

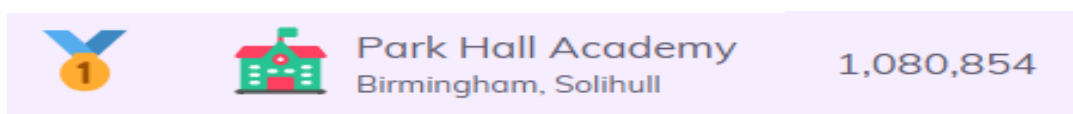


# Park Hall Academy

Weekly News  
24<sup>th</sup> April 2026



**SENECA success starting the summer term at Number 1 and 1m XP!**



What an incredible way to kick off the summer term! We're proud to see ourselves at Number 1 on SENECA - a fantastic achievement that reflects the hard work, focus and determination of our students. Even more impressively, we've also reached **1 million XP!** This success isn't just about numbers - it's about consistency, commitment and the effort put in every single day. Whether our students have been completing assignments, revising topics or pushing themselves to improve, every bit has contributed to this success.

Let's keep the momentum going and a reminder that ALL students are expected to achieve our **minimum standard of 80%** on each assignment.

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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	Poppy Jones	Aimee Cherry	Summer Giffin	Charlie Whitehouse
Ikechukwu-Obi	Oliver Grant	Finn Rooney	Caitlyn McLaggan	George Smith
Emily Skelcher	Rosa Cheshire-Knox	Bernard Monks-Brown	Raneem Hitari	Brodie Delaney
Sienna Gordon	Charlotte Brown	Kade Wilson	Alarnah Carrington	Harry Coward
Kherys Bench	David Williams	Billy McLeod	Caitlin Bagnall	Adam Khan
Ethan Hart				

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

**Year 7** – Indi Bishop, Tanayah Hayden, Lilah Faughey, Jessé Atari, Lily Crew, Emily Skelcher, Marlei Bignot and Eddie Spink.

**Year 8** –Myles Henry and Amelia Duchnowska.

**Year 9** – Owen Witten, Jessica Harding, Milena Jovanovic, Imogen Hemmings, Isaac Hartill, Emma-Louise Moore, Courtney Barrowcliffe, Maria Avram, Isla Bradshaw and Summer Gauntlett.

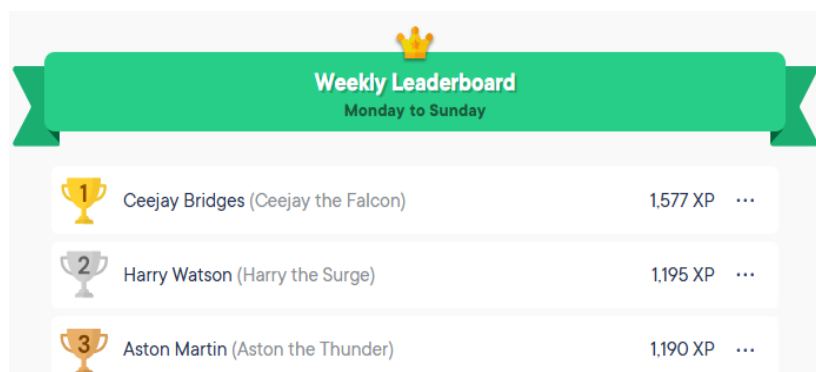
**Year 10** – Ben Smart, Sum Kiu Chan, Jacob Hewlett and Ariella Savage.

**Year 11** – Reuben Barnes, Grace McLeod, Kian Naven, Eisa Imran, Leah Williamson, Maisie Astley, Hayden Murrain, Oliver Games, Dylan Wayt and Rubie Carroll.

## 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 Ceejay, Harry and Aston 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
Scarlett-Leigh Evans 600 XP	Katelyn Meadows 1,140 XP	Ethan McAleenan 1,090 XP	Ceejay Bridges 1,577 XP	Ismael Khalil 1,090 XP
James Harwood 595 XP	Jacob James 1,100 XP	Noah Williamson 1,055 XP	Harry Watson 1,195 XP	Adam Khan 800 XP
Paige Dragoonis 595 XP	Kaylenn Warburton 1,090 XP	Uzair Afzal 1,020 XP	Aston Martin 1,190 XP	Daisy Jenkins 713 XP
Tilly Robinson 595 XP	Noah Coleman 1,090 XP	Ella Evans 1,020 XP	Archie Fallows 922 XP	Kayleigh Green 705 XP
Bella Appelbe-Wootton 595 XP	Albie Coleman-Price 1,040 XP	Ayesha Nazir 615 XP	Ava Butler 919 XP	Dylan Wayt 667 XP

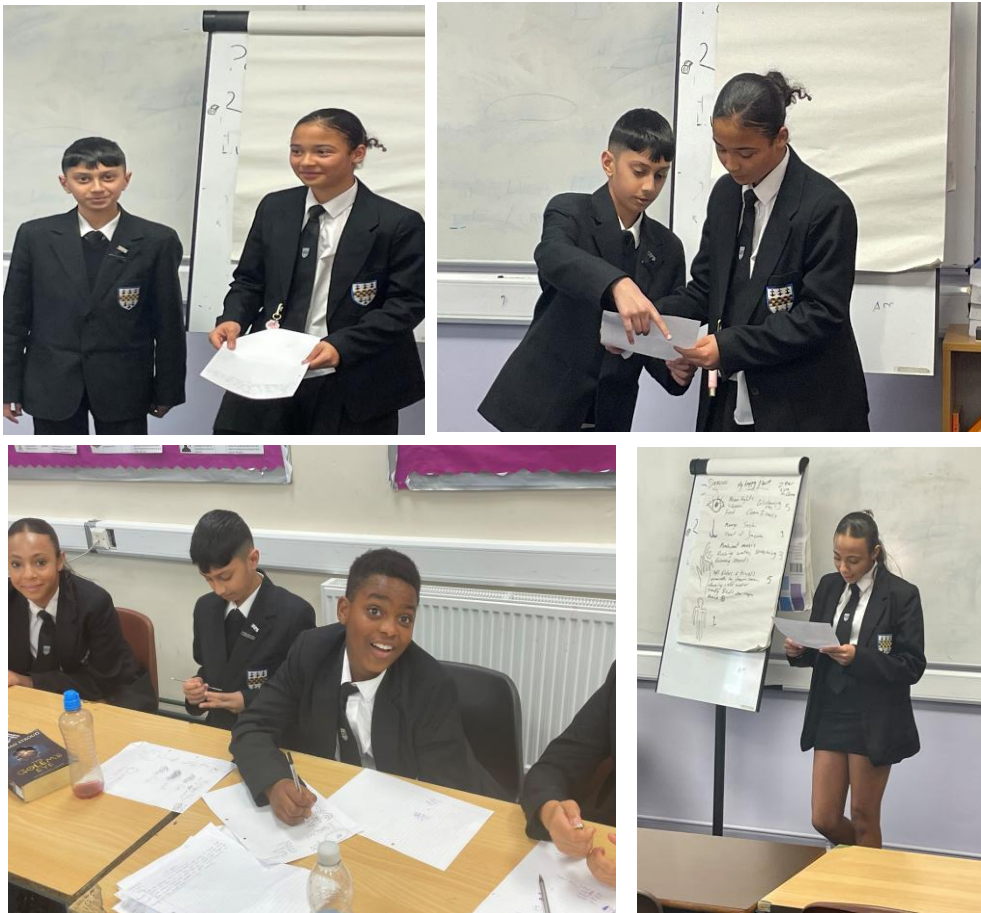
Highest completion:  
**8A1/Ma (68.8%)**

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

Highest average XP per student:  
**10A1/Ma (663 XP)**

## AIM High Creative Writing Trip

Last Thursday Eijah Pinnock, Renayah Roberts, Princess Bedward and Yusuf Mahmood took part in a creative writing workshop with Birmingham Poet Laureate Damani Dennisur at Arden Academy. All four worked hard to express their creativity writing found poems, songs and stories and developed their confidence, public speaking and teamwork reading their work out together in front of other local schools. Park Hall was well represented by the year 7s who took on Damani's expertise to make the other students (and their teachers) laugh and applaud their work.



# WHAT'S *in the* ON LIBRARY

Apr 24 2026

## National Shakespeare Week

Come and have a look at our impressive Shakespeare Collection and find out what phrases we use today that we can credit to him!



## New Books!

The books you can see below are kindly borrowed to the school for 2 weeks to 'trial out' and have a little browse. If any seem particularly popular, we can look into purchasing them following the trial.

We also have used our Book Fair Rewards already and purchased over 50 brand new books for the Library, so watch this space!

**962**  
Books Checked  
Out





STUDENTS OF PARK HALL ACADEMY  
PRESENT...



# PERFORMING ARTS SHOWCASE 2026

**LIVE MUSIC - DRAMA - DANCE**




**£5 PER TICKET**

**8TH JUNE 2026 | STARTS 6PM**

## **SPECIAL GUESTS**

**PARK HARMONY - GLEE CLUB -  
FUSION DANCE - YEAR 8, 9 & 10 BAND  
EMORA - PH.ACT!**



Head to ParentPay now!

Location: Academy Theatre

## Red Nose Day

We had great fun raising money for Comic Relief this year, collecting £88.50 through a very entertaining challenge—telling dad jokes to Mr Smith! Students eagerly took part, sharing their best (and worst!) jokes whilst donating, all in the name of a good cause. There were plenty of laughs along the way and Mr Smith thoroughly enjoyed the experience—so much so that he'll now be reciting the jokes forever! A big thank you to everyone who contributed and helped make this a fun and successful fundraising effort!



WB: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2026



7	8	9	10	11	12
Qualities Skills and Development p1	Respect and uniform	Financial exploitation and online scamming p1	Consent: Being ready for intimacy	unplanned pregnancies	Mortgages

### Wb 27th April assemblies: SCIENCE AWARDS

This week our assemblies are celebrating students who have shown excellence, curiosity, and dedication in Science.

#### How does this link to British Values? Mutual Respect & Rule of Law

##### Mutual Respect

- We respect others' ideas, even when they are different
- We listen to and build on each other's thinking
- We celebrate the achievements of others



##### Rule of Law

- Science follows rules, methods, and evidence
- Experiments must be carried out safely and fairly
- Conclusions are based on facts, not opinions
- Science Awards support these values by: Encouraging respectful discussion and teamwork, promoting fair testing and honest results, rewarding students who follow scientific processes correctly and celebrating collaboration as well as individual success



##### Key message:

Great scientists respect others, follow rules, and use evidence to understand the world.



**STUDENT GUIDE**  
**2025-6**

**Launched: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

**Deadline for award submission: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 CARD**  
2025-6

A record of my achievements, showing how I demonstrate good character in and around school!

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Form group: \_\_\_\_\_

CHARACTER TRAIT	What you need to show...	British Value (D.R.I.M.I)	Where have you evidenced this?	Teachers signature	For every Character Trait achieved ask the teacher to sign and date the stamp on the other side
Commitment	Sticking with something, even when it gets hard.	Rule of Law			
Courage	Having a go, even when unsure or nervous.	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 12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2026**

## 4. When will I receive my award?

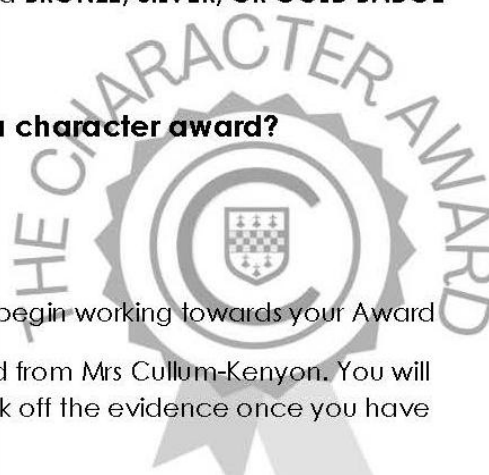
All certificates and awards are given at the end of the Summer Term during a special Awards events just for you. Students will be awarded a **BRONZE, SILVER, OR GOLD BADGE** for their blazer based on the strength of evidence.

## 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



# Character Challenge

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO COMPLETE THE SILVER AND GOLD AWARD, PLEASE COLLECT A PORTFOLIO FROM MRS CK



Challenge	Challenge Title	What to Do	British Value (D.R.I.M.T)	Evidence Required	Completed (Yes/No)	Signed & dated
C1	Form group contribution	Contribute an idea in form by making a poster to support a school initiative / issue	Democracy	Photo/ poster tutor signature, or reflection.		
C2	Student Voice representative	Collect 3 student ideas and present them at the school Council.	Democracy	Summary of ideas or notes + witness signature from Mrs CK		
C3	Join a club	Attend an extra-curricular club for at least 6 sessions.	Rule of Law	Club leader signature or photo.		
C4	Earn a certificate	Earn a certificate (effort, reading, behaviour, sports, arts).	Rule of Law	Copy or photo of certificate.		
C5	Reading challenge	Read a book and write a short review.	Individual Liberty	Review, reading log, or photo with book.		
C6	Personal achievement	Set a personal goal and work on it for 7 days.	Individual Liberty	Reflection, progress record, or photos.		
C7	Helping at home	Do a helpful job at home without being asked.	Mutual Respect	Parent/guardian confirmation or photo.		
C8	Peer support	Help someone in school from a different year group and check in on them later.	Mutual Respect	Witness note or statement.		
C9	Charity contribution	Bring in an item for your year group's charity.	Tolerance	Photo, receipt, or tutor confirmation.		
C10	Support a school event	Volunteer to help at a school event/ assembly.	Tolerance	Staff signature from Mrs Ck or photo.		

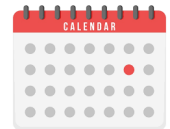




## P.R.I.D.E Points

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	Darcy Milward	William Wright Alfie Barley	Libby Rodway	Ryan Bevan



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	-	Yr 10 Intervention Evening – 6pm
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	-	Early May Bank Holiday (school closed)
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	-	Students return to school
<b><i>May Half Term – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May</i></b>		
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	-	Students return to school
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	-	Yr 8 Parents Evening – 3.30-6.30pm

## Lost Property

We have quite a few coats in the lost property. Can you please ask your child to come and have a look before May half term as they will be bagged up and sent to the charity shop after this date.

Thank you  
Main Office

# SOLIHULL WOMEN'S STRIDE SQUAD

WALK TOGETHER • FEEL SAFER • NOBODY WALKS ALONE

JOIN OUR FRIENDLY WOMEN'S COMMUNITY WALKS AT  
MALVERN & BRUETON PARK, SOLIHULL  
(MEET AT THE NEW ROAD ENTRANCE GATES)

WEDNESDAY EVENING WALK  
MEET: 6:45PM  
WALK STARTS: 7:00PM

FRIDAY MORNING WALK  
MEET: 9:45AM  
WALK STARTS: 10:00AM

- ♥ ALL WOMEN WELCOME
- ♥ FRIENDLY VOLUNTEER WALK BUDDIES
- ♥ FIRST AID TRAINED TEAM
- ♥ HI-VIS & WALKIE-TALKIES FOR SAFETY
- ♥ SUPPORTIVE, JUDGEMENT-FREE ENVIRONMENT
- ♥ WALK AT YOUR OWN PACE

SOLIHULL WOMEN'S  
STRIDE SQUAD



COME ALONG, MEET NEW PEOPLE AND ENJOY WALKING IN A SAFE, SUPPORTIVE GROUP.  
NO BOOKING • NO MEMBERSHIP • JUST TURN UP • FREE TO JOIN

FREE PARKING AVAILABLE AT MALVERN PARK CAR PARK B91 3DL  
(FRIDAY MORNINGS TICKET NEEDED FREE FOR 2 HOURS)

AS FEATURED ON  
BBC MIDLANDS TODAY



# ONE BIG WALK

TOGETHER FOR MENTAL HEALTH



IN SUPPORT OF MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

MALVERN & BRUETON PARK  
MAY 12TH  
7PM



## 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

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## 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](mailto:post@parkhall.org) or by calling 0121 748 0400.



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## 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](#).

