



Park Hall Academy

Weekly News

19th June 2026



Another outstanding week on SENECA!



Park Hall
Academy
Birmingham, Solihull

Synced 1,052,962

The second week of this half term has seen our students continue to demonstrate outstanding commitment to their learning through SENECA. We are incredibly proud to have retained our position as the number one school on the platform, while also recording another exceptional SENECA score that ranks amongst our strongest performances of the year. This achievement is a testament to the hard work, perseverance and dedication shown by our students as they continue to prepare for mock exams and end-of-year assessments. It has been particularly encouraging to see such high levels of engagement with independent study, with students consistently completing revision activities and revisiting key knowledge beyond the classroom.

The positive learning habits our students are developing continue to strengthen their confidence, understanding and academic progress. While SENECA is just one indicator of student engagement, alongside the wide range of digital resources and written work completed across the school, these results provide further evidence of the excellent attitudes to learning demonstrated by our students.

We look forward to seeing this momentum continue as we progress through the remainder of the Summer Term. ALL students are reminded that we want them to achieve a **minimum standard of 80%** on each assignment.

Our Top 10 SENECA STARS for the highest usage over the last week are:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Ethan Hart	Timothy Adeosun	Poppy Hines	Ruby Anthony
Tincuta Ciobanu	Heidi Walters	Shaylah Josephs Cullen	David Wilkes
Kherys Bench	Riley Appleby	Bernard Monks-Brown	Riley Woakes
Phoebe Lloyd	Leo James	Grace Lynch	Fern Tanser
Martins Okungbeni	Keegan Goode-McCreight	Leigha Hussain	Tayah McLeod
Zakiya Nazir	Mal Mwedziwendira	Emma-Louise Moore	Ruby Hunt
Sienna Gordon	Jessie Tonks	Sophie Linford	Ceejay Bridges
Emily Skelcher	Zayaan Asim	Frankie Davis	Summer Fitzpatrick
Joshua Jackson	Emily Hewitt	Arissa Hussain	Quinn Sandiford
Siannah Morris-Hayden	Rose Ellis-Mayes	Ayesha Nazir	William James-Blake

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

Year 7 – Reyney Stanley, Jesse Ataria, Lily Crew, Sophie Mullins, Marlei Bignot, Leo-James Coble, Lola Fothergill, Emily Skelcher and Eddie Spink.

Year 8 – Harry Ray, Keegan Goode-McCreight, Alexandra Oana, Leo Allen-Perks, Leanne Lennon, Danny Naven, Amelia Sheppard, Leanne Lennon, Theo Perks and Poppy Jones (A1)

Year 9 – Jessica Harding, Summer Gauntlett, Kellan Murrain, Celine Kelly, Sienna-marie Pardoe, Fin Thomasson and Mia Evans.

Year 10 – Sophie Davies, Ariella Savage, Maya Naheed, Jacob Hewlett, Summer Giffin and Aston Martin

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 Faith, Heidi-Louise and Emma-Louise for making the top 3 for XP across the whole school last week. Keep it up!



Weekly Leaderboard

Monday to Sunday



Faith Johnson (Faith the Clever)

2,163 XP ...



Heidi-Louise Southam-Beebee
(Heidi-Louise the Prodigy)

1,765 XP ...



Emma-Louise Moore (Emma-Louise the Marvel)

1,442 XP ...

Our highest XP students from last week...

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Sophie Mullins 1,437 XP	Heidi-Louise Southam-Beebee 1,765 XP	Faith Johnson 2,163 XP	Kaiden Cartwright 1,190 XP
Ethan Hart 1,395 XP	Lara Abdrabou 1,274 XP	Emma-Louise Moore 1,442 XP	Alexia Cuffe 1,111 XP
Aizah Haseeb 1,202 XP	Emily Baldock 1,190 XP	Maria Avram 1,190 XP	Chloe Dixon 1,083 XP
Erin Jones 1,190 XP	Theo Perks 1,134 XP	Ayesha Nazir 1,165 XP	Lawson Burke 1,080 XP
Scarlett Bevan 1,160 XP	Leah Cahill 1,085 XP	Ethan McAleenan 1,140 XP	Ruben Sansoni 1,065 XP

Highest completion:
7B1/Ma (54.8%)

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

Biggest completion improvement vs previous week:
8B3/Ma 20.0% (+13.3%)

Highest average XP per student:
9B2/Ma (1019 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.



MILLIONAIRE READING SUCCESS!

We celebrated 7A1 and 7B1's reading excellence this week. Both classes reached the dazzling heights of having read 10 million words in true Park Hall style = PIZZA!

The graphic features a blue background with a white text box on the left containing the celebratory message. To the right, a photograph shows a group of students in school uniforms gathered around a table in a classroom, with a pizza being served. The background of the photo is decorated with various educational posters and a sign that says 'READING IS THE WAY TO SUCCESS'. The graphic is framed by illustrations of books and a pizza slice.



BOOK SWAP

Members of Reading club and some extra Year 8s did a *mesmerising* job of bedazzling the books on our Book Swap shelf ready for Parents' Evening. Pop along to GG4 on a Monday/Tuesday lunchtime if you need some more *bling* in your book and fancy a new read for the summer!

The graphic has a light blue background with the words 'BOOK SWAP' in large, bold, blue letters. It is decorated with colorful illustrations of books and stacks of books. A photograph in the center shows a group of students in school uniforms holding up books they have decorated. The background of the photo shows a bookshelf filled with books and a whiteboard with various educational posters and signs, including one that says 'reading and to read by writing English'.

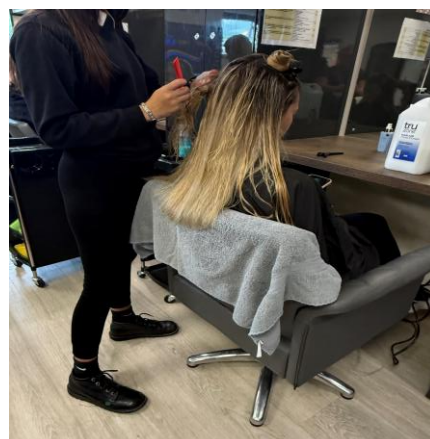
Hair and Beauty

Nail pics - Sian Caldicott did an amazing manicure on one of the teachers from Lode Heath in their practical Hair & Beauty lesson. Sian really has a talent for nails and is looking at a career as a nail technician after school.

Hair pics - Tilly Sutherland washed and blow-dried a teacher's hair at Lode Heath and curled it to produce a beautiful, soft, curled style.

The teachers were very impressed with the calibre of work the students produced, and their attitude and professionalism.

The hair & beauty course is a great way to learn the skills needed to pursue a career in the industry and gives the students a head start, before they embark on college or apprenticeships. The salon is fully equipped with professional tools and products, and the students travel over to Lode Heath school by minibus for timetabled lessons. This is available as an option in Year 10 and 11.



CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE IN PERFORMING ARTS



Les Miserable Music Workshop 2026

On Tuesday 16th June, KS3, KS4 and KS5 students from both the 'Park Harmony' Choir and future Performing Arts option groups took part in a Les Misérables workshop at Warwick Arts Centre. Students had the chance to learn and refine harmonies for a medley of songs from the musical, with several opportunities for solo performances. Rosie Fallows in Year 13 was invited to sing at the front for a featured section of one piece.

The day was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Students sang in an auditorium theatre, listened to a professional band accompanying their work, and took part in fun vocal warm-ups alongside the main repertoire. This experience was incredibly valuable in supporting their future development, and it is one they will remember for a long time! Well done to all the students involved!

The Performing Arts Team



WHAT'S ON *in the* LIBRARY

June 19 2026

RETURNS WEEK!

Thank you to all those that have returned their books this week. The following were lucky enough to win the raffle prizes:

Scarlett-Leigh Evans (7S1)

Mason McCauley (9A2)

Jesse Ataria (7S2)

Bella Appelbe-Wootton (7A1)

And one more to be announced...



Still got a long way to go so keep digging through your bags, your rooms, your car and RETURN YOUR BOOKS

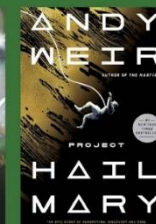
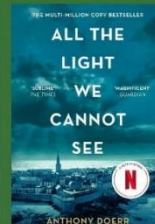
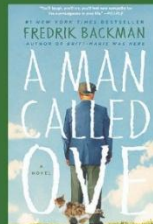
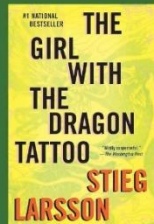
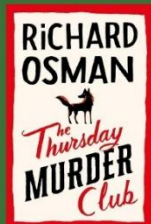
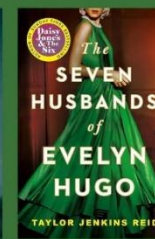
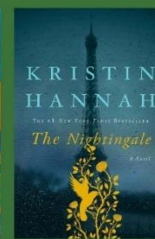
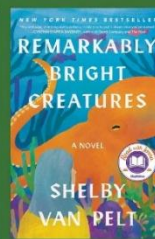
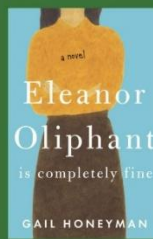
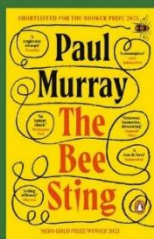
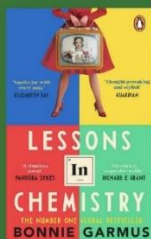
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Books Checked Out



Book Recommendations for Parents

National Year of Reading 2026



7	8	9	10	12
Being grateful to others	Who to trust - gangs and county lines	Gaming and Gambling	End of year test	Work Experience

WB 22nd June 2026 Assemblies:



British Value: Mutual Respect

This week, our assemblies are linked to our **Rewards Ceremony**, where we celebrate achievement, effort and positive attitudes to learning.

One key British Value that supports this is **Mutual Respect**.

- We recognise and celebrate the achievements of others
- We understand that success can look different for everyone
- We appreciate effort, resilience and improvement as well as high outcomes
- We listen politely and applaud others' successes
- We value kindness, encouragement and fair recognition
- We create a positive environment where everyone feels proud of their achievements

When we understand mutual respect, celebrations feel meaningful, inclusive and motivating for everyone.

Key Message

A healthy and successful year group celebrates achievement by respecting effort, recognising progress, and encouraging everyone to take pride in doing their best.



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	Sina Babekir	Blossom Dixon	Lawson Burke Alfie Wilkins



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 26 th June	-	Yr 11 Prom Night – 6.30pm - 11pm (See previously sent letter 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
Monday 6 th July	-	Parent Carer Forum – 5.30pm - 6pm
Thursday 16 th July	-	Sports Day
Friday 17 th July	-	Last day of term
Monday 20 th July	-	Inset Day for students



P A R K H A L L A C A D E M Y

Monday 6th July 2026 5.30-6pm

For more information please contact:

Mrs Cullum-Kenyon
Associate Assistant Headteacher

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](#).

internet
matters.org

PARK HALL ACADEMY

HOT WEATHER CAN BE DEADLY

DROWNING CAN HAPPEN ANYWHERE, ANYTIME

Recent hot weather has tragically led to a rise in deaths in water. Young people are at risk. **Don't** let a fun day out turn into a tragedy.

4 CHILDREN DIED IN THE UK DURING MAY HALF TERM 2026

STAY SAFE

ENJOY THE SUN STAY SAFE NEAR WATER

THE FACTS

- Last week saw record breaking temperatures in this country, it was so hot!
- Young children jumped in the water to cool off but unfortunately not all children survived.
- The majority of deaths happened in rivers, lakes and quarries – not just at the seaside.
- The hot weather is a major factor. When it's hot, more people go near water – and take more risks.

WHY IS IT SO DANGEROUS?

- COLD WATER SHOCK**
Cold water can steal your breath and cause panic.
- HIDDEN DANGERS**
You can't see what's under the water – it could be deep, have strong currents, or hidden debris.
- RISKY CHOICES**
Jumping in, swimming after dark or going in alone can be deadly.
- HOT WEATHER = MORE RISK**
When it's hot, people underestimate the dangers and take more risks.

STAY SAFE – FOLLOW THESE RULES

- DON'T GO IN ALONE**
Always go with an adult or a friend.
- DON'T JUMP IN OR TAKE RISKS**
It only takes a second for things to go wrong.
- STICK TO SAFE PLACES**
Swim at beaches with lifeguards where possible.
- CHECK THE WATER**
It might look calm, but it could be dangerous.
- IN AN EMERGENCY**
Shout for help, ring 999 and throw something that floats.

WATER IS FUN – BUT RESPECT IT STAY ALERT STAY ALIVE

IT'S COOL TO BE SAFE

WATER CAN BE UNPREDICTABLE. ONE MOMENT OF RISK CAN CHANGE EVERYTHING. LOOK OUT FOR YOUR FRIENDS. MAKE GOOD CHOICES. STAY SAFE.

IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 999 AND ASK FOR THE COASTGUARD

For more water safety tips visit:
www.rba.org.uk
www.rnli.com
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

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.



Scan to find out more

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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MOBILE COMMUNITY 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)

SCAN HERE



BECOME A MEMBER

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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

For more info contact 01455 363100 or contact your nearest Family Hub