



PARENT BULLETIN

16 Dec - 20 Dec 2019: Week 2



Whole School Messages

School closes on Friday at 1pm. Full attendance is expected and normal lessons will continue throughout the week. We reopen on Monday, 6th January.

The drop in sessions at the Asda Cafe in Chorley will not be on next week, they will commence in the new year

School Nurse Drop-In available every Thursday 1.00 pm - 2.30 pm



PHS General Election 2019

Mock Election

On the morning of the national General Election, Parklands held its own Mock Election. Brief summary statements taken from the manifestos of the top 5 parties were presented in the whole school assembly and discussed during form time. The experience was as authentic as possible with polling stations, electoral registers and ballot boxes. It was impressive to see how seriously our students took this activity; they conducted themselves in a mature and exemplary manner and it was a really worthwhile experience!

The results.... Our students voted for LABOUR!

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The Conservative party	35	27	31	33	38	164	
The Labour party	82	83	67	113	96	441	
The Liberal Democrats party	17	9	14	8	8	56	
The Green Party	36	49	39	38	29	191	
The Brexit Party	12	15	23	12	17	79	
Spoilt papers (no vote)	16	13	20	11	14	74	

Whole School Messages



This year's Christmas card competition had 192 card designs - and the winning design was created by Year 9 student Aimee. Congratulations Aimee on your entry, and a huge thank you to all students who participated and earned House points.

Christmas lunch

A traditional festive lunch will be served on Tuesday, 17th December. Year 7 will go for lunch slightly earlier at 1pm in order to ensure we serve all pupils well before the end of lunchtime.

Chip Day

This will be on Wednesday rather than on the usual day of Thursday.

School closure procedure

If we have to close school due to snow, we will inform parents as soon as we can through the Edulink app. This is never an easy decision, but we must ensure as much as we can the safety and wellbeing of students and staff. Updates will also be posted on our website and work set through Google classroom.

I have some entry forms for a writing competition related to the new Cats movie. To enter you need to write no more than 500 words about this question 'Do you think that your school is the most welcoming and inclusive in the country?' The 1st prize is a private screening of the film for school and there are Cats themed goodies too. The closing date is the 10th of January and entry forms can be collected from S13. Ms Mulligan



Normandy Food Tour Oct 2020 £430 - There are still some places remaining on this trip - ideal for Year 7's as a first foreign trip with school. 3 nights 4 days staying at Chateau du Baffy near Bayeux during the October half term break. Fully inclusive holiday - a little extra needed for 'spends' only. Open to years 7-10. Letter with further details attached.

[Normandy 2020 Food Tour Letter](#)

SEND

Click [here](#) for the link to the FIND newsletter, which has an abundance of information on SEND
For the SEND Local Offer, click [here](#)

PGL WATERSPORTS 2020

£655


TWO CENTRE ADVENTURE
3 DAYS BEACH WATERSPORTS
2 DAYS DESCENT DOWN THE ARDECHE
1 DAY AT AQUALAND

26th July to 2nd August 2020

ALL FOOD, TRANSPORTS, EVENING ENTERTAINMENTS, AND
WATERPARK INCLUDED.

Letters available from Miss Greaves in PE, open to all pupils Year 7-10
(As per academic year 19/20)

Email
ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk



There are a couple of places available for Watersports 2020, this departs on the 26th July returning on the 2nd of August. Please see Miss Greaves if interested!

Whole School Messages

Perfect 3s

Has your child continued to achieve the perfect 3 since September? There are **209** in total so far!

Year 7: 49 pupils
Year 8: 32 pupils
Year 9: 40 pupils
Year 10: 38 students
Year 11: 50 students

Who had the perfect 3 in the last week (Mon - Fri)?

Year 7: 147 pupils
Year 8: 113 pupils
Year 9: 127 pupils
Year 10: 127 students
Year 11: 177 students

PE MESSAGES

Monday : GCSE girls have a football fixture against Bishops after school @ home

Monday: GCSE Y11 boys Basketball moderation here at Parklands 3-4pm

Reward trip

If your child is attending the reward trip to the Trafford centre, I would just like to remind you of a couple of things

- We will leave right after school around 3:15pm and return around 8.45pm
- Please do not park in the bus bays on Glamis drive or on Southport road
- Pupils attending the trip may come to school in **appropriate** non-uniform
- Pupils are responsible for their own money, please remind them of this
- Pupils will be issued the school mobile number in case of emergency

Thanks. Mrs Fox



Celebrating **20 years**
of international education

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AWARD 2019–22


THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

Parklands High School

HAS BEEN REACCREDITED FOR
**OUTSTANDING DEVELOPMENT OF
THE INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION
IN THE CURRICULUM**

A handwritten signature in dark blue ink that reads "Ciarán".

Sir Ciarán Devane
Chief Executive, British Council



Huge thanks to Mr Stalker, who led on our reaccreditation. Mr Stalker worked extremely hard to coordinate an impressive range of evidence for our application, and it's only right that we celebrate this fantastic achievement. Our international activities will continue to develop and benefit the school community.



STONEWALL SCHOOL CHAMPION

Parklands High School

WE ARE COMMITTED TO:

- Tackling homophobic, biphobic and transphobic bullying
- Making school a place where all pupils and staff - including lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans people - are accepted without exception
- Championing diversity and celebrating difference

Ruth Hunt.

Ruth Hunt, Stonewall Chief Executive

[Signature]

Chair of Governors

[Signature]

Head Teacher

31st October 2020

Membership valid until

We are proud of our ongoing commitment to Stonewall and all the work we do to ensure our school community is free from all types of discrimination. Parklands is a community which champions equality and diversity, and we expect all our students to uphold our standards where everyone is treated equally, regardless of race, gender, age, sexual orientation and religion.





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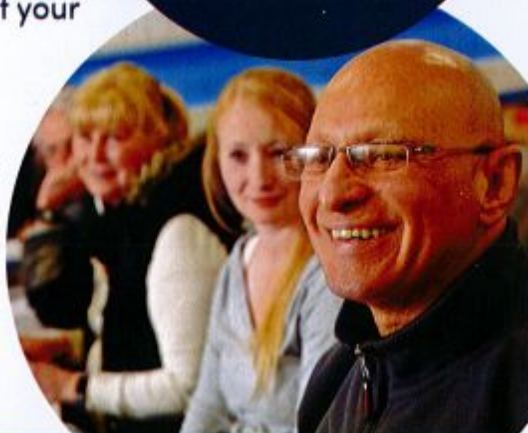
When?

Maths Thursday's 6pm - 8.30pm

English Tuesday's 6.30pm -
8.30pm

Where?

St Micheal's School Chorley



For more information, please contact us



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Learn something new today



Year 7 Messages

Year 7

A News Club for pupils in year 7 is starting on Monday 6th January. This will be run by the Cultural Capital Learning Ambassadors and take place at lunchtimes in FRA. The club is open to all year 7s and will give them an opportunity to find out about what is going on in the world around them and debate issues they are interested in. If your child would like more information, please see Miss Cree.

Year 8 Messages

None this week

Year 9 Messages

None this week

Year 10 Messages

Year 10s MUST remember to download the Connect Placement Manager app as soon as possible so they can enter their work experience details. So far, only a quarter of the year group have done so. Bear in mind, it is an app to monitor and track work experience, NOT to find or choose placements.

Year 11 Messages

There is now a direct bus to Preston's College from Chorley - the 125C - so much easier than before! Don't forget that they also offer Gifted & Talented Scholarships worth £1000 over 2 years - check out the website for more details: www.preston.ac.uk/scholarships (or for details of the A Level Extra programme: www.preston.ac.uk/a-level-extra)

Wigan & Leigh College will be interviewing Year 11 students who have applied on 31st January. If you would like to be on the interview list, please get your application in as soon as possible, as letters will be sent out very soon with times/interviewers. If you are interested in an apprenticeship in a particular trade, apply for a full time course in that subject as well as a back-up. You can transfer onto an apprenticeship at any time, but not the other way round! See Miss Berry (top office) for advice or help with applications.

Careers

For anyone keen on a career in performing arts, why not book one of the shows at Runshaw College and see the current students in action? Tickets can be booked online at: www.ticketsource.co.uk/amandarocrofttheatre

Every month they put on a different show to give students a wide range of experiences in singing, dancing and acting - the Christmas panto is sold out, but there are lots more exciting shows coming up!

Careers

This week's Career of the Week can be found [here](#) - this week it's no, not politician (too obvious - and we covered this in a previous post) but Market Research Executive! I'm sure everyone has been hearing about the opinion polls throughout this election, so have a look at the website and see if this is the career for you.

Current vacancies on Vacancy Snapshot

Be sure to visit [Vacancy Snapshot](#) to see current and upcoming vacancies! This month vacancies have opened with GlaxoSmithKline, Boots, Network Rail, Sky, Transport for London and the Government Economic Service. Check them out now!

I know a lot of these are not local but it's worth having a look to plan for the future - there are some very worthwhile schemes and opportunities - and you can even gain a degree at no cost to yourself.

Sgt. Hill of the RAF Careers Office in Liverpool is meeting with a small group of interested students on Friday. If anyone has any particular requests for careers advice/meetings, please let me know and I will do my best to bring in professionals from various industries (pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

Year 10 students have been having their careers interviews this week - talking about future plans, work experience and employability skills. These will continue after the Christmas break and will be followed by the Year 11 interviews, once they have received their mock exam results.

Apprenticeship Notifications

Springfields Fuels are recruiting for apprentices in various areas: process, laboratory and engineering. These are Level 3 apprenticeships (and can lead to Level 6/Degree apprenticeships in Nuclear Engineering, Chartered Management and Cyber Security) with a well established company.

To apply, go to: www.westinghousenuclear.com/springfields/Careers/Apprentice-Training

Click on the link that says 'Careers' and create an account - it may ask you for a CV, so have one ready, proofread and relevant to the job role - as a Word document, not a Google doc.

The closing date is January 24th 2020 - so don't miss out. Please see Miss Berry if you need more information or help with CVs or application forms

Matthews and Leigh Civil Engineering are offering a number of apprenticeships in Construction Operations/Groundwork, all based in the local area. Although these are listed to start in March 2020, our CITB contact suggests that a speculative CV should be submitted, as a later start date may be possible. If anyone is interested in this opportunity, please let me know and I will help with the CV/application process. The closing date for applications is 31st January 2020 - see Miss Berry for more information.

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