



Park Hall Academy

Weekly News

20th March 2026



SENECA SUCCESS: Consistently millionaires and back on top!



Park Hall Academy
Birmingham, Solihull

Synced 1,096,536

Time and time again Park Hall proves that consistency is key -our students have completed an **additional 464 hours of study time** in the last week alone – their continued efforts not only help us to remain Number 1 amongst regionally schools but also aids their own learning to ensure they are closing vital gaps in their learning as well as consolidating the learning in the classroom. A big well done and let’s finish the Spring term maintaining pole position!

ALL students are expected to achieve our **minimum standard of 80%** on each assignment.

Special mention to our SENECA STARS for last week. The students with the highest usage are:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Chigozirim Ikechukwu-Obi	Mal Mwedziwendira	Kade Wilson	Charlie Piercy	Tilly Ray
Sienna Morris-Hayden	Poppy McGrath	Aimee Cherry	Toby-Jay Amphlett	Ryan Bevan
Tincuta Ciobanu	Oliver Willetts	Shaylah Josephs Cullen	Ruby Anthony	Harry Brown
Austin Ivison	Ava Winters	Logan Skinner	Isla Sheasby	Charlie Spiers
Jayden Wood	Freya-Grace Nicholls	Isla Bradshaw	David Wilkes	Madison Wall
Evan Jones	Millie Peverelli	Gracie Fox	Ceejay Bridges	Ayza Mustafa
Ethan Hart	Mia Cockayne	Adam Jarca	Libby Rodway	Rachel Thompson
Kiana Odulate	Ralph Robinson	Melody Sankarsingh	Sum Kiu Chan	Imogen Eccleston
Evan Nightingale	Toby Cook	Taylor Horton	Ruby Hunt	Harry Coward
Bailey Thompson	Isabelle Meechan	Arisa Hussain	Millie Chambers	D'Arcy Gardner
			Sum Kiu Chan	

Special mention to those **achieving 100%** on every single assignment:

Year 7 – Lola Fothergill, Aaliyah Bell, Joshua Jackson and Aiden Edwards.

Year 8 –Coryn Horne-Macdonald, Logan McCormack, Niamh Watkins, Aiden Tong, Elsie-Jo Bick, Theo Perks, Amelia Duchnowska, Myles Henry and Jacob James.

Year 9 – Nevaeh Folan, Jessica Harding, Phoebe Matthews, Summer Gauntlett, Milena Jovanovic and Fin Thomasson.

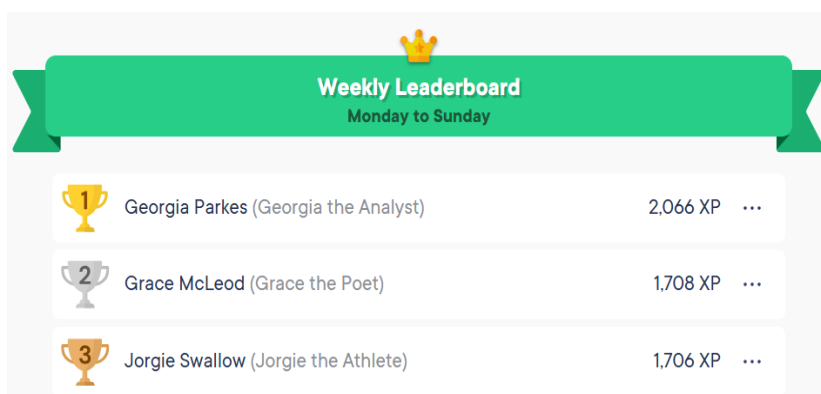
Year 10 – Isaac Allcock, Ariella Savage, Roxi Steward and Jacob Hewlett.

Year 11 – Kian Naven, Imogen Eccleston, Quinton Brown-Jordan, Eric Byrnes, Rubie Carroll, Suzanna Otton, Hayden Murrain and Stevie Sullivan.

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 Georgia, Grace and Jorgie for making the top 3 for XP across the whole school this week. Keep it up!



Our highest XP students from last week are...

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Jorgie Swallow 1,706 XP	Georgia Parkes 2,066 XP	Addison Mills 1,190 XP	Kaiden Cartwright 1,190 XP	Grace McLeod 1,708 XP
Paige Dragoonis 1,673 XP	Darcy Milward 1,140 XP	Adam Jarca 1,125 XP	Alyssa-Louise Ward 1,140 XP	Adam Khan 1,325 XP
Sophie Mullins 1,671 XP	Freya-Grace Nicholls 1,090 XP	Bernard Monks- Brown 1,054 XP	Ava Butler 1,134 XP	Scarlett Kayola 1,190 XP
Emily Brunger 1,490 XP	Marley Brookes 1,090 XP	Hayden Litchfield 945 XP	Alexia Cuffe 1,110 XP	Paige Flint 1,090 XP
Bailey Thompson 1,235 XP	Sophia Jones 1,080 XP	Macie Veitch 895 XP	Raneem Hitari 1,065 XP	Tyler Piper 935 XP

Highest completion:
8B1/Ma (58.1%)

Reached a new XP Level:
225 students
[view](#)

Biggest completion
improvement vs previous
week:
8B4/Ma 44.4%
(+25.9%)

Highest average XP per
student:
7A4/Ma (782 XP)

World Pi Day Challenge - New Park Hall Record Set!!

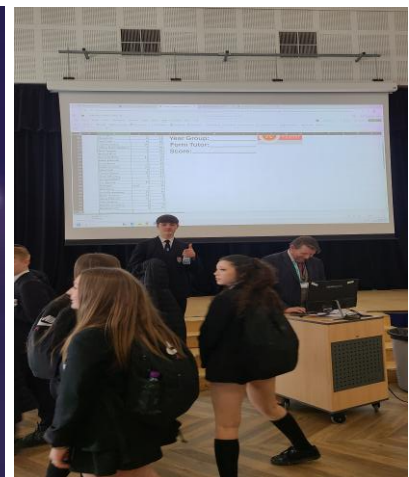
Park Hall's annual World Pi Day Challenge returned with great excitement as students gathered in the Main Hall to test their memory and mathematical stamina by recalling as many digits of Pi as they could. Led by Mr Goodridge and Mr Taylor, the event drew a fantastic turnout and some truly impressive performances.

This year, we are thrilled to announce a new Park Hall Academy record. Aiden Tong (Year 8) successfully recited 308 digits of Pi, securing first place and setting a remarkable new benchmark.

There were several other notable achievements on the day:

- Chris Taylor (Year 12), last year's joint winner with a score of 108, beat his own previous score by recalling 154 digits.
- Maria Avram (Year 9) also delivered a standout performance with 102 digits accurately remembered.

The atmosphere in the Main Hall was amazing, the competition fierce, and the celebration of World Pi Day a huge success. Well done to every student who took part — whether you remembered ten digits or hundreds, you helped make the event a memorable one. We're already looking forward to seeing who steps up to challenge the new record next year!



Year 9 Football: A Fantastic Week of Results

It has been an excellent week for the Year 9 Football team, who played two important fixtures in quick succession and came away with two impressive victories.

On Monday, the boys faced Smiths Wood in the Round of 16 of the Trevor Francis Cup. In what proved to be a scrappy and hard-fought contest, Park Hall showed resilience and determination to secure a solid 2–0 win, booking their place in the quarter-finals.

On Tuesday, the team returned to action in their final game of the Solihull League, taking on John Henry Newman. This time, the performance matched the scoreline, as Park Hall dominated throughout to record a convincing 4–0 victory. Mason contributed two well-worked goals, while captain Archie added a superb header to round off a strong display.

A special mention goes to Thomas, who kept two clean sheets in two games, delivering composed and reliable performances across both fixtures.

A brilliant week for the team—well done to all involved!

Outstanding Success at the Solihull Secondary Schools Trampolining Competition

Our Year 8 and Year 9 girls delivered a truly exceptional performance at the Solihull Schools Secondary Trampolining Competition, held at the Fundamental Movement Academy. Their hard work, confidence and composure shone through from start to finish, and the results speak for themselves.

The Year 8 team set the tone for the day with a brilliant display of teamwork and precision, earning gold for their team routine. A huge congratulations to Grace Jones, Keeley Ridler, Leah Cahill, Sofia Reading, Poppy McGrath and Amelia Cleaver, whose combined effort secured the top spot.

Individual success followed swiftly after.

- In the Year 8 Level 1 category, Keeley Ridler impressed the judges and claimed gold.
- For Year 8 Level 2, Amelia Cleaver delivered a strong routine to take silver, closely followed by Leah Cahill, who earned bronze.

Our Year 9 competitors continued the medal streak:

- In Level 1, Faith Johnson achieved an outstanding score to secure gold.
- In Level 3, Cordi Savage performed brilliantly and was awarded the bronze medal.

Every student represented the school with pride, determination and enthusiasm. Their routines were not only technically impressive but also a joy to watch. We are incredibly proud of all the girls who took part and look forward to seeing what they achieve next.



WHAT'S ON *in the* LIBRARY

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THE BOOK FAIR IS BACK!

On Thursday 27 and Friday 28 March, the Book Fair will be available in the Library for students to come and buy a new book or stationery!

Payments can be made by cash or card, and the World Book Day Tokens can be used to get £1 off any book over £2.99. Gift cards can also be purchased prior if you are worried about them carrying cash. They are available on the Scholastic Website using the link below: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers>


During the time that the Book Fair is here, we have a goal of spending £400 in order to receive rewards and money to spend in our School on new books and resources.

THE BOOK FAIR WILL STILL BE HERE AFTER THE EASTER BREAK FROM 13-15 APRIL!




Art Trip to Rome!

There is one remaining space available for the upcoming Art Trip to Rome!

 Dates: Friday 23rd October – Monday 26th October 2026

 Total Cost: £980

 Deposit Required Now: £300

If you are interested in securing this final place, please see Miss Kennedy as soon as possible or email rkennedy@parkhall.org

WB: Monday 23rd March 2026



7	8	9	10	11	12
Girls' puberty	Contraception part 2	Sexual Harassment and the law	coercive, controlling and abusive relationships Part 2	Brain development and parenting	Personal Safety and Independent travel



British Values

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TUTOR TIME ACTIVITY

WB-23rd March 2026





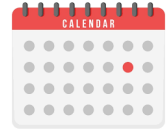


P.R.I.D.E Points

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
Marlei Bignot	Alexandra Oana	Lexi Turner	Ruben Sansoni Amy Coward Alfie Rainbird Lily Gleiwitz	Ryley Berry Lily Wager

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



- Thursday 26th March – Yr 11 Parents Evening 2 – 3.30-6.30pm
- Friday 27th March – Last day of term for students

EASTER HOLIDAYS – Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April

- Monday 13th April – Students return to school
- Thursday 23rd April – Yr 7 Parents Evening – 3.30-6.30pm

Afternoon				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Health in the hearts of our community – 13:00-15:00 Help and advice around weight management, smoking, physical activity and much more. Speak to a member of staff at Elmwood to make an appointment.</p> <p>Boys Autism group – 16:00-18:00 <i>Term time only</i> Run by Ordinary Magic for boys with Autism. To book or find out more, email michelle@ordinarymagic.co.uk.</p>	<p>EPAS attendance support drop-in – 11:30-13:30 The Education Participation Advisory Service (EPAS) offer advice, support and guidance about school attendance. No appointment required, please pop in to see the team.</p> <p>LifeSkills by Family Action – 12:30-14:30 FREE four-week course on topics such as budgeting, problem solving, and communication skills. Suitable for adults and students. To book, email gillian.keisall@family-action.org.uk or call 0121 779 1700.</p> <p>Family support drop-in – 13:00-16:00 Confidential advice and support to help you make positive changes. Includes a range of advice and guidance about difficult relationships at home, parenting, behaviour management, routines, boundaries, child development, bed wetting, sleep problems, school issues, and more.</p>	<p>Alzheimer's Society – 13:00-16:00 Information and peer support for carers of people with dementia as part of the 6-week Solihull Carers Information Programme (SCIP). For more information, please email jody.dawson@alzheimers.org.uk.</p> <p>Little Brum Youth Theatre group – 17:30-18:30 Big Brum Theatre in Education is launching a youth theatre for all year 6 children in Solihull. They recently visited local schools to tell the story of 'The Little Red Cap', sparking their imaginations and passion for performative theatre. To sign up or to find out more, email katie@bigbrum.org.uk.</p>	<p>Solihull Music Service – 14:00-18:00 <i>Term time only</i> After school guitar sessions at Elmwood Family Hub! Register your interest here: www.solihullmusic.org/our-family-offer.</p>	<p>Solihull College sensory play – 12:30-14:30 <i>Term time only</i> New ideas for activities to engage your children with an understanding of how to support your child's learning through sensory activities and play. FREE for Solihull residents. To book, email jess.orton@solihull.ac.uk or speak to Hub staff.</p>

[37 Burtons Way, Smith's Wood, Solihull, B36 0UG](#)

Wellbeing and advice

Here2Help

Family Hubs can help with food, toiletries, fuel, money, staying well, and keeping safe. To find out more, visit www.solihull.gov.uk/here2help.

Health visiting

To speak to a health visitor, text Chat Health on 0750 733 2563 between 09:00-16:00, Monday-Friday.

Women's Aid

If you or someone you know needs support, call Women's Aid at 0808 800 0028. Available seven days a week, 09:15-17:15.

Mental health support

The Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust provide guidance and reassurance to people of all ages. Call 0800 915 9292 or 0121 262 3555.

Midwives

Please call your midwife using the phone number in your red book.

What else can the Family Hubs offer?

Help and support

Speak to our friendly staff

Stay and play area

Toys, books, and soft play

Sensory room

To book, call 0121 779 6943

Computers and private work pods

Internet and phone access

Community wardrobe

Free clothing

Family Hubs | solihull.gov.uk
[Solihull Family Hubs](https://www.facebook.com/SolihullFamilyHubs)
elmwoodfh@solihull.gov.uk
 0121 779 1700

Solihull Family Information Service Parents' Network

Please find below information provided by Solihull Family information services on events and activities during the Easter Holidays.



Library activities

The Core

Family Hubs

Stay active events

Creative arts

SEND activities

Family days out

To see our latest newsletter, with details of family activities taking place over the Easter holiday please [click here](#)

(N.B. The above web link will redirect you to the Solihull Council website)

If you require information or advice relating to your child(ren) around childcare, activities or support services, early education funded places for under 5s or free school meals, please visit www.solihull.gov.uk/familyinfo for further details or contact the Family Information Service helpline on 0800 389 8667 or email familyinfo@solihull.gov.uk

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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](#).

