



# PARENT BULLETIN

## 3 Feb - 7 Feb 2020: Week 1



### Year 7 Messages

Parents Evening is this Thursday, February 6th. Please book your appointments through Edulink. Any issues please contact school on [houseleaders@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:houseleaders@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

### Year 8 Messages

**SAVE THE DATE:** Monday, 9th March is GCSE Options Evening at 7pm.

### Year 9 Messages

The Science department are offering pupils in year 9 the opportunity to attend The Big Bang Fair in Birmingham on Thursday 12th March. Please click [here](#) to see details of the event. There are 63 places available and places on the trip are subject to good behaviour and attendance. If your child is interested in going on this trip they will need to collect a letter from Miss Hummerston. If you have any questions please contact Miss Hummerston on [mhummerston@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:mhummerston@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

### Year 10 Messages

A reminder about Work Experience for Year 10. The date is 13-17 July 2020 and students need to download the Connect app, in order to input details of their chosen placement. The app is to track placements once they are verified and approved, not to find placements. Any issues, ring Miss Berry (01257 264596)

There are still a number of Year 10s who have not downloaded the Connect app for Work Experience. The sooner you get WEX sorted, the sooner we can organise risk assessments and approve your placement.

Year 10 Drama pupils will be involved in an examination performance preparation showcase on Tuesday 11th February, from 3pm to 4pm. It is essential that all pupils attend this evening.

The fieldwork trips have now been organised with the first one to Salford Quays arranged for after half term. The trips form a compulsory part of their GCSE course on which they will be examined next summer. Your child has been given the permission slip and medical form, which will cover both of their field trips, which need to be signed and returned to the main office. The cost for the two trips is £20.00 (£1 for Parklands Plus students) and this should also be returned with the medical form by the **6th March**. Should you have any queries about the trips then please do not hesitate to contact myself, or your child's class teacher. [lward@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:lward@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

# Year 11 Messages

SAVE THE DATE: This year's **prom** is taking place on **Thursday, 9th July**. Prom is a privilege, not an automatic right. Year 11s are well aware of our expectations of behaviour in order to receive an invite.

**When do GCSE exams finish?** This is question we are regularly asked by both students and parents as this may be your first opportunity in years to take advantage of a holiday in term time! The exams regulator advises all GCSE candidates to not take a holiday until 25th June; this is just in case there is a national issue with an exam and it has to be rescheduled.

Students will be bringing home Summer 2020 Statement of Entries. Could you please ensure that all of the details on the statements are checked and any queries raised with me prior to the 7th February. Many thanks. Mrs Adamson, Exams Officer ([sadamson@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:sadamson@parklandsacademy.co.uk))

Year 11 Drama pupils will be involved in an examination performance preparation showcase on Tuesday 11th February, from 3pm to 4pm. It is essential that all pupils attend this evening.

Year 11 - Yearbooks - The letters have been emailed about the yearbook 2020. If your child would like to purchase one, please either pay online or send in the money with the reply slip. Any questions please contact Miss Greaves [ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

Keep a lookout for the information coming soon on the Leavers Hoodies and optional items.

Fantastic opportunity in Manchester for potential medical students in year 11.



**THE YOUNG DOCTOR PROGRAMME**

**UCL: 22nd March**  
**Manchester: 29th March**

- Learn and practise stitching up a wound (suturing)
- X-ray examination
- Taking a patient's medical history
- A&E immersion using the latest Virtual Reality technology

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Cardinal Newman College have their final open day on Saturday 1st February, from 10am - 1pm. No need to book, just turn up on the day and have a look round.

Winstanley College have their final open evening on Tuesday 4th February from 6-8pm. The closing date for applications to Winstanley is February 28th - so no time to lose!

## Year 11 Messages

Bolton College also have an open evening on Tuesday 4th February, from 5.30 - 8.00pm. If you are more interested in a vocational pathway then this may be the option for you!

Last Friday, we had Mohammed Amin MBE in school to talk to Year 11 RS students. Grateful thanks to Mr Amin and to Speakers for Schools for arranging this opportunity.

Wigan & Leigh College Open Evening, Wigan Campuses, Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 4.30pm - 7.30pm

The event is at our Wigan Campuses – Parsons Walk, School for the Arts, and Pagefield and we are open from 4.30pm – 7.30pm.

It will be another terrific event where visitors can attempt the Escape Room designed by our A Level students, receive beauty treatments at the Image Centre Salon and dine in our pop up Wheel restaurant, plus much, much more.

As ever, visitors will be able to hear our three specialist parent presentations during the course of the evening:

- The A Level Professional Honours Programme – The ultimate career preparation
- Level 3 A Level or Technical courses – Which route is best for you?
- What is an apprenticeship and where can it take me?

Details and event registration can be found at <https://www.wigan-leigh.ac.uk/events/Open-Evening>

Although interviews are taking place for Wigan & Leigh College on Friday 31st January, it is not too late to apply! The team will be back in school after half term to finish off the interviews - so if you intend to apply - please do so as soon as possible.

Runshaw interviews will take place in school on 16/17 March. There are a number of students who have started an application online and not submitted this - I will contact each student involved. In the meantime, if you intend to apply - do so now, as there are no guarantees of a place after the deadline, which is rapidly approaching. Don't miss out - even if it is a Plan B option.

## Careers

This week's Career of the Week can be found [here](#) - this week Career of the Week, following the Pet First Aid Day is Veterinary Nurse.

The Careers Fair is on Friday 6th March - at the end of National Careers Week. If you would like to be involved in the fair please let me know. ([pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk)) It will be attended by all our Year 9, 10 and 11 students. Thanks to all the companies and individuals who have already agreed to take part.

## Apprenticeship Notifications

Alliance Learning and NowSkills - training providers for apprenticeships - will be in school on Tuesday 4th February, to offer advice and information about apprenticeships and to sign students up to the Gov.UK national apprenticeship website. If any student is interested in an apprenticeship - in any industry - they should attend this session. See Miss Berry for more details

# Whole School Messages

## SEND

Click [here](#) for the link to the Lancashire SEND Partnership homepage.

**Latest news :** In this edition, we share the SEND Partnership Ways of Working document that was agreed by the SEND Partnership Board to set out our shared understanding about working together. There's an item about the Lancashire Parent Carer Forum (LPCF) One Year On Event and a questionnaire for young people on the redesign of the [Short Breaks Offer](#).

We continue to promote the Personal Outcomes Evaluation Tool (POET) survey by [In-Control](#) which is part of a national pilot to help local areas understand the impact of the SEND reforms and help improve services in the local area. For the SEND Local Offer, click [here](#)

Witherslack Group offer a variety of SEND specific events for professionals. For more information click [here](#) to visit the website and see the full list of events.

The **drop-in service** is once again being offered to parents who wish to meet with a member of the Achievement Team outside of school. Should you have a query or concern please feel free to drop in. The service is offered every Wednesday from 11:30-12:30 at the Asda cafe in Chorley

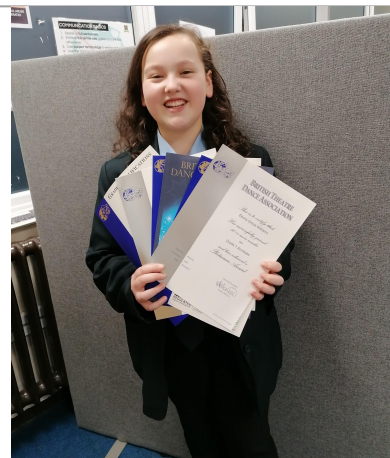
School Nurse Drop-In available every Thursday 1.00 pm - 2.30 pm. Please see Mrs Fairhurst for appointment slip.

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

## EduLink app

All trackers, BfL reports and mock exam results can be found within the DOCUMENTS section of the app. You will need to download the document to view it. BfL scores are shown behind the 'Behaviour' button, then scrolling across to 'Lesson Behaviour'.

Congratulations to Ebonie who has won Platinum awards recently in THREE dance exams on the same day! Europe House Leader, Mrs Fox, is delighted to have such a talent in her House!



# Whole School Messages

## Perfect 3s

Has your child continued to achieve the perfect 3 since September? There are **158** in total so far!

Year 7: 35 pupils  
Year 8: 23 pupils  
Year 9: 34 pupils  
Year 10: 31 students  
Year 11: 35 students

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

Year 7: 144 pupils  
Year 8: 103 pupils  
Year 9: 110 pupils  
Year 10: 130 students  
Year 11: 97 students

Please congratulate your child if they are one of the perfect 3s!

## Holocaust Memorial Day

Here are our Head Students, Jess and Simon, who attended this event in Chorley last Sunday.



Parklands High School presents musicians from

# The Band of The Grenadier Guards

on Thursday 27th February 2020 at 6.30pm.



The evening will feature musicians from  
The Band of The Grenadier Guards  
The School Band  
and  
Euxton Primrose Hill Primary School

It is a great opportunity for our school stakeholders and the general public to hear musicians from this amazing band live in concert. Due to limited seating available in the school hall the concert will be ticket only.

Free tickets are available from the school office or by emailing [cslater@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:cslater@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

AT URPOTENTIAL WE ARE VERY PROUD TO PRESENT OUR FOURTH

# LGB&T YOUTH FEST 2020

## FREE EVENT

LGBT FEST 2020 is an event organised by young people, for young people aged 12-18yrs. We will be spending the day together having fun in a safe, friendly environment to celebrate who we are.

**Date-** Saturday 22nd February 2020

**Time-** 9:00am Snacks, Drinks & Registration  
10am Start - Event Finishes at 4.30pm

**Venue-** The Oracle, St Anne's Rd, Blackpool  
FY4 2AP

Networking Opportunities

Entertainment

Workshop Choices

Food & Drinks  
Provided

Information Stalls

Guest Speakers



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**Information received in school from Network Rail**

Due to the very high level of trespassing on the tracks by young people in your local area, Network Rail in partnership with Learn Live are working to help raise awareness to students across the UK educating them about the dangers of the train tracks through interactive digital delivery.

Network rail ask you to share the relevant safety video with your teachers to show in class before the Easter holidays, as this is when Network Rail consistently see a spike in trespassing.

Click [HERE](#) to watch a short video