR TAKE RISKS", "STICK TO SAFE PLACES", "CHECK THE WATER", and "IN AN EMERGENCY". A lifebuoy graphic says "WATER IS FUN - BUT RESPECT IT STAY ALERT STAY ALIVE". At the bottom, it says "IT'S COOL TO BE SAFE" and "WATER CAN BE UNPREDICTABLE. ONE MOMENT OF RISK CAN CHANGE EVERYTHING. LOOK OUT FOR YOUR FRIENDS. MAKE GOOD CHOICES. STAY SAFE." There is also a box for "IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 999 AND ASK FOR THE COASTGUARD" with website links: www.rspa.org.uk, www.rspa.com, and www.bbc.co.uk/news.

Work Experience For 14 – 18 year olds!



Are you interested in building your CV before summer and want to have a say on issues that genuinely impact you?

Solihull Council have partnered with Warwick University to be able to offer two cohorts of five day placements, for any young person who lives or goes to school in Solihull Borough.

Dates: 29th June to 3rd July (Youth Unemployment Project)
20th July to 24th July (North Solihull Youth Offer)

Times: 10am to 2:30pm each day



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Work experience details:

- Develop peer research and consultation plan
- Work in the community asking people's views and opinions
- Bring findings together and present them to the team.
- Q&A with Directors, Head of Service and Council Officers to find out about their role.
- Session from a Professor of Warwick University on Peer Research
- Meet new people, have fun and then have the chance to join the Youth Voice Network.

Please email youthoffer@solihull.gov.uk to find out more and book a space.
Limited spaces available so sign up ASAP.



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FOOD PANTRY

WE CARE about
AFFORDABLE
FOOD
in the of our
COMMUNITIES

We believe everyone should have access to affordable and nutritious food by bridging the gaps between community food provisions.

A small donation of £2 will allow each member to access up to £25 worth of cupboard food, fresh fruit and fresh vegetables per visit (10 items)

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Pantry Locations:

**9TH
JUNE**

11:00AM

Riverside Family Hub

289 Bosworth Drive,
Solihull, B37 5DP
0121 779 1750

**11TH
JUNE**

Contact Family
Hub to become
member.

ELMWOOD FAMILY HUB

37 Burtons Way,
Birmingham, B36 0UG
0121 779 1700

**19TH
JUNE**

11:00AM

Evergreen Family Hub

42 Kingshurst Way,
Birmingham, B37 6DX
0121 779 1724

**26TH
JUNE**

10.30AM

Hatchford Brook Family Hub

Hatchford Brook, Old Lode
Lane, Solihull, B92 8JE
0121 704 6943