



PARENT BULLETIN

25 Nov - 29 Nov 2019: Week 1



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

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/>

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

Watersports 2020 - A place has become available on our Water Sports Summer Holiday 2020. Information below: Please contact ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk if you are interested.

This week there have been a number of children riding bikes to school **without wearing a helmet**. Please can parents insist on helmets for your child's own safety.



Whole School Messages

Perfect 3s

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

Year 7: 62 pupils
Year 8: 36 pupils
Year 9: 48 pupils
Year 10: 48 students
Year 11: 52 students

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

Year 7: 171 pupils
Year 8: 128 pupils
Year 9: 117 pupils
Year 10: 138 students
Year 11: 140 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 - none

Tuesday 26th Year 10 Boys vs Ripley St Thomas at home. 2PM Kick off.

Wednesday 27th Year 7 Girls handball at St Michaels

Thursday 28th Year 7 Boys handball at St Michaels. Year 11 Boys basketball vs Southlands at home.

Friday - none

GCSE PE Practices

Monday 25th. GCSE Basketball

Thursday 28th. GCSE Badminton and GCSE Rugby

Friday 29th. GCSE Girls handball Year 9/10/11

Please keep sending in non perishable items for the christmas hampers. The more we get the more hampers we can deliver to those in need and ensure they have a very **Merry Christmas**



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 2020 - extended booking deadline until Friday 13th December however places are filling up fast! 4 days 3 nights staying at Chateau du Baffy near Bayeaux. Open to year groups 7-10 however proving very popular with our Year 7s - it's a great first school residential trip abroad! See letter below for more details.

[Parent/Carer Normandy Food Trip Letter](#)

SEXTING

Dear parents/carers,

It has come to the attention of Mrs Fairhurst, our Designated Safeguarding Lead, that pupils have sent inappropriate images to others which have then been uploaded to websites. This is clearly a grave concern. When investigating sources and checking phones, Snapchat conversations and stored images in "For My Eyes Only" have revealed images which may not be seen in their public photo gallery but are of a sexual nature and therefore inappropriate. Mrs Fairhurst requests of parents/carers that you have conversations with your child/children and make regular checks on their phones and the sites that they are accessing. She has shared information with the police as she is concerned about how vulnerable our pupils are. Despite assemblies and RESPECT days outlining the dangers young people face and information about online safety, pupils are clearly ignoring this and accepting requests from strangers who are not their friends and who they haven't even met.

There is also the legal concern about the sharing and distribution of inappropriate images of a sexual nature, be it of themselves or of another and in some cases, naming pupils. SEXTING is a safeguarding concern and it is the responsibility of everyone to ensure that your son/daughter is informed of the implications this has, but ultimately it is for you as a parent to monitor your child and what they are accessing on their phone. Thank you for your continued support.



Spanish Day

Menu

Patatas bravas £1

Spanish meat balls £1.90

Spanish chicken £1.90

Veg paella £1.90

Mix of grab and go available

Friday 29th November



www.mellorscatering.co.uk

Year 7 Messages

Friday 29th November will be a 'Careers and Finance' Year 7 Respect Day. Pupils will experience sessions delivered by staff and external providers. If you have any questions please contact Mrs Haslam

All students will be completing their Autumn block assessment for Science in the last week of the autumn term; **week commencing 16th December**. **Yr 7 students** will be assessed on **organisms, matter and forces content**. This is content that the students have been studying since September. Their Science teachers will direct them to various resources to help prepare them for these assessments. Thanks. Miss Alston and the Science department.

Year 8 Messages

All students will be completing their Autumn block assessment for Science in the last week of the autumn term; **week commencing 16th December**. **Yr 8 students** will be assessed on **organisms, matter and energy content**. This is content that the students have been studying since September. Their Science teachers will direct them to various resources to help prepare them for these assessments. Thanks. Miss Alston and the Science department.

Year 9 Messages

None this week.

Year 10 Messages

All students should know their log-in details for [GCSEPod](#) and be using this resource to support their ongoing revision. If you are struggling to log-in, please contact Mr Martin (tmartin@parklandsacademy.co.uk). Thanks.

Year 11 Messages

[Please follow this link for a copy of the Y11 mock exam timetable](#), students will be issued with personal timetables and seating information. Subject teachers have provided guidance on what students should be doing in preparation for these exams.

Half term hospital work experience with a difference! Global Pre-Meds Lite is a special program for February half term and Easter 2020 that gives high school students a condensed experience of the famous hospital shadowing program, completed in just one week. Exclusively for 16-18 yr olds, it includes four days shadowing doctors in a hospital setting, global health seminars and community involvement projects - in the Dominican Republic! Not cheap (approx. £1200), but perhaps the chance of a lifetime for anyone looking at a medical career. For more information, email:

info@globalpremeds.com

Year 11 Messages

Don't forget to get those college applications in - at this stage you are only reserving a place, not committing yourself to any particular course or subject. You need to apply to at least TWO colleges - there is no upper limit so don't narrow your choices down too much just yet. If you are struggling with a personal statement, just write: 'To follow at interview'. Interviews for Wigan & Leigh, Preston and Runshaw are all held at school, in the spring term (more details to follow closer to the time).

Our Year 11 Mock Interview Day was held on Tuesday 19 November, where every student had a professional interview with an employer and a debrief session with a member of staff from local colleges/universities. The support from parents and employers was incredible - grateful thanks to anyone who supported the event.

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Religious Studies revision guides are available from class teachers ahead of the mock exams (2nd & 4th December). They are priced at £7.

Careers

This week's Career of the Week can be found [here](#) - this week it's Recruitment Consultant. The recent Mock Interview Day may have inspired some students to consider being an interviewer themselves, so follow the link for more details.

For anyone interested in a career in creative media, music, computing and cyber security, games design, computer science, IT software development, journalism or media make up - Future Skills at MediaCityUK are offering a variety of specialised qualifications at their well established centre of excellence (part of Salford City College). Offering state of the art facilities and regular opportunities to meet industry professionals, it could be well worth checking out. The next open day is in March next year, but ask Miss Berry for a prospectus or have a look at their website: www.salfordcc.ac.uk

Are you interested in a career in Early Years? Ever seen the nannies to the rich and famous, with their distinctive uniforms and hats? If being a Norland Nanny appeals to you and you want a degree with a difference, perhaps you should enter their competition to win a weekend in Bath at a top hotel and attend the Norland College open day. The deadline to enter the competition is 31 January 2020. To find out more and enter the competition, visit: www.norland.ac.uk/college/win

Apprenticeship Notifications

<https://www.mbdacareers.co.uk/early-careers/apprenticeships>

The 2020 window is now open for apprenticeships at MBDA - check out the fantastic opportunities available and earn while you learn.

'Our traditional apprenticeships provide hands-on learning experience whilst studying up to a minimum of Level 4 HNC in Electrical or Mechanical Engineering via day release at college. All of the apprenticeships we offer are recognised by the Institute of Mechanical Engineers, the Institute of Engineering and Technology and the Royal Aeronautical Society'. Don't miss out - check out the website now!

Another apprenticeship to think about - this time with Lancashire Constabulary. Based at Hutton HQ, this is a Business Administration apprenticeship:

<https://www.preston.ac.uk/vacancy-detail/?courseid=3319>

There are actually two positions available, one in the Information Compliance Office and one in Corporate Development. The website link takes you to Preston's College, where there are lots more vacancies on offer. For any careers, apprenticeship or college related queries, contact Miss Berry at school: (pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk)