



# PARENT BULLETIN

## 21 - 25 Sept 2020: Week 2



### Year 7 Messages

Indigo, the careers package that school has invested in, is having a makeover. As soon as the new features are finalised, Year 7 will be introduced to it. They will get a personalised log in and can access the site on computer, tablet or mobile, both at school or at home, so parents can get involved.

### Year 8 Messages

None this week

### Year 9 Messages

None this week

### Year 10 Messages

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The GCSE English Literature texts are available to purchase on the school's SCOPAY system. Please purchase the texts by 2nd October. The texts are vital to the GCSE course.

### Year 11 Messages

Preston's College is holding a virtual open event on 7 and 8 October, from 4pm - 7pm. You need to register for this event: <http://www.preston.ac.uk/Virtual-Open-Event/>  
Find out about the huge range of courses they offer: from aeronautical engineering to hair and beauty, digital technology to public services. Preston is also one of the colleges offering the new T-Levels from September 2021 - or you can add a single A Level to a Level 3 BTEC course - it's your choice!

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Please remind your child to complete the CEIAG pre-interview form that was introduced in the Year 11 assembly on Tuesday. The information will help to inform the one to one careers interviews with students. Thank you to the students who have already completed and submitted their forms

## Careers

Career of the week: Moving on from the healthcare theme of the past few weeks (nurse, nutritionist), another career that had centre stage recently - and will continue to do so - is E-Learning Developer, or someone who creates material that can be studied on a computer network or online. IT/digital based careers will be in demand as technology advances and virtual working becomes a lot more common. Find out more about this career at: <https://careeroftheweek.wordpress.com/>

Careermag for Parents: <https://careermag.co.uk/careermag-parents/>

Careermag for Students: <https://careermag.co.uk/careermag-students-teachers/>



Have a look at Careermag - there are different versions for students and parents - loads of interesting articles and advice from people in great careers. Specifically aimed at Year 11 but it's never too early to start thinking about the career you want and how you might get there.

<https://icould.com/buzz-quiz/>

Check out icould.com, a free careers website with loads of great resources including the Buzz Quiz. This is a fun quiz for students to identify what sort of animal they are - and what sort of career would be suitable for them.

(The Buzz quiz was developed by icould partner David Hodgson to help teenagers make more informed course and career decisions, boost self-awareness and help us better understand each other).



See the Show - Shape Your Future!

Watch Tinie, Raye and Ms Banks

Livestream Thursday 01 October 7pm

Learn how to get free work and life skills to land a career you love. Join Apprentice Nation now!

1. Students join at [www.apprenticenation.co.uk](http://www.apprenticenation.co.uk)
2. Students watch an inspiring livestream concert on the 1st October, featuring performances and interviews with top UK music artists
3. They then take part in the Six Keys to Success with our webinar series. Topics include apprenticeship mythbusting, interview tips, careers advice, motivation, diversity and inclusion and much more.
4. By taking part, students earn points that can unlock rewards; from mentor sessions to a hangout with their favourite artist from the livestream.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fWbleSwPjyU&feature=youtu.be>

This short video from the Careers and Enterprise Company gives a brief overview of Labour Market Information or LMI, something that is key for students when they are deciding what to study and what kind of career to enter.

# Apprenticeship Notifications

## September Parents' & Carers' Pack - Amazing Apprenticeships

In the September issue we look at preparing for a new school year, T Levels, Careers in Coding, supporting disabled individuals to access apprenticeships, Life as a Healthcare apprentice, Apprenticeships with Travis Perkins and much more.

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/resource/t-levels-film-for-parents/>

As well as A levels and BTECs there is now a new option for students after GCSEs - T-Levels. These are a Level 3 qualification (equivalent to A Levels) but with a large proportion of work experience built in. They have been designed in conjunction with employers who highlighted the need for work based skills alongside academic qualifications. Watch this short video from the Minister for Apprenticeships and Skills, as she explains how T-Levels work. Over the coming year, I will ensure that students are well aware of all the options available to them once they leave school. Miss Berry

## Whole School Messages

We have been advised that families from Chorley and South Ribble are no longer allowed to use the walk-in testing facilities in Preston. They have had families being turned away. There are no walk-in testing facilities in Chorley as far as we are aware and there is a massive shortage of bookable testing within Lancashire apparently.

### Attendance information

Use the link below to know what to do regarding attendance and suspected Covid symptoms. There is a key messages document from the Local Authority on this page too.

<https://www.parklandsacademy.co.uk/school-information/plans-for-reopening-september-2020>

School Nurse, Louise Slater provides a weekly drop-in service, in school. If you wish your son or daughter to see her, please ask them to see Mrs Fairhurst who will make an appointment to see her on Thursday afternoons.

### Perfect 3s

Has your child continued to achieve the perfect 3 since the start of term? There are **650** pupils with the perfect 3!

Year 7: 133 pupils  
Year 8: 153 pupils  
Year 9: 121 pupils  
Year 10: 123 students  
Year 11: 120 students

#### Who had the perfect 3 last week?

**Year 7: 186 pupils**  
**Year 8: 179 pupils**  
**Year 9: 142 pupils**  
**Year 10: 149 students**  
**Year 11: 143 students**

Please congratulate your child if they are one of the perfect 3s! All BfL scores can be found in the Edulink app.

## Whole School Messages

It is with great disappointment, that we have learned from the police and over social media, that some of Parklands' pupils have been swimming in open, unsupervised water at the local quarry. Pupils from other schools were also identified but parents may be contacted by the police. We lost one of our pupils, Dylan Ramsay, who drowned at the quarry and his mum, Rebecca Ramsay has campaigned hard to promote the dangers, including bringing a production into school to highlight the dangers and consequences. Please discourage your son/daughter from doing this as we want all of our pupils to stay safe. You may wish to show the following to your child in order to educate them about the dangers of swimming in reservoirs and quarries. Thank you. Mrs Fairhurst, Designated Safeguarding Lead

[facebook.com/DoingItForDylan](https://www.facebook.com/DoingItForDylan)

[youtu.be/mnsv-z3Yxe4](https://youtu.be/mnsv-z3Yxe4)



Please be aware that next Friday, 25th September, would have been our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning. Unfortunately we cannot go ahead with our usual whole school celebrations.

We will however be celebrating the day by asking all staff and students to wear green and/or purple for the day for a minimum £1 donation.

We will also be encouraging you all to make your cakes/biscuits/traybakes or whatever you fancy and have your own Macmillan coffee morning as your Friday tea time or on the Saturday at home (remember 'rule of six').

If you have any additional donations, again they can come to school. As soon as it is safe to do so we will have our proper event.

We would love you to send pictures into school of you baking or sitting down with your family to support this worthy cause as we will use social media to record your efforts.

Thank you for your support in advance,

Mrs Dewhurst,

Parklands Chief Coffee Lady

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