



PARENT BULLETIN

6 Jan - 10 Jan 2020: Week 1



Whole School Messages

School reopens on Monday, 6th January 2020.

On behalf of all the staff at Parkland, may we wish you a Merry Christmas, and if you don't celebrate Christmas in your family, we hope you have a lovely, relaxing break with your children. We also wish you all the very best for the New Year!

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

Thank you very much for all your generous donations for the Christmas hampers, we have started delivering them and the response has been so heartwarming. Merry Christmas!



Whole School Messages

There are a couple of assemblies in the first week back in January. An ex-pupil, Mark Bromilow will be in school on 7 January, to talk about his life and career - and it's been a very exciting career journey! Later in the week National Citizen Service will be talking to the Year 11s about getting involved in this very worthwhile scheme. For anyone in Year 11 struggling with online applications, Runshaw will be in school to go through the process (second week back), so no need to panic!

Please be aware that notifications received through **Google Classroom** are sent by Google and we cannot control the time that these notifications are sent. You are able to turn off the push notifications via the settings menu on your phone or tablet. You can then check the app at a convenient time and view all notifications. This also applies to the weekly emails sent by Google Classroom; these emails are an automated service and school cannot control the time when they are sent.

As you may be aware, our Year 10s are currently looking for work experience placements for the week July 13-17 2020. If you are able to offer a placement in any sort of business, please get in touch (pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

Our annual **Careers Fair** will take place on Friday 6 March 2020. If you would like to be involved, or you would like further information, please email: pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk

SCOPAY - It has come to light that there has been some difficulties with this service. Whilst using the web page or SCOPAY app and paying for dinner money and something else eg a trip or music tuition fees, unfortunately only the dinner money is being processed. Therefore please can you pay for items individually to ensure payment goes through correctly. A confirmation email is always sent after any payment has been made so please keep this for your records.

Also if using a web browser and for some unknown reason the credit card action is failing, please try using an alternative browser eg Chrome, Edge, Firefox, Internet Explorer

Although the christmas holidays can be a wonderful time, they can also be a time of stress and worry for some. I have sent a link out to all students today to an article on BBC Bitesize that has tips for reducing stress and worries. It does not mean that I think your child may be stressed but was sent to everyone as some young people don't say when they are worried. I have included the link here so that you can have a look. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zmtkcqg> Ms Mulligan

Lost Property - we have a large number of spectacles, purses, watches etc., in the main office. If your child has lost any items please ask them to visit the main office on the Admin corridor. Mrs Crow

Shout is the UK's first 24/7 text service, free on all major mobile networks, for anyone in crisis anytime, anywhere. It can be used by pupils and staff alike, and offers immediate support via a trained crisis volunteer. To find out more about how Shout might be able to support your staff and pupils, visit <https://www.giveusashout.org/>

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Here's the photo of year 11 student Luke, who plays for the England under 16 team. Luke's extremely proud parents sent us this photo to share with the community, as Luke has done so well. He is one extremely talented footballer, who should hopefully make it all the way to the premiership one day! Well done Luke!



SEND

Click [here](#) for the link to the FIND newsletter, which has an abundance of information on SEND
For the SEND Local Offer, click [here](#)

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

There are a couple of places available for Watersports 2020, this departs on the 26th July returning on the 2nd of August. Please see Miss Greaves if interested!

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Perfect 3s

Has your child continued to achieve the perfect 3 since September? There are **193** in total so far!

Year 7: 45 pupils
Year 8: 31 pupils
Year 9: 39 pupils
Year 10: 36 students
Year 11: 42 students

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

Year 7: 154 pupils
Year 8: 112 pupils
Year 9: 145 pupils
Year 10: 132 students
Year 11: 157 students

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

PE MESSAGES

The new extra-curricular timetable for next half term with over 40 different opportunities for pupils to get involved offered by the PE Department over lunchtime and after school is available here: [Extra Curricular Jan 2020](#)

We had great numbers at clubs this half term and we are now looking for some Year 7 & 8 pupils to play cricket next half term for the school in the Indoor Chorley Cricket competition. Training will be on Mondays 3-4pm in the gym with Mr Metcalf.

We are also in the Lancashire cup next half term for Basketball and need lots of pupils down training especially in Year 7.

We are also putting on our first Table Tennis club after school for pupils that want to play and learn the game next half term. Every Tuesday in the Gym with Mr Metcalf. Open to all pupils.

'The Woman in Black' – Tuesday 28th January 2020

The English department are organising a trip to The Everyman Theatre in Liverpool to see 'The Woman in Black', Susan Hill's gripping horror novel. This is a wonderful opportunity for the students to see a play live. Throughout their GCSE studies, pupils will study two plays ('Macbeth' and 'Blood Brothers') so it would certainly be beneficial for them to see a live theatre production before sitting their GCSEs. This would help them to understand the art of performance and the relationship between characters and an audience in a theatre setting.

The cost is £14.00 per pupil, including coach travel to and from the theatre. We will depart from school at 5pm for the 7.30 performance and will return at approximately 11.00pm.

Should you wish your son / daughter to join us, please fill in and return the attached [reply slip](#). Thank you.

Year 7 Messages

BfL reports will be issued on Thursday, 9th January.

A News Club for pupils in year 7 is starting on Monday 6th January. This will be run by the Cultural Capital Learning Ambassadors and take place at lunchtimes in FRA. The club is open to all year 7s and will give them an opportunity to find out about what is going on in the world around them and debate issues they are interested in. If your child would like more information, please see Miss Cree

Year 8 Messages

None this week

Year 9 Messages

None this week

Year 10 Messages

Review Day is on Tuesday, 10th January when trackers will be issued to students.

Year 11 Messages

Mock results and your child's next tracker will be issued on Tuesday, 14th January.

Careers

Our annual Careers Fair will take place on Friday 6 March 2020. If you would like to be involved, or you would like further information, please email: pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk

Have a look at this [booklet](#) from the ICAEW (Chartered Accountants) - lots of advice and information about becoming a Chartered Accountant - and the many different paths available

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sJe_We-x3wA

Have a look at this video, detailing career paths within the construction industry (made by the Eric Wright Construction Group). Year 7 recently enjoyed a Respect Day with 'Build a Bridge' sessions run by EWG and many were surprised at the vast number of jobs in the industry - here are just a few!

Careers

This week's Career of the Week can be found [here](#) - this week it's entering into the Christmas spirit and featuring 'The Twelve Jobs of Christmas' - a light-hearted look at some of the weird and wonderful jobs associated with the festive season, past and present! Normal service will be resumed in January, with lots more relevant and thought-provoking career ideas. If anyone would like their particular job role featured, just let me know (pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

Apprenticeship Notifications

Apprenticeships - December Parents' Pack

The new December [Parents Pack](#) is here and includes: application tips with BT, the life of an apprentice at Troup Bywaters + Anders, what's expected in the workplace, 5 questions to ask when figuring out your options, current vacancies and much more!