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Welcome to PHES News.

Introduction



We are delighted to introduce the first edition of the Park House English School newsletter for the 2018/19 academic year. This academic year marks the 25th anniversary of Park House English School. The above photo is the very first Reception class from 1995. We will be sharing more nostalgic photos throughout the year.

As part of our commitment to improving the learning environment for our pupils, a number of enhancement projects took place during the summer holidays. In addition the school has agreed a new extra curricular activities partnership with Evolution Sports. They have a great reputation as a professionally run organisation offering high quality programmes. We hope you enjoy reading the newsletter and your feedback is welcomed.

Events This Month

Monday, 1st October 2018
Year 7 Parents Evening

Tuesday, 9th October 2018
Primary Parents Evening

Wednesday, 10th October 2018
Primary Parents Evening

Thursday, 18th October 2018
Pink Day

25th Year Anniversary



This academic year marks the 25th Anniversary of Park House English School. The school will celebrate this historic milestone with a number of exciting events and activities.

Details of these events will be finalised soon and we look forward to sharing them with you. As part of the celebrations a new school logo was designed. We will be spending time this year celebrating the significant achievements of the past whilst also focussing on retaining and developing the best of what it means to be a member of the Park House English School community.

Principal's Message

Mr. John Smith



In an international school, wherever in the world, it is always a challenge to make sure everything is ready for the beginning of the school year. This year was particularly challenging due to the volume of enhancement work we have carried out and it was only after several midnight finishes that we were ready. I'm sure you will agree that the school is looking fantastic and many areas have been greatly enhanced over the summer. The full list of enhancements is as follows:

- **EYFS** – an additional Reception classroom, new touchscreen teaching displays (in each classroom to be completed in the next couple of weeks) and a brand new playground with bespoke designed rubber flooring, play equipment and shading.
- **Primary** – a completely redesigned and refurbished Primary Library, much needed shading installed over the playground, new touchscreen teaching displays in all Year 5 and 6 classrooms and an additional screen in Year 4 (the aim is to have all primary classrooms equipped with this new technology by January).
- **Secondary** – a new Sixth Form Centre and adjoining Study Room, new Design Technology classroom (for future use when we introduce this subject), new Art Studio with touchscreen teaching display, 2 new ICT rooms with touchscreen teaching displays, a completely re-designed and refurbished Secondary Library and two rooms completely refurbished as Physics Laboratories.
- **Sports Facilities** – a fan/chilled water vapour cooling system for our outside court, a dividing curtain for the gym and a new carpet for the swimming pool. We are in the midst of installing an upgraded lock system into the swimming pool area and have employed a full time qualified lifeguard. We have installed shading over a large area of the playground in this area of the school as well.
- **IT** – we have carried out a significant amount of upgrade work to ensure our IT infrastructure is in good shape for the future and the wireless connectivity covers every part of the school.

- The most visible area for our parents and visitors has been the newly designed **School Reception** area. Behind this we have refurbished the **Auditorium**, including new carpets, new stage flooring, acoustic treatment, new colour scheme and new furniture. We are now looking at an upgraded sound and lighting system so we can increase our performing arts opportunities.

As you can imagine, to turn the above list around in six weeks was an amazing feat and I am grateful to all those involved. I can also assure you that this is not the end. We recognise that there are other areas of the school we need to continue to work on and the investments will be ongoing over the next few years. I will share details when I am able to. Everything we do at Park House will be to enhance the environment, learning areas and learning opportunities for our pupils.

We have welcomed a number of new staff to the school this year and they are settling in well. There is an appreciable sense of excitement about the teaching and learning environment in the school and a significant commitment to continually improve what we do. During the staff induction, I set the ongoing expectation that we will examine everything with a key question: "How does this enhance the learning opportunities for our pupils?"

We are all aware of the challenges we face as we move forward in our 25th Anniversary year. We will be spending time this year celebrating the significant achievements of the past whilst also focusing on retaining & developing the best of what it means to be a member of the Park House English School community.

HEAD BOY & HEAD GIRL

We are proud to announce the appointment of our new Head Boy and Head Girl. Our congratulations go to Abrar Yusuf and Ashleigh Ward who have been selected to take on the roles. They were both appointed following a rigorous process.

The position of Head Boy and Head Girl is an extremely important one and is the most senior student role in the school. We wish you all the best in your new roles.



STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

A key aspect of the work of the school is supported by the students. The views of the student body are regularly consulted in all aspects of school life. This work is led by the Students Leadership Team (SLT). They will be working on a number of school & community projects. Wishing you all the best for the academic year.



NEW HEAD OF SECONDARY

Park House English School is delighted to welcome Mr. James Moyes as the new Head of Secondary.

Mr. Moyes graduated in Physics from the University of Durham in 1997. In 2001 he completed a PGCE at the University of Cambridge.

He spent 10 years teaching in the UK, the last 4 of which were spent as Head of Science at an outstanding school in Surrey.

Mr. Moyes has lived in Doha since 2012, working at Doha British School as Deputy Head of Secondary for the past 3 years.



The Circus Comes to Key Stage 1

The circus arrived in Key Stage 1 during the month of September. All of the children decorated their classroom doors and corridors in preparation. The school was awash with colour as the children dressed up as all manner of circus performers.



Even the teachers got in on the act! A fantastic circus was organised by the teachers and held in the auditorium.

The theme will be further explored in the coming weeks. Follow us on social media to view all that happens.



Head of Primary Message

Mr. Brian Allen



The run up to the start of every school is always one of excitement and anticipation and 2018-19 was no exception. It is one of the joys of teaching to welcome old and new faces into school on that first day of term.

It is wonderful to hear the children talk about their first few days in school and the positiveness that they exude – we are extremely fortunate at Park House to have such enthusiastic young learners. It is particularly gratifying to hear new colleagues say how wonderful the pupils are.

School has undergone a few changes over the summer with shading, reception classrooms and equipment being the most obvious and visible improvements. However, what has also happened, unseen to parents and pupils is the additional training that staff have received in the International Primary Curriculum and mathematics.

Results can already be seen in the former with pupils more actively engaged in

their learning. The year 1 and 2 introduction to the Circus unit of study was an absolute delight and extremely

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colourful. A great example of school and home working together.

Our new colleagues have settled remarkably quickly and are making a very positive impact upon school life. Our colleagues in the P.E. department have been particularly busy with trials for football, swimming and athletics having taken place already.

On the immediate horizon we have our first parents' meetings of the year on the 9th/10th October. We also

have Pink Day in October. On this latter note I would like to thank Marli Boucher for all the hard work over the past two years as Head of the PTA.

Such an immensely important role to school, it is an

incredibly time-consuming one and Marli has put in an enormous effort for which we are incredibly grateful.

A well-deserved break indeed, and we are now looking for volunteers to take it on. Anyone?

Wishing everyone a happy and successful school year.

SIXTH FORM



NEW HEAD OF 6TH FORM

Congratulations to Miss Lyvica Allen who started her new role as Head of Sixth Form. Miss Allen brings extensive experience to the role. Ms. Allen worked as the Universities & Careers counsellor for a number of years at PHES. We wish her all the best in the new position.



NEW SCHOOL LIBRARIES

The school was a hive of construction activity during the summer months. As part of the renovations, the school libraries were redesigned to meet the needs of pupils.

The libraries incorporate the latest technologies to enhance teaching and learning. They will encourage pupils to develop a love of reading and support their learning.

Evo Sports

Extra Curricular Activities Provider



Evolution Sports officially opened its door to children at Park House English School in September.

They offer an unique opportunity to all sports lovers aged from 3 to 16 (Boys and Girls) to share the values of a club driven by excellence and passion, recognised internationally for its player-centered approach and the quality of its youth development programmes.

The Academy offers the perfect opportunity for youngsters to develop their skills in a friendly and pressure-free environment where teamwork and sportsmanship are valued as highly as

winning and losing. Core values such as professionalism, respect, friendship, inclusivity, pride, integrity and excellence are all part of an ever-evolving coaching curriculum which aims to develop the person, as well as the player.

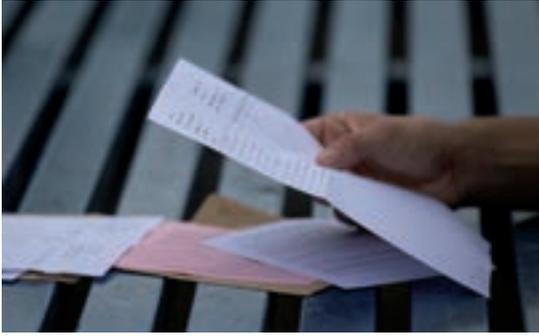
Evolution Sports Qatar General Manager, Tommy Westmoreland said, "We are proud to be able to count Park House English School as part of the Evolution Sports family and are committed to sharing our sporting and educational values with their staff, student and parents."

To register for a course, please visit www.evospportsqatar.com or contact the club on 4407 6772 or email info@evospportsqatar.com.

ParkHouseConnect Workshops

The first workshops of our new initiative "**ParkHouseConnect**" took place on Tuesday 25th September. This series of workshops which will take place throughout the academic year will provide information about different areas of the curriculum. We look forward to welcoming parents at the workshops.





A Level Results

Park House English School is pleased to announce their outstanding A-Level examination results which are 25% of entries A*- A and 100% pass rate.

This excellent performance across the School means that the majority of the students have achieved their university offers.



John Smith, the Principal, said: "We are incredibly proud of our Year 13 students and their A Level results. As a school, we continue to be academically ambitious for all our students and these A Level results are even better than our impressive results in 2017. Again, these results are a testament to our outstanding teaching throughout the school. We have proved that our 6th Form challenges all students.



Medical Club

With the new school year in full swing, the first session of Medical Club took place on Wednesday 26th Sept. This is a club designed to provide information and support to those interested in pursuing a career in the field of Health Care. Students dissected eyes, brains and lungs to see their inner workings and report their findings.

Miss Robson, Head of Science, will be supervising the club during the term and a number of activities are planned.



Head of Secondary Message

MR. JAMES MOYES



It has been a very busy start to term in the Secondary School and a lot of work has been done by teaching, support and site staff to get us up and running in the newly refurbished areas of the school.

I have enjoyed starting to get to know the pupils in the school and have been impressed with their approach to school life and work.

We are very pleased to welcome our new staff to the school this year, who are working with the existing staff to give your child the best possible education.

There are 2 new Assistant Head Teachers (AHT) working in the

secondary school this year: Mrs. Jennifer Perry – AHT Teaching and Learning and Mr. Jarad Robson – AHT Pupil Progress, both of whom will be working closely with the pupils and staff to continue to improve standards. Miss Sophia Sheridan is taking over from Mr Robson as the Key Stage 4 leader.

We have introduced a new rewards and conduct system this year to help identify pupils for praise or discussions regarding their progress

As part of this, Mrs Theisen is working with pupils to remodel the secondary house system; more information on this will be sent through next month.

We are also changing the way we feedback to pupils about their work with much more focus on how the pupils can improve the work and giving them time to act on this, rather than simply putting a grade on the work. One of the upcoming **ParkHouseConnect** parent information sessions will be covering this in more detail.

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