



WEEKLY PARENT BULLETIN

4 Feb - 8 Feb 2019: Week 1



Whole School Messages

Our first Curry and Quiz event is being held 7 - 9.30pm on Friday 8th February. It is £5 per person to enter a team of a maximum of 6 people. You will get a meal as part of your entry fee and can bring your own refreshments. All money raised is going to Alder Hey Children's Hospital. Please contact Miss Greaves at ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk if you are interested in entering a team.

On Monday the PE Department will be entering a KS3 dodgeball team to play in the local competition at Parklands. Furthermore, on Tuesday and Wednesday we have a KS3 indoor cricket team competing in the Chorley competition to try and gain a place at the district finals. We also have the Y11 GCSE Handball team going to Carr Hill for friendly fixture.

Duke of Edinburgh Update

A reminder if your child is on the DofE scheme, these are the dates.

Tuesday 2nd April P4-4pm @ Parklands

Saturday 27th April 10-1.30pm @ Parklands

Saturday 18th May 2019 9-1pm @ Rivington

Practise Expedition 8-9th June @ Bibbys Farm, Rivington

Qualifying Expedition 13-14th July 2019 @ Waddow Hall, Clitheroe

Your child should have logged onto their eDofE system and be well on the way to completing the 3 sections. They will be unable to do the expedition without the 3 completed sections.

Any issues please email ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk

You may recall the tragic death of our former student, Suzie Strong. In consultation with her family, we did a charity collection at the recent GCSE Presentation Evening and raised over £200, and following a collection from school staff, we have donated £500 to the charity Young Minds, which supports young people with mental health problems.

YOUNGMINDS

TICKETS NOW ON SALE. The school annual dance production 'ICONIC' is taking place on Wednesday 13th, Thursday 14th and Friday 15th March. Tickets are now on sale and available from Miss Marr in the Pavilion office at break and lunch. They are priced at £5 for adults and £3 for concessions. Over 200 students and staff are involved in the production as well as guest appearances from some of our local feeder primaries. It is a fantastic evening of entertainment so get your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

Safer Internet Day (SID2019) 5th February 2019: A number of our pupils will be completing online safety tasks next Tuesday as part of SID 2019. We would like to offer the opportunity for parents to complete a certified eSafety training, this could be completed with your child at home and would then give you the opportunity to discuss any points that the training raises with regards to staying safe online. If you would like the link to the training please email cslater@parklandsacademy.co.uk The training is a presentation document with a few questions throughout relating to the slides you have seen, they are multiple choice questions. If you would like to complete the training in school with the assistance of one of our pupil digital leaders please email me and I will arrange it for you. If you have difficulty printing off your certificate on completion of the course I will be happy to print it off for you. Feel free to tell family and friends about the training, we are happy to provide the link for all those interested. Ms Slater

The weekly 'Read, Watch, Do' is published on the website today; previous editions are also archived on the school website (link [here](#)). This is an ideal opportunity for able and ambitious students who wish to 'go the extra mile' to increase the breadth of their knowledge and understanding in certain subject areas

Year 7 Messages

Year 7 Review Day will take place on Tuesday, when your child's latest BfL report will be issued.

Year 7 Parents Evening is on Thursday. Please scroll down the school homepage and follow the link to book appointments. Mrs Dewhurst.

Year 8 Messages

Thursday is the Year 8 assembly for Learning Challenge Week.

Year 9 Messages

On Wednesday is the Year 9 assembly regarding Learning Challenge Week.

Some Year 9 and 10 students are taking part in UK Maths Challenge on Thursday.

Year 9 Immunisations are to take place 7th February and the following Thursday. Most consent forms have been returned, however there are still a few missing. Please check with your child that it has been returned to school. Also where possible, could I ask that your child wears a short sleeved shirt and has breakfast. Mrs Dewhurst.

Year 9, 10 and 11 Students should have all activated their GCSEPod accounts. This is a fantastic revision website consisting of short videos tailored specifically to exam board specifications. If students have any problems accessing GCSEPod they should contact Mr Martin (tmartin@parklandsacademy.co.uk).

Year 9 English: Please ensure that all students have a copy of *Blood Brothers*. ISBN: 978-0-413-76770-7. The books are available from the English office in school for £8.10. All students need this book to be able to do their GCSE English Literature course. Mr Banks

Year 10 Messages

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Year 11 Messages

Year 11 individual House photographs will be taken on Tuesday for their Leavers' Book.

Summer exams run from the 13th May to the 21st June inclusive. JCQ and the exam boards state that students must also be available for the contingency period which runs up to and including the 26th June 2019. A contingency period is needed in case an exam needs to be rescheduled. We have no control over this. Please only book holidays from 27th June onwards. Miss Carrier.

Yr 11 Science revision session. Students and parents have been notified of this so just a reminder that Biology revision for Paper 1 is on on Tuesday 5th Feb 3-4. There will be a 3 sessions available this afternoon, 1 for Triple students, 1 for higher tier students and 1 for foundation tier students. Students will be required to have completed the Biology revision pack prior to this session - class teachers have given these out.

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Careers

There are a number of open days coming up in the next few weeks.

Bolton College is 5th February from 4.30 - 7.00pm

Training 2000 are holding apprenticeship events on 6th and 7th February from 4.00 - 8.00pm

BAE Systems have their final apprentice awareness evening on 7th February (you need to pre-book this one)

Myerscough College have a course advice morning on Saturday 9th February, from 9.45am - 12.30pm

and

Winstanley College have their final open evening on 13th February from 6.00 - 8.00pm

Visit this site <https://sacu-student.com/> to complete a short multiple choice survey and generate a 'careers cloud' with interactive links to all the careers suggested. It's a really interesting way to see what jobs are out there and what you might be interested in

This week's **career of the week** is Audiologist. See the parents section of the website for further details.

Our annual Careers Fair took place today with 70 exhibitors. Pupils in years 9 - 11 spent time discussing their career ideas and asking insightful questions. We were delighted to welcome the Mayor of Chorley and our local MP, Rt Hon Sir Lindsay Hoyle, who were impressed the quality and range of exhibitors.

Apprenticeship notifications received this week

The Department for Education has set a very useful website regarding apprenticeships - see <https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/>

There is also a YouTube video clip about it - click [here](#)