



PARENT BULLETIN

28 Sept - 2 Oct 2020: Week 1



Update on face coverings within all Lancashire schools

We have been informed by Lancashire County Council that face coverings are to be used in all school communal areas to help limit the spread of the virus.

To date, we have had no confirmed cases amongst Parklands pupils or staff, which is wonderful news and hopefully, in part, thanks to our safety measures in school.

However, there are many schools which have had to partially close or isolate year groups. We are finding a small number of pupils who are regularly forgetting or losing their masks, which is putting everyone else in the school at risk.

If these pupils wanted to go shopping without a face covering, they would be turned away.

Why should their approach to school be any different? Are our staff & pupils less worthy of consideration than employees in a supermarket or clothes shop?

To date, we have handed out a large number of masks free of charge but this is unsustainable and we do not have the funds to continue providing them.

Therefore, from Monday we shall charge pupils 40p if we have to provide them with a mask. This is what it costs school to buy the masks but we do not have an endless supply of masks and we are quickly running out. We shall also issue a break-time detention.

We need everyone to pull together to keep our community safe and the full support of parents and carers.

Thank you.



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Year 7 Messages

This week, parents and carers of children in years 7 and below will receive a letter from the NHS reminding them that it is time for their child to receive their annual flu vaccination. The letter also provides details of where the vaccinations will take place and the need for parents and carers to provide consent before the vaccination can be administered.

Year 7 photographs

Apologies from Tempest but there has been a delay in the delivery of the proofs for the pictures. Hopefully they should be with us next week. I will let parents know when students will be bringing them home. Any further questions please contact me. Thank you, Mrs Haslam

Nasal flu vaccinations are taking place next Wednesday.

Year 8 Messages

None this week

Year 9 Messages

HPV vaccinations are taken place next Wednesday for Europe & South America.

Year 10 Messages

None this week

Year 11 Messages

Pupils should have joined the year 11 science GCSE revision page on Google Classroom if they are unsure just ask their science teacher. This has an endless amount of resources such as revision powerpoints, topic broadsheets, keyword glossaries, learning journeys, past paper exam questions and mark schemes. There is also a weekly Biology GCSEPod being sent to pupils every Monday to help aid with revision. Thanks Mr Madigan

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Careers

Check out **Career of the Week** on the website for a look at 14 Jobs of the Future. The world is changing and changing fast, but what does that mean for your education and career? Find out which jobs are growing and what qualifications those jobs need.

Learn what new jobs will be around for decades to come and which jobs may become extinct soon. This will help you plan your education and training for long-term benefits.

<https://www.parklandsacademy.co.uk/students/career-of-the-week>

STEM Work Experience opportunities

InvestIN are offering a series of live online work experience opportunities in a number of STEM areas: Young Doctor, Engineer, Psychologist, Investment Banker, Architect, Computer Scientist, Dentist and Vet programmes. These are available as weekend courses (1 or 2 days, or both) and week long internships. They are not cheap but they are very comprehensive and well regarded (and perfectly safe, as they are currently conducted from the comfort of your home!) Have a look at the choices here:

https://docsend.com/view/ryq25xrjm6fuda9z?mc_cid=523ae6f046&mc_eid=663d0c1a8b



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Careers

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1wCFZxU17S7gJVn3xl46p7JgklwsehuGay6PcKmxQjPU/edit>

Various college open events coming up - sadly, most of the actual events have had to go virtual but there are some brilliant tours that give you a real feel for a college. Register in advance please.

www.bit.ly/bolton-college-y11-video

A great video to give you a flavour of Bolton College (part of Bolton University). They offer a vast range of vocational options and apprenticeships in everything from applied science to travel and tourism. They are also offering the new T Level qualifications - the academic rigour of an A Level with the work and skills based element of a vocational course.

<https://www.bolton-sfc.ac.uk/open-events/>

Bolton Sixth Form College are holding a Virtual Open Event, which will run from Saturday 7th November to Wednesday 25th November, the booking system for this event will open from Monday 28th September on their website.

<https://www.bradford.ac.uk/webinars/>

The University of Bradford, as part of its outreach programme, is offering a wide range of webinars covering both academic topics and a wealth of tips for prospective students, covering subjects such as making studying more productive, choosing the right university course, understanding student finance options and writing effective applications and personal statements. They are held after school and are suitable for anyone who may be considering university at some point (not just Y11s). It's never too soon to check out your options!

<https://ukunisearch-north.vfairs.com/>

Wednesday 11 November - 12:00 - 18:00 (so there's still time after school!) Register now and have a look at all the local universities, chat with staff, view videos and download brochures and information. Don't forget you can now take a degree apprenticeship, where your employer pays your uni fees. Check it out!



Apprenticeship Notifications

None this week

Whole School Messages

NHS Test and Trace COVID-19 app – resources for schools, parents and young people

NHS Test and Trace has launched the [NHS COVID-19 app](#). The app has been launched to help control the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). It will do this by alerting people who may have been exposed to infection so that they can take action.

The app is available to download on smartphones for anyone aged 16 or over. This means that some students in year 11, students in years 12, 13 and in further education colleges will be eligible to use the app and benefit from its features. In addition to the [guidance for schools and further education colleges](#) which we published yesterday, NHS Test and Trace has published [guidance and resources to support the use of the app](#) which are available to download.

Schools and further education colleges may find the [fact sheet for parents](#) useful.

Perfect 3s

Has your child continued to achieve the perfect 3 since the start of term? There are **527** pupils with the perfect 3!

Year 7: 108 pupils
Year 8: 126 pupils
Year 9: 101 pupils
Year 10: 95 students
Year 11: 97 students

Who had the perfect 3 last week?

Year 7: 127 pupils
Year 8: 158 pupils
Year 9: 146 pupils
Year 10: 136 students
Year 11: 139 students

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

Please could we ask that you reinforce with your children the need to maintain safe distances from other members of our local community on their journeys to and from school. We have had a number of emails from local residents who have had to walk in the road because our students have not moved into single file or have made no effort to ensure the safe distance of 1 metre plus when passing other people. Please help us to maintain our reputation as a caring and thoughtful school. We have mentioned this in assemblies this week and we've just today had a response from a local resident, which reads.....

I've noticed a big improvement with students taking more care when walking home so I just wanted to thank the school and particularly the students for responding so positively.

.....this is so lovely to read and we're really grateful to not only the local resident for getting back in touch but also to our fantastic students who have taken the message on board.

Whole School Messages

[Learning Support Weekly Notice Board](#)

Last year we had an incredibly successful Safety Team at school, who won awards in national competitions with their safety videos and presentations. I would like to invite any interested Year 8 or Year 9 students to get involved for this year. The main aim is to look at health and safety within school and in the workplace - very important when it comes to work experience and of course, future employment. The statistics for accidents at work are horrifying, yet easily remedied. We meet weekly (might be virtual for the next few months!) working alongside our industry mentor and enterprise advisor. If you would like to know more, please email pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk. I am looking for future video stars, ace report writers, people who like helping others and tech wizards who are good at managing websites and creating digital resources. If that's you - get in touch!

Thank you to everyone who sponsored me on my Land's End to John O'Groats ride in summer! Despite starting and ending in rain, it was enjoyable overall! We managed 1032 miles in 10 days, raising a grand total of £3700 for Prostate Cancer UK! Thanks again, Mr Chadwick.



Mental Wellbeing - please click on the link below for further information.
<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/childrens-mental-health/>