



WEEKLY PARENT BULLETIN

11 Feb - 15 Feb 2019: Week 2



Whole School Messages

INSET day is on Friday, 15th February, so school is closed to pupils. School reopens on Monday, 25th February.

Time To Talk took place on Tuesday afternoon with additional time devoted on Thursday through an extra-long break time in order to encourage everyone at Parklands to discuss mental health. The aim of this is to end mental health discrimination. Click [here](#) for further details.

On Monday we will be announcing our new prefects in a special assembly during registration. All year 9s & 10s will be in attendance.

Mock Trials at Runshaw College with 4 year 10 students was an incredible success, with Parklands winning 1st Prize again! Well done to Sophia Fenton, Jack Huges, Hui Hua and Josh Sculfor. Their performance as defence lawyers, defendant and witness was outstanding.

On Thursday, 120 year 9 and 10 pupils took part in the **UK Mathematics Trust Intermediate Challenge**. This requires students to work independently on some incredibly challenging, high-quality problems, designed to encourage them to think mathematically. The top 40% of students nationally will receive a Bronze, Silver or Gold certificate. Should anyone perform in the top 8000, they will be invited to compete further. Watch this space for the results!

Uniform focus week: We have noticed an increase in the number of pupils who are failing to attend school in the correct uniform; it is mainly a lack of shoes and ties with the vast majority of pupils simply saying they've forgotten these items. This isn't acceptable and goes against our high standards. As per usual, any uniform infringement results in a 15 min breaktime detention. Rings and other items of jewellery are also not permitted and will be confiscated until the end of the day. Your support is appreciated with this. Mr Mitchell

if you have any **uniform** that no longer fits please consider sending it in to school as we can always find a good home for it. Thanks Ms Mulligan

Chinese New Year was celebrated this lunchtime with Mellors putting on a range of delicious, authentic Chinese food, all of which sold out! Due to popular feedback and very positive feedback, Mellors will happily offer this food again soon! Some photos are at the back of this bulletin.

Year 7 Messages

BfL Reports were issued on Tuesday and the following pupils deserve a special mention as they have continued to achieve a perfect 3 for their BfL - so that's a 3 in every single lesson since September, which is approximately 425 lessons in total. This is a phenomenal achievement and these pupils should be truly proud of themselves.

Isobel Ashworth; Jasmine Beech; Eve Chadwick; Laura Cocker; Sally Cornes; Ethan Dashti-Burslam; Mia Goodhew; Anna Lee; Tegan McKeever; Catherine Moyano-Taylor; Harvey Pomfret; Verity Robathan; Evie Roby; Alex Todd; Lily Westland.

Year 8 Messages

Tuesday, 12th Feb is RESPECT Day on the theme of *aspirations*. It will cover employability skills, career stereotypes and the importance of teamwork.

Trackers will be issued on Wednesday. They will contain a progress measure for each subject in addition to the usual Behaviour For Learning information.

Amazing opportunity for **year 8!** Have you ever wanted to experience European Culture in the most immersive way? This trip gives pupils the chance to take part in an **exchange** to Germany with no prior language knowledge required. We have been running very successful trips as a department for years and exchanges are an experience that not everyone gets to have but you can make friends for life. For more information see [this](#) slide. Please send an email to bcosgrove@parklandsacademy.co.uk by the first week back after the half term if you are interested

Year 9 Messages

Behaviour For Learning Reports will be issued on Wednesday.

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Year 10 Messages

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Just a reminder for parents/carers of **Year 10 Geographers** - please can you send back the payments and medical forms for the fieldtrip ASAP (especially the medical forms). The payment can be made in instalments if necessary. Mrs Eastham.

Year 11 Messages

Please ask your child if they have completed their college application. We realise that a number of students will have applied (or are intending to apply) for apprenticeships - however, they need to have a full time college course in place just in case an apprenticeship opportunity does not become available before September.

Year 11 Science. Following on from the Mocks, the Science department have put together some revision support sessions. The next session in TUESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 3pm to 4pm (report to the top North wing prep room). It will cover the content from *Chemistry Paper 1* that pupils struggled with. Pupils should pick up the question pack from their Science teacher and bring their completed booklets to the session.

Students will be bringing home their Exam Statement of Entry form on Friday 8th February. Please check with your child that the entries and all other details are complete and correct. Please note that the deadline for advising of any errors or omissions is Wednesday 13th February 2019. Any queries please contact Miss Carrier, Exams Officer.

Year 11 interviews start again on Monday - a number of pupils appear to have made no college or apprenticeship applications, so they will be invited to attend first. Runshaw College are in school on Tuesday holding an application session: help and advice on courses/levels/subjects, etc.

Careers

Check out the Career of the Week on the website - each week we feature a different career with information about entry requirements, opportunities for progression, pay scales and much more.

Apprenticeship notifications received this week

Lots of really good apprenticeships on offer at present: IT, Early Years, Hydraulic Engineering, Motor Vehicle, Dental Nursing, Business ... too many to list! Collect details from Miss Berry (top office).

Chinese New Year Celebrations at lunchtime today!

