



WEEKLY PARENT BULLETIN

25 Mar - 29 Mar 2019: Week 1



Whole School Messages

Every Wednesday the Achievement team offer a drop in service at the Asda cafe in Chorley. Please feel free to pop in to meet with one of us, should you have a concern or worry you may wish to discuss

Do you think your child spends too much time on their phone? Would you like to encourage them to avoid the distraction and concentrate on something else? It is a common concern for parents and carers. Indeed, you might even want to reduce your own phone usage. [Forest](#) is an app which encourages users to grow a virtual forest by not fiddling with their phones during designated times they set. This allows users to earn virtual currency to purchase real trees. It is great for ensuring that homework and revision can be completed without distraction, or to enjoy family mealtimes without interruption. We are not sponsored by this company and have no commercial interest but there are many good reports about its effectiveness and thought you might like to try. We would also value your feedback if you decide to try it. Mrs Aspinall.

BAE Technology Tournament. Last Friday two Parklands teams pitted their wits against a number of local schools at Leyland Civic Centre. They had to design, build and control a machine for collecting and retrieving canisters. Year 10 came runners up in the Key Stage 4 category, and Year 9 made a valiant effort in the Key Stage 3 category. All pupils were a credit to the school and themselves. The year 9 team was Aaron Choudry, Chloe Elston, Adam Lord and Alex Kier. Year 10 were Cerys Lund, Elliot Mackrael, Sam Walton and Lewis Emmerson. Can we go one better next year? Congratulations to all involved! Mr Goodwin

Our next Parent Forum takes place on Tuesday.

A huge £1165 was raised on Comic Relief Day.


REFUNDS are due for last Summer's reward trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach. The refunds are £5 per pupil and £3 per Pupil Premium/ Free School Meals pupils.

These will be available from the Meet and Greet desk outside the main office every day for the next two weeks at **BREAK TIMES ONLY**. Please note we are unable to change the £5 notes for coins so please ensure your child is sent to school with any change they may need for the cash loader for the next two weeks.

Click [here](#) for the latest news from the Lancashire SEND Partnership.

10 WAYS TO BUILD CONFIDENT CHILDREN

- Give praise when it's due**
Praise your child when they do something correctly.
- Success**
Create opportunities for your child to experience success
- Feedback**
Young children rely heavily on adult feedback. Make feedback meaningful and positive
- Constructive Criticism**
Provide constructive criticism. Don't yell at your child. Help them to be the best they can be
- Develop Autonomy**
Let your child make their own decisions so they gain confidence in their own judgement
- Accomplishments**
Allow your child to be proud of their accomplishments
- Be a role model**
Set an example to your child. Be a role model and react positively to your child
- Don't overcontrol**
Allow your child to express their creativity. Don't start to control everything they do
- Promote problem solving**
Help your child to solve their own problems. This will make them feel more confident in their abilities
- Avoid labels**
Ensure your child has a positive view of themselves

 @BelievePHQ

Year 10 and 11 pupils excel in College Maths Challenges: On Tuesday 19th March Cardinal Newman ran its annual maths challenge for local high schools. 8 teams competed and our year 10 team, namely **Jake Teasdale, Josh Sculfor, Ella Woods** and **Emily Holtom** were the overall winners of this competition, allowing us to keep the title won last year by **Anthony Banks, Bailey McLean, Hallie Roberts** and **James Waring**. On Wednesday 20th March we then took a year 10 and a year 11 team to Runshaw maths challenge, which this year had a record number of 37 teams from 27 schools in the area competing for 3 hours on extremely challenging maths problems. All our pupils worked exceptionally well with our year 10 team, **Jack Lewis, Lara Moyano-Taylor, Josh Sculfor** and **Jake Teasdale** finishing in fourth place whilst our year 11 team, **Sarah Gur, Bailey McLean, Hallie Roberts** and **James Waring** received trophies for a 3rd place finish. A massive congratulations to all the pupils involved for an outstanding performance. Miss Johnson

Year 7 Messages

On Friday 29th March, author Paul Dowswell will be in school to talk to the whole of Y7 about his life in writing and where he gets his ideas from. He has written the excellent *Auslander* and *Eleven* amongst others. Books will be for sale on the day, prices are yet to be confirmed. He will also be giving a writing masterclass to around 20 lucky members of Y7.

Year 8 Messages

On Tuesday Year 8 will watch a production on the topic of *County Lines*. Click [here](#) for a link to a website containing more information or click [here](#) for information from Mrs Fairhurst, our Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Options deadline is Friday, 29th March. All forms must be returned to school by then. Many thanks

The following pupils have achieved another perfect 3 on their latest BfL report - that's a perfect 3 all year! Huge well done to them.

Sarah Gratton, Tyler Moroz, Delta Moss, Jack Walters, Ashleigh-Paige Cross, Scarlett Kellett, Hannah Lane, Aimee Scarff, Philipa Marshall-Smith, Milly Scott, Eadie Gosling, Mariam Hassouna, Ruby Johnson, Riahanna Abukarsh, Willow Lowther

Year 9 Messages

RESPECT Day will be on Thursday.

The following pupils have achieved another perfect 3 on their latest BfL report - that's a perfect 3 all year! Huge well done to them.

Eleanor Armstrong, Anna Rankine, Sophie Jolly, Victoria Edge, Emily Lavery

Year 10 Messages

Y10 Battlefields: URGENT. All EHIC and Passports must be with the school office. There are still a number outstanding. Emails will be sent to the relevant parents.

An appeal for family grave details and stories to be sent or given to Mrs Brown as soon as possible.

Year 11 Messages

Year 11 Revision Room - is now open every evening from 3-4pm. It is a quiet, supervised space where students can work on any subject with access to computers, equipment etc. Revision sessions for all subjects, this year, require that students come prepared having attempted practice questions or specific tasks in advance. This is a perfect time and place in which to complete this work.

Easter school. Details were sent on Tuesday 19th March. Places must be booked by Friday 29th March. Mrs Aspinall.

Year 11 Messages

Yearbook Deadline 29th March 2019 @ £25

If you have submitted your money already please ensure you have sent us some photos of your child for use in the yearbook! You can email yearbook@parklandsacademy.co.uk or ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk

On Tuesday there will be a presentation to Year 11 from the National Citizen Service.

Year 11 Science revision is continuing in full swing. Paper 2 Chemistry will be in N21 3pm on Thursday 28th March. Pupils should pick up the revision packs from their teachers, take them home to complete and then bring the papers to the session. See you there year 11!

DEADLINE FOR YEARBOOK 29th March 2019

If you have already paid online or to school please ensure you have sent me some photos. We have access to the official year 7/11 photos so will not need copies of these, however baby photos, 1st day of year 7 photos etc are encouraged to be sent in.

You could also help by reminding your child to send in photos from their time here.

Once they have been ordered we will not hold any spares or be able to order any extras. Do not miss out. ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk

Careers



This week focuses on STEM careers following successes in Coding competitions, BAE Systems competition and a robotics challenge. A small group of Year 8s are now involved in a project with the Engineering Development Trust and NIS Ltd - updates to follow as the project progresses!

Apprenticeship Notifications

Click [here](#) for the new March Parents Pack is here! This month they cover preparing for the first day in a new job, helping your child find the right employer, financial support for apprentices, construction apprenticeships with Mace, and much more!

Apprenticeship Notifications

<https://www.preston.ac.uk/appvacancies/business-administration-level-2-apprenticeship-scientific-support/>

Apprentice Commercial Vehicle Engineer (£156 pw) Thomas Hardie Commercials Ltd, Ackhurst Road, Chorley	VAC001512376
Light Vehicle L2 Apprenticeship (£156 pw) Chorley Autofit, Bengal Street	VAC001506955
Apprentice Window/Door Fitter (£156 pw) 2 positions Ross Gardenier, Grange Drive, Coppull	VAC001460655
Apprentice Sprayer (uPVC doors/windows) (£156 pw) Sliders UK Ltd., Bamber Bridge	VAC001513585
Apprentice Warehouse Assistant (£146 pw) The Glowhouse Ltd., Leyland	VAC001500260
Business Admin/HR Apprentice (£156 pw) Lunar Caravans Ltd., Lostock Hall, Preston	VAC001505217
Apprentice Administrative Assistant (£156 pw) 2 positions Lunar Caravans Ltd., Lostock Hall, Preston	VAC001505238
Business Admin Apprentice (£150 pw) Quality Electrical Distribution Ltd., Walton Summit	VAC001457591
Grounds Maintenance Apprentice (£117 pw) Alben Landscapes Ltd., Farrington, Leyland	VAC001512657
Apprentice Greenkeeper (£200 pw) Wigan Golf Club, Haigh, Wigan	VAC001508396
Apprentice Nursery Practitioner (£136 pw) The Laurels Play School, Chorley	VAC001513619
Childcare Apprenticeship (£136 pw) Busy Bees Childcare Ltd., Brooke Street, Chorley	VAC001509301
Level 2 Apprentice Hairdresser (£156 pw) Park Hair Rooms, Chorley	VAC001507281
IT Support Apprentice (£9620 pa) Exact Abacus Ltd., Matrix Park, Chorley	VAC001506578

Apprenticeship Notifications

Food Production Apprentice (£144 pw) Cafe Ambio, Astley Park, Chorley	VAC001505531
Apprentice Chef (£136 pw) The Dog & Partridge, Chorley	VAC001475638
Apprentice Chef - Sizzling Pubs (£126 pw) The Highfield Restaurant, Leyland	VAC001478368
Apprentice Chef - Vintage Inns (£130 - £246 pw) The Walton Fox, South Rings Business Park, Preston	VAC001512637

All the above are within 5 miles of this school. There are many more - these are just a selection from different industries. For most of these you will need an up to date CV. If you do not have one, or it needs some work, now is the time to sort it! Go to <https://www.gov.uk/topic/further-education-skills/apprenticeships> and either create an account or sign if you already have an account. If you put in the VAC reference, it will take you straight to the vacancy. Don't forget, you cannot start an apprenticeship until June 30th or when you turn 16 if that is later. However, you can start applying now, as it may take weeks before the selection and interview process is finished. See Miss Berry (top office) for any further information or help with CVs/application forms.

<http://www.training2000.co.uk/apprenticeship-vacancies/>

Various vacancies with Training 2000 - especially for those interested in engineering. Don't forget to keep checking websites for vacancies - Runshaw, Preston, Blackburn, Bolton, Wigan & Leigh Colleges all have apprenticeship sections on their websites.

Plus there is:

Alliance Learning <https://www.alliancelearning.com/vacancies>

North Lancs Training Group <https://www.nltg.co.uk/>

and of course the National Apprenticeship website

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch>

If anyone needs help with a CV or with applying for an apprenticeship (whether that is retail, engineering, dental, nursery, catering etc) please see me at any time. Miss Berry