



25th October 2024

Dear all,

Autumn 1Term

We had very productive first half term with lots of great events and activities. Our 4 new students have settled in very well and were supported and mentored by our older students. Well done to all, students have been very kind and welcoming. We have also had a very busy and successful first term at our new external work experience at the City & Guilds of London Art School across the road where students have been non-stop serving coffees and preparing lunches for the staff and students there. This was a huge achievement for all as it is very different from our quiet cafe at college. Well done to the hard-working team who have made it very successful.

Jack Petchey Awards ceremony- students went to receive their awards. It was a great celebration of their achievements.

Careers Talks/ Transition events

- Choices College – NHS
- Share Community
- Ex- student came to give a talk about his paid job at Savills
- Some students went to lead a stall at Roots and Shoots and show what we do at college. They were excellent ambassadors. They also got to look around at what Roots and Shoots & Care Trade have to offer.

Charity and Information Events at college

Students learned about the following charities and raised money for worthy causes. Thank you for your generous donations.

- Jeans for Jeans Day – Raised £30
- Wear It Yellow for Mental Health £40
- Macmillan coffee morning
- Breast Cancer Awareness month
- Wear it Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness - Raised £40
- Show Racism the Red card





- World Mental Health Day- The big breakfast- students made a variety of egg-based breakfasts and enjoyed eating them as a group and sharing their thoughts about mental health and ways to support each other.
- Restart a heart Day- Students learned how to recognise signs of a heart attack and how to use a defibrillator.

Black History Month – the theme this year was “Reclaiming Narratives.” Here at The Park College, we pride ourselves on our year-round diverse and inclusive curriculum but we also ensure that we explore the annual themes in Black History Month. Students attended an Art Exhibition at Peckham Levels as part of Black History Month. Students also learned how to make a range of meals from various cultures led by staff and each other. Students attended weekly history sessions creating inspiring posters.

College photographs.

We had a photographer attend last month and you should all have received a printed photo of students.

Extra-curricular

- Book making workshop at The British library

Work Experience

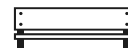
- Sculpt workshops with learn2 work took place offsite for a group of students and will continue next term.

Half Term and other Activities

- Southwark short breaks have a number of activity options for the half term and are available to book now. Please see the website <https://eequ.org/southwarkshortbreaks> for further details about what is happening and to book directly online.
- <https://localoffer.southwark.gov.uk/leisure/october-half-term-activities/>
- <https://theneurodiversityfamilyhub.org/>

Upcoming dates for the diary

- Independent travel training 6/11/24
- Anti-bullying week- 11/11/24
- Southwark Coffee Morning @ The Park College 14/11/24 10:00-12:30 – All welcome





- Children in Need – wear yellow/ spots 15/11/24
- Catering Event: MHFA 21/11/24 -22/11/24
- Purple Sock Day – International Day of Disabled People 3/12 - Wear purple
- Autism Voice Winter Fair in Clapham 11/12/24 - All welcome
- Southwark Coffee Morning @ The Park College 12/12 10:00-12:30 – All welcome
- The Park College Winter Fair 12/12, 12:30-3pm- All welcome
- Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day 13/12
- Christmas Lunch 19/12

New Term Dates

The first day back for all students is Monday 4th November. Please note a change in our term dates. Our last day for the winter break is Friday 20th December. **We will return on Tuesday 7th January and will be closed again on Friday 10th January** for a training day. Please note students will have a 3-day week on the first week back.

Have a lovely half term. If you need anything over the break please do call the school office and leave a message.

Yours sincerely,

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