



WEEKLY PARENT BULLETIN

29 Apr - 3 May 2019: Week 2



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.

A Parklands pupil is campaigning for young people to stay safe near water, particularly as the warmer weather approaches. Annie Ramsay, who is in year 7, lost her brother Dylan, who also attended Parklands, to drowning when he went swimming in a quarry in Whittle-le-Woods in 2011 aged 13. Inspired by her mum Becky, who runs [Doing it for Dylan](#), Annie, 12, has become a [STA](#) water safety ambassador to help educate young people about water safety and swimming safely. From a young age, Annie has watched, learned and participated in events to raise awareness surrounding water safety. Last year she walked Pen y Fan in Wales and raised around £300 towards emergency combination locked throw line stations. After losing her brother, Annie also struggled to get in to the water but she pushed herself at school and in her own time she learned to swim and overcame her fear. You can hear more about how important a cause this is to Annie by watching the video below. <https://www.facebook.com/STAHealthLeisureLife/videos/531600280701097/>

Huge congratulations to Joe Harris, Luke McMullan, Mickey Checker and Corey Scott who made it all the way to the MTK boxing cup finals - and Joe, Corey and Mikey all won GOLD! Joe was a defending champion from last year, so he won the Lonsdale belt which he has to defend next year. This was a tournament with over 500 entries from all over England and Europe. All boys were proud to represent Dave's Boxing Gym in Chorley.



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The first session of the Parklands Couch to 5K programme is today, Friday 26th April at 3.15pm. The goal is to complete a 5K run in the final week of the school term. This is open to all students, staff, parents and carers. Please meet at the Pavilion at 3.15pm if you would like to join us.

PGL Watersports Parents Evening - Monday 29th April 2019 at 6pm - 7pm - Please ensure you have completed the medical form emailed by Mrs Fox.

Duke of Edinburgh Training weekend - Saturday 10-1pm. Pupils just need to turn up for the day. We will meet in the sports hall enter via the main entrance/concourse.

Hannah Skyner, Year 9, is currently competing with her team Coventry Dynamites in the World Cheerleading Championships in Orlando, Florida. She will be competing on Sunday evening our time and competing again on Monday if they get through to the finals. We wish her the best of luck!



The next Parklands parents vs staff quiz including a chilli meal at £5 is 24th May 2019. Parents will be emailed a quiz sheet form, it is £5 a person and you can bring your own beverages. All money raised will go towards our Alder Hey Appeal.

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Science Revision Guides for sale!

Key stage 3 **£4**

Key Stage 4:

Trilogy (1 book for all 3 sciences) **£3.50**

Triple Science (3 books in total) **£7.50**

Booster books for KS4

Grade 5 and Grade 8/9 available. (Triple and Trilogy booster books 1 book for Biology, 1 for Chemistry, 1 for Physics)

£4 each or £10 for all 3

Students have been reminded that these are still available to buy. They are very useful in the run up to the end of year Science exams which are fast approaching. If students would like one, please direct them to see their Science teacher or go to the Science prep room with the money.

Year 7 Messages

Please see Google Classroom for a help video created by one of our pupils on how to use quizlet more effectively for learning their MFL vocabulary each week. This is a great resource that pupils have free access to and it could really improve vocabulary test scores.

On Thursday 2nd May the PE department are running a trip to play in a rugby festival followed by the chance to watch Wigan Warriors v London Broncos. This trip is for the year 7 rugby team. Rugby training continues to take place every Thursday, 3-4pm.

Year 8 Messages

Please see Google Classroom for a help video created by one of our pupils on how to use quizlet more effectively for learning their MFL vocabulary each week. This is a great resource that pupils have free access to and it could really improve vocabulary test scores.

Year 8 options. Students will have their option choices confirmed shortly. Given that Dance did not produce viable numbers in Option C, we have moved it into Option B. Students have been offered the opportunity to change their option choices if this would affect their initial selection.

Rugby training continues to take place every Thursday, 3-4pm.

The year 8 rugby team have their festival with the chance to watch Wigan Warriors coming up in the next few weeks. Details will be given to the year 8 pupils who attend the training sessions.

Respect Day is next Friday 3rd May. The topic is Sex and Relationship Education, themes for the day include; Sexting, Character Education, LGBT and Family Dynamics.

Year 9 Messages

Year 9 Parents Evening is next Thursday, 2nd May, 4 - 7pm. Please follow the links on the school website to book your appointments. Any issues, please contact your child's House Achievement Leader.

Camps International - If you are attending the parents evening on Tuesday 30th of April then please return the reply slips to Mr Hoskins or Miss Flight ASAP to ensure that we have enough resources for everyone on the night. Thanks

English - Reminder to all parents of Year 9 that all pupils will be required to have the 'Scholastic Classics' version of 'A Christmas Carol' for Monday 29th April. ISBN: 978-1-407143-64-4. The book is still available from school for £3.59. This book is required for the GCSE English Literature exam course.

Year 10 Messages

A huge CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who have continued to achieve the perfect 3 all year so far! Roseanna Cant, Amy Wilson, Lucy Douglass, Bethan Flint, Hui Hua, Elliot Mackrael, Lily Smith and Jake Teasdale.

A second CONGRATULATIONS goes to the following students who have improved their BfL to achieve a perfect 3 on their latest tracker. This is fantastic at this stage in year 10!

Bethany Dootson, Lucie Firth, Callan Grimshaw-Brown, Thomas Grinyer, Katy Harding, Leo Hine, Jack Lewis, Alex Perry, Katie Platt, Allima Podmore, Rhys Rothwell, Olivia Saunt, Joshua Sculfor.

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Battlefields lost property. Please ask your child to see Mrs Brown.
One Boundary Mill bag with walking boots
One red bag with Hunter wellies
One black boot bag with walking boots
One black coat with fur trim

Work experience. Don't forget to download the Connect Placement Manager app for work experience and get those employer details submitted as soon as possible so we can carry out risk assessments in good time. WEX week is 15-19 July ... not long now!

Year 10 had their pre-sampling assembly this morning for Wigan & Leigh College. Why not pop along to their final open evening of this academic year on Monday 29th April? Have a look at the facilities, chat to staff and students and find out just what you can get involved in at college. Perfect for Year 10s who are keen to make an early start!

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.

All students were given individual summer GCSE exam timetables this week. Please ensure that they have shared this information with you and that they keep the timetable in a safe place. It will have the times of each of their exams along with the room and seat number. A full timetable of all Summer exams can also be found on our website under the parents section, GCSE Exams

Careers

We have recently had confirmation that we have been awarded Stage One of Inspiring IAG and are now working towards the full award: The Quality in Careers Standard.

Check out the Career of the Week - this week is Pharmacist. Find out more about the opportunities within the NHS by attending the next NHS Careers Event on 7th May from 3pm - 6pm at Royal Preston Hospital.

Apprenticeship Notifications

More really good apprenticeships on offer this week: Greenkeeper, welder, nursery assistants, finance administration - plus lots still on offer from previous weeks. See Miss Berry for more details.