



PARENT BULLETIN

18 Nov - 22 Nov 2019: Week 2



Whole School Messages

The Achievement Team which consists of the House Achievement Leaders, SENCO, Attendance Officer etc offer a drop-in service every Wednesday from 11:30-12:30 at the Asda cafe in Chorley. This is for parents who do not wish to come into school and or would prefer a more informal meeting. If you have a concern or query, please pop along and have a chat.

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

School closure due to snow

As winter fast approaches please be advised that we will contact you via the Edulink app if the school closes due to snow. Updates will also be put on our website and work will be set for pupils via Google Classroom. The information below has been sent to us by the Local Authority.

Informing parents of winter gritting and snow clearance arrangements

Each winter one of the top queries we receive via our social media channels is from parents who want to know about gritting and snow clearing arrangements for their children's school. While many schools are on roads which form part of gritting routes, a significant number of schools are accessed via minor, or private, roads which aren't usually gritted. This means that conditions can be difficult, particularly first thing in the morning, if the weather is snowy and icy. While any road can remain icy even after it has been gritted it will usually be the case that the main routes which are gritted will be easier to use. As such, if the usual access road to the school is not part of a gritting route, it may be advisable to ask parents to leave extra time for their journeys and consider parking further away in poor conditions. The council has limitations to the service that it provides. We are open about the fact we cannot grit every road in Lancashire. Even if the council had the resources we could not grit all the roads in Lancashire quickly enough to make a real difference. No council grits every road – that's why we ask everyone to take steps to make sure that, when severe winter weather strikes, they are prepared and able to manage. People can find out if a school is on a gritting route from our website www.lancashire.gov.uk/winter.

It's **Christmas hamper** time again, and we would like to make it bigger and better than ever. There are many elderly people living alone and needy families in our community. Every year we put together hampers which we then deliver to their doors to make the Christmas season that little bit brighter. Please support us by sending in non-perishable items with your child, that will then go towards their Form Hamper. Items can include tinned goods, chocolate biscuits, chocolates, tea & coffee. Mince pies, mini Christmas puddings, tinned vegetables, etc. Anything that you think will brighten someone's Christmas day. Thank you

Please find below the link to the FIND newsletter, which has an abundance of information on SEND <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/help-for-parents-and-carers/family-information-network-directory/>

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Perfect 3s

Has your child continued to achieve the perfect 3 since September?

Year 7: 68 pupils
Year 8: 41 pupils
Year 9: 55 pupils
Year 10: 50 students
Year 11: 57 students

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

Year 7: 161 pupils
Year 8: 127 pupils
Year 9: 122 pupils
Year 10: 130 students
Year 11: 113 students

Parent Forum - Tuesday 26th November at 6 pm. Please email Mrs Haslam if you wish to attend at shaslam@parklandsacademy.co.uk. We will be discussing our Anti-Bullying policy.

The student J8 development group have more Fair Trade ground coffee available for you to buy for £4.60 per bag. This coffee has come straight from Malawi where the growers work in the community of Liwonde, where the secondary school is for whom we are raising funds. The proceeds from the sale of this coffee go straight back to the school we are working with, to help buy resources to keep more children in school. Please do what you can to support the group and purchase your coffee here. If you would like to make a purchase you can provide your child with the money and the coffee is available from myself in S14. Thanks from the J8 group - Mrs Ward

PE MESSAGES

Monday 18th - Y11 Basketball at home to Albany
Wednesday 19th - Y8 Girls Handball tournament at St Michael's High School
Wednesday 19th - Girls football. U16 Lancashire Cup match in Blackpool.
Thursday 20th - Y8 Boys Handball tournament at St Michael's High School
Thursday 20th - Rugby coaching with Wigan Warriors at Parklands High School
Friday 21st - Y9 Basketball at home to St. Augustine's High School

Thank you for your support with Children in Need.
We have raised just under £1000 towards this brilliant cause!



Anti-Bullying Week

We had two odd sock days this week - Wednesday & Thursday, and it was wonderful to see so many of our students and staff wearing a myriad of bizarre odd socks to help raise awareness.



Make Your Mark



What should your UK Youth Parliament campaign on?

In the first week of October the whole school was involved in the 'Make Your Mark Youth Parliament Vote'. This is the UK's largest youth consultation. Make Your Mark gives a unique opportunity to reach out to young people who go on to be opinion formers and leaders of the future. The results are now in...

Following this nationwide consultation and including 800 votes from Parklands pupils, climate change has been declared the biggest priority for young people across the UK. The Make Your Mark campaign called on young people aged 11-18 to choose which issue they felt was a priority.

The ballot has seen more than 825,000 young people take part, maintaining the campaign as one of the largest consultations of young people in UK history. The five issues that have been prioritised are:

- **Protect the environment:** We believe that we have a responsibility to protect the environment for the next generation from the effects of climate change; and that the Government should look towards carbon neutral alternatives.
- **Put an end to knife crime:** Too many young people's lives are lost to knife crime; the Government need to do more to help end the knife crime epidemic.
- **Mental health:** Mental health services should be improved with young people's help; and should be available in schools..
- **Tackling hate crime:** We believe that more efforts must be made to ensure that we work together to combat racism and other forms of racially motivated hatred amongst young people; and ensure young people know the dangers of such hatred.
- **Curriculum to Prepare Us for Life:** Schools should cover topics like finance, sex and relationship education and politics.

[Knife crime was voted the most important issue for young people in 2018](#), and it remains a critical issue as knife crime hits a new record high. Members of Youth Parliament have been [campaigning on knife crime throughout 2019](#), calling on the Government to take urgent action.

As part of our Citizenship provision here at Parklands we are currently planning to hold a mock **General Election** in parallel to the real national event.

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Starbank school teachers strike over violence fears

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Some teachers took to the picket line outside of the school gates earlier

Teachers have gone on strike over concerns about violence and knife threats from pupils.



In preparation for the Make Your Mark event in October, I held a whole-school assembly on 9th July during which I spoke at length to all pupils in school about the consequences of poor decisions, and I made specific reference to poor decisions regarding drugs, weapons and violent attacks on school staff. The above image is a screenshot of what I showed to pupils. Parklands has a **zero tolerance** approach, as per our Behaviour for Learning policy available on the school's website, in order to ensure our school community is as safe as possible. Many pupils commented at the time how our no-nonsense approach to such issues as drugs and weapons made them feel safe and secure, comments which were echoed from parents in a Parent Forum meeting held last year. Mr Mitchell

2020 Normandy Food Tour Years 7-10



- Boulangerie – bread making
- Goats Cheese Farm
- Oyster Farm
- Visit to Bayeaux Market and shopping
- Sweet Making Factory
- Apple Juice & Cider Farm
- Arromanches 360 Cinema – D-Day Landing beaches and WWII history.
- Halloween Party
- Ten Pin Bowling Evening
- Local Market and shopping at Deauville
- ... and more!



Please see
Mrs Brookes or
Miss Flight in S16
or S17 for a letter



Staying at Chateau
du Baffy for 3
nights full board



4 days October 2020 - £430

Normandy Food Tour October 2020 staying at Chateau du Baffy £430 - proving to be popular yet again however there are still places available and we have been able to extend the booking deadline with the travel company! The trip is fully inclusive of all costs, visits, meals, hoodie etc. and open to Years 7-10. For further information please contact sbrookes@parklandsacademy.co.uk

[Parent/Carer Letter Food Tour to Normandy](#)

[Video 2017 Normandy Food Tour](#)

Year 7 Messages

None this week

Year 8 Messages

Review Day takes place on Tuesday, when trackers will be issued.

Year 9 Messages

Y9 French: All pupils studying GCSE French in Y9 will be taking part in an escape room activity on Wednesday 20th November. Students in small groups will be tasked with trying to escape the “customs border office in Calais” by using their French to unlock the safes containing their passports. They will have just 30 minutes to work together to escape the room. Which groups will escape? Bonne chance!

Year 10 Messages

None this week

Year 11 Messages

On Tuesday 19th November, each student in Year 11 will have a Mock Interview with an employer. They should have with them a CV that the employer will look at and comment on. Following their interview, students will be given verbal and written feedback, before attending a short debrief with a member of staff from one of the local colleges, so they can go over good and perhaps not so good points and be given hints on how to improve. We are very grateful to all the parents and local employers who have offered to support this event.

On Saturday 16th November, Cardinal Newman College have an open day, from 10am - 1pm. Runshaw College have their final open evening for 2019 on Tuesday 19th November, from 4pm - 8pm and on Wednesday 20th November, both Bolton College and Bolton 6th Form have their open evenings, from 5.30pm - 8pm (they are next door to each other, so why not visit both?!) Don't forget that each college offers something different, and unless you visit, you won't know which one really suits you and the career you are planning.

Year 11 will be bringing their Mock examination timetables home on Monday 18th November. Please ensure that they take a copy or screenshot should they lose the original.

A couple more dates for your diary: Saturday 16th November is the Training 2000 open day (10am - 1pm) Email: info@t2000.co.uk or tel: 01254 54659 for more details.

If you are more interested in a career with the NHS, then go along to the NHS Careers Event on Wednesday 20th November from 3pm - 6pm at the Education Centre, Chorley & South Ribble Hospital. For more information, contact: Brittany.Mollart@lthtr.nhs.uk

Careers

This week's Career of the Week can be found [here](#) - this week it's Chef - so many opportunities in this challenging but rewarding career. Don't just think about restaurants - every large organisation needs someone to prepare food (armed forces, NHS, supermarket chains, etc.) Catering and baking courses are available at a couple of local colleges - see Miss Berry if you would like further information.

Have a look at November's Parents' Pack - lots of information about apprenticeships. [Parents Pack](#)

Apprenticeship Notifications

None this week.