



# PARENT BULLETIN

## 9 Dec - 13 Dec 2019: Week 1



### Whole School Messages



# General Election 2019

Parklands students will do their duty and vote next Thursday in our own General Election! We shall set up polling booths around school and give them all a ballot paper, thereby giving them insight into what is actually like to vote.

In our Flipped Friday forms today we went discussed the main parties and their election pledges, in order to ensure our students are as well-informed as possible.

At Parklands we consistently state that we are not an exams factory and that we do our utmost to prepare our students for life in modern Britain - this is another example of how we value the holistic education we provide which is not solely based on GCSEs!

In next week's bulletin we shall inform you of our result!

Who will Parklands students vote for?

Who do they believe is the right leader for our country?

Which policies do they believe will lead to improvement in the UK?

Can they see through the fake news and all they read on social media?

Who do they trust?

**The decision is theirs!**

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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

Click [here](#) to read about Parklands student **Ben Seward**, who has realised his dream about playing for Wigan Warriors! Ben appeared in The Lancashire Post this week and the article about his determination, resilience and courage is inspirational! A lesson for us all.

Huge congratulations to Year 11 student Joe. These fantastic photos were sent to us by his very proud parents, as Joe has just won the Open Championships. Joe attends Technique Amateur Boxing Club in Chorley and within a very short space of time (2 years!) he has gone on to win North West Champion twice, Lonsdale Cup Champion twice, he's been a National Semi Finalist and finally he went on to also be crowned the National Champion. This has taken a huge amount of dedication and commitment, so well done Joe from everyone at school!



### Achievement News!

For the latest Achievement News, please click [here](#). It is a bumper edition this time as staff have recognised a large number of students across the entire ability range. Please take the time to have a look and see if your child is mentioned!

### Parking at Woodlands

The site manager has informed us that Woodlands is locked every evening and that anyone parking there when they lock the gates may incur a fine. This constitutes a call out to unlock the gates. Two vehicles recently were locked in and Woodlands incurred a fine. This will be passed on in future to any vehicle that is caught parking after lockdown at 7 p.m.

### Car fumes

We've been asked by a local resident to request that parents, waiting for their child at the end of the day, turn off their car engines to limit pollution and improve the air quality.

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## Perfect 3s

Has your child continued to achieve the perfect 3 since September? There are 233 in total so far!

Year 7: 54 pupils  
Year 8: 34 pupils  
Year 9: 40 pupils  
Year 10: 41 students  
Year 11: 50 students

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

Year 7: 164 pupils  
Year 8: 118 pupils  
Year 9: 132 pupils  
Year 10: 124 students  
Year 11: 119 students

## PE MESSAGES

The sports hall is still being used this week for Mock Exams so some clubs will be cancelled that are usually based in there. All will be back on for the final week.

### Tuesday

Year 7 Basketball team will play at Holy Cross  
Girls GCSE football team play at Bishop Rawstorne

### Wednesday

Girls GCSE Handball Moderation at Bishop Rawstorne

### Thursday

Year 9 Basketball team play against Clitheroe in the Lancashire Cup  
Rugby training for all pupils on the astroturf with Wigan Warriors. This is weekly and numbers are good but still plenty of space for more pupils to come and learn the game.

### Friday

GCSE girls Handball session at Parklands 3-4pm

## PGL WATERSPORTS 2020

£655

TWO CENTRE ADVENTURE  
3 DAYS BEACH WATERSPORTS  
2 DAYS DESCENT DOWN THE ARDECHE  
1 DAY AT AQUALAND

26<sup>th</sup> 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!





**Normandy Food Tour Oct 2020 £430** - There are still some places remaining on this trip - ideal for Year 7's as a first foreign trip with school. 3 nights 4 days staying at Chateau du Baffy near Bayeux during the October half term break. Fully inclusive holiday - a little extra needed for 'spends' only. Open to years 7-10. Letter with further details attached.

[Normandy 2020 Food Tour Letter](#)

Please be advised that due to a large increase in sickness and diarrhoea in the last few weeks throughout the region, all Lancashire schools have been advised to enforce a 48 hour return policy. If your child is absent from school for sickness or diarrhoea then please only send them back into school 48 hours AFTER their last episode. You will still need to contact school daily for each absence in line with the sickness policy. If your child is returned to school before the 48 hours we will send them home. The 48 hour policy will remain in place until we finish at 1pm on the 20th December, if it needs to continue after this date you will be advised on our return. We trust you understand that this decision has not been taken lightly and that it has been made with our students' best interests at heart.

### **Christmas lunch**

A traditional festive lunch will be served on Tuesday, 17th December. Year 7 will go for lunch slightly earlier at 1pm in order to ensure we serve all pupils well before the end of lunchtime.

### **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](#)



Parklands staff celebrate Elf Day, aimed at raising awareness of Alzheimer's and Dementia.



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### Mellors Health Points

In order to promote healthy eating, our caterers Mellors have been running an initiative since September whereby students are allocated health points if they choose healthy options. Prizes are available for the winning students. So far, the top 3 students in the school are:

1st: Louie Goldstone - 105 points

2nd: Joe Harris - 98 points

3rd: Remy Corbett - 97 points



The student with the most health points by Christmas will win a £20 gift card.



## Year 7 Messages

may never have thought of in the Careers A-Z section! Check it out and see what you could be.

The Year 7 and Year 8 Christmas Party is next Friday 13th December from 6 pm until 8 pm. Tickets are only £1 and there will be music, games, karaoke, Just Dance and snacks available to purchase. Tickets are available from the HALs.

## Year 8 Messages

The Year 7 and Year 8 Christmas Party is next Friday 13th December from 6 pm until 8 pm. Tickets are only £1 and there will be music, games, karaoke, Just Dance and snacks available to purchase. Tickets are available from the HALs.

## Year 9 Messages

Monday 9th December is the Year 9 Respect Day with Humanutopia. They are an external provider and last year they were very well received by the pupils!

## Year 10 Messages

Could all Year 10s please check that they have received an email from Changing Education, inviting them to follow a link to the Connect Placement Manager app (work experience). If not, I need to know as soon as possible. I have QR codes if anyone is struggling (top office). Ensure the app is downloaded first. Miss Berry

Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust offer work experience for Year 10s - in non-clinical roles only. If you are interested, email: [workexperience@lthtr.nhs.uk](mailto:workexperience@lthtr.nhs.uk) and they will send you an application form. They will only accept requests sent in January or February, so the sooner you enquire, the better. School have to verify the placements so please bring in your completed applications after Christmas!

## Year 11 Messages

Final open event of 2019 for Myerscough College - have a look around, talk to staff and students. Preston Campus advice morning - Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 9.45am - 12:30pm

If anyone is struggling with their online applications for college, or hasn't even thought about it yet, Runshaw College will be explaining the process in detail during an assembly in January.

## Careers

Sgt Hill from the RAF will be in school next Friday (13th December). If anyone would like to speak to him, please let me know. Miss Berry, Careers Leader.

## Careers

This week's Career of the Week can be found [here](#) - this week it's Veterinary Physiotherapist - find out more about this rewarding career by following the link.

Click [here](#) for a very interesting read for anyone considering a career in the Police service. There are now three entry paths to policing: Apprenticeship, Degree-holder entry and Pre-join degree as all future police recruits will have to hold a degree at the point they are confirmed in post. (Policing Vision 2025). Bolton College has just released details of their Public Services Policing Extended Diploma NCFE Level 3 course (starting September 2020), which will help to prepare you for a career in the police service. As part of the University of Bolton group, you will benefit from world-class facilities and access to industry experts, including the EXCEED programme, perfect for the next step into Higher Education. [www.boltoncollege.ac.uk](http://www.boltoncollege.ac.uk)

Click [here](#) for another interesting option for the future - a career with Nestle. Apprenticeships and graduate roles in many areas of this successful global business - closest opportunities are York or Halifax, so one to file away for after college perhaps?

Click [here](#) for another really useful blog post, this time for anyone considering a career in medicine. For those Year 11s who wanted more questions in their mock interviews - read on! Well worth a read as the sooner you start thinking about the answers, the better prepared you will be.

For any future football stars - there is a taster event at Chorley FC Victory Park from 6-8 on Wednesday 11th December. LLS held an assembly for Year 11s earlier in the autumn term - they offer sports-based diplomas and the chance to play various sports, not just football. For more details, have a look at the website: [www.llsonline.uk](http://www.llsonline.uk) and see some of the success stories for yourself.

Following on from the 'Build a Bridge' session that Year 7 enjoyed last week (courtesy of Eric Wright Construction and Preston's College) here is the website that was mentioned: Go Construct.

<https://www.goconstruct.org/>

There are lots of career ideas, quizzes, fun facts, videos and advice for anyone interested in a career in the construction sector - with some interesting job roles that you

There are a number of events happening after Christmas at Training 2000. There are two open days (5th and 6th February, 4-8pm) where you can meet sector professionals and companies and discuss progression opportunities with UCLan representatives. There is also the return of the Aspiring Engineers Club for anyone in Year 10 or 11. This runs for 6 weeks, on Saturday mornings from 9am - 12pm, starting Saturday 22nd February 2020. Potential employers will be on hand at these sessions and you can make items to take along to interviews. Book your place now (places are limited) on 01254 54659 or email: [info@t2000.co.uk](mailto:info@t2000.co.uk)

As well as engineering, Training 2000 offer courses in health/dental, business, digital, automotive and scaffolding - check out their website: [www.training2000.co.uk](http://www.training2000.co.uk)

In January, Alliance Learning will be holding an Apprenticeship Workshop, so for anyone interested in finding out more about apprenticeships - make sure you look out for this one! Employers tend to start advertising in the spring term as some of the application processes are quite drawn out - I will advertise this event much more after Christmas so that no-one misses the session. However, if you are considering apprenticeships with BAE Systems or MBDA for example, they need to be done as soon as possible. See Miss Berry for more details or help/advice with application forms.