



PARENT BULLETIN

9 Mar - 13 Mar 2020: Week 1



Year 7 Messages

None this week

Year 8 Messages

Year 8 Options Evening will take place on **Monday 9th March**. There will be a presentation at **7pm** followed by an opportunity to discuss subjects with the subject leaders. Pupils should accompany their parents to facilitate discussion about their next steps. Further information is available on the school website: <https://www.parklandsacademy.co.uk/school-information/options-y8>

Review Day is on Monday, when your child latest tracker will be issued.

Parents Evening is on Thursday March 19th, 4-7pm. Please book your appointments through the Edulink system. Any issues please contact houseleaders@parklandsacademy.co.uk

The trip to [Andalucia](#) is open to pupils currently in year 8 who are opting for GCSE Spanish. Letters are available from Mrs Donohue in FRA.

Anyone in Y8/9 interested in the exciting world of engineering? Then attending The Smallpeice Trust Engineering Experience full board residential course could be just up your street! Students work with experts from a range of industries, designing and making a real working project, solving problems and finding solutions to deliver projects on time and on budget. There is an event during the Easter holidays at the University of Nottingham (6-8 April) and although not cheap, sounds like an amazing opportunity. For more details and to book a place, email: info@smallpeicetrust.org.uk
Visit the website (<https://www.smallpeicetrust.org.uk/>) for details of all the courses they offer, including some free one day weekend courses.

Year 9 Messages

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Year 10 Messages

Don't forget that Work Experience placements need to be approved and checked six weeks before you go out on WEX (13-17 July 2020). If you haven't already done so, please download the Connect Placement Manager app and submit the details of your placement. This will trigger an email with risk assessment/insurance requests to the employer. Any issues, please ask!

Geography - the deadline for all medical forms and payments was Friday 6th March. This fieldwork is a compulsory part of the GCSE course and as such all children must attend. Any final payments and medical forms should be returned to the main office ASAP. Regards Mrs Ward.

Year 11 Messages



YEARBOOK



Parents and carers.

Please send your 'baby' photos and 1st day of year 7 photos to the email address below!

Please ensure that we can tell it is your child so no newborn photos please.



Deadline to pay 29/03/2020



yearbook@parklandsacademy.co.uk

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.

PROM dresses: please see the poster at the end of this bulletin regarding an event this weekend.

On Wednesday 11th March, Preston's College are holding their final open evening for this year - from 4.00 - 7.30pm. Go along and chat to staff and students - have a look at the Eric Wright Construction Centre, the onsite hair and beauty salon, the 100 seater theatre and the iSTEM workshop - amongst others! It's not too late to apply - go to www.preston.ac.uk/apply

Runshaw College interviews are in school on 16th and 17th March. If you have not already applied and would like to, either go online to apply, or pick up a paper application form from the Top Office.

Year 11 Messages

Wigan & Leigh interviews were held on Monday of this week. However, if there is anyone else who would like an interview, even as a back up option, please let me know. Megan will come back into school to see you.

Drama - Please be aware that your child's GCSE practical exam is on Thursday 12th March. An external AQA examiner will assess two performances from each child. They are required to arrive at school at 8.30am in theatre blacks or uniform. No costumes should be worn beforehand. The exam will take up most of their day as they will be supporting each other's performances throughout the day as well as doing their own. All pupils have worked extremely hard for these performances and I am sure they will be fantastic. Mrs Gray.

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.

Careers

Career of the Week: In celebration of our visit to HMS Prince of Wales, this week's Career of the Week covers Maritime Careers: everything from boat design to marine science. With sea trade expected to double in the next 20 years, the need for a highly skilled workforce has never been greater. The career opportunities are as broad as they are exciting - start your journey today by checking out the link to the website!

Apprenticeship Notifications

Some more interesting apprenticeships available in the local area this week (www.gov.uk) including a Level 2 Plastering Apprenticeship at Price & Price Building, Chorley; a Business Admin (Accountancy) Apprenticeship at Harrison Salmon Associates, Leyland and - for someone who likes being outdoors - an Apprentice Nursery Person (Plants/Horticulture) is required at Everglades Nurseries in Leyland. See Miss Berry for any further details or for help with the application process.

Alliance Learning are currently advertising vacancies for Apprentice Fabricator/Welders at William Hare in Bury. This is Europe's largest independent structural steel contractor, specialising in engineering, fabrication and erection of steel structures (including Manchester Airport T2, the Trafford Centre and the Olympic Stadium roof). These are four year apprenticeships resulting in a Level 3 Diploma in Advanced Manufacturing Engineering. In case you weren't convinced yet - the salary is over £260 per week! For further information see www.alliancelearning.com or Miss Berry (top office)

Whole School Messages

On Monday, a number of students visited HMS Prince of Wales, the 65,000 tonne aircraft carrier, currently docked in Liverpool. This was a fantastic opportunity for them to look around a state of the art warship and speak to various people who are involved in building, equipping, sailing and running a ship like this. There are so many careers for students to consider: engineering, IT, catering, healthcare ... whilst out at sea, each individual crew member and every part of the ship has to be taken care of.

PE Messages

New Extra Curricular timetable for next half term is available to view [here](#).

PE Messages

Monday

Y7 Football match in the Hospital Cup against Southlands at home

Y10 Rugby match at Standish High School

Tuesday

Selected pupils are attending a full day at Chill Factore with Mr Rimmer

Wednesday

Dance Show

Thursday

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Y10 & 11 GCSE PE Moderation exam for Rugby with Bishop Rawstorne

Y8 Rugby match at home against St Peter's High School

Friday

Dance show

In summer I will be completing a solo Lands End to John O'Groats cycle over 10 days in aid of **Prostate Cancer UK**. This will be around 100 miles every day for a cause very close to my heart and I'm sure to some parents' and students', too. Any support you could give towards the ride and the charity would be greatly appreciated, whether it's financially or even to cheer me on en route. My just giving page is here: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jake-chadwicklejog> if you would like to donate to this worthy cause. Email me at jchadwick@parklandsacademy.co.uk if you would like any further information on routes, days etc. Thank you for your support. Mr Chadwick

Parent forum will take place on Tuesday 24th March from 6pm until 7pm. Please email shaslam@parklandsacademy.co.uk if you wish to attend. Many thanks

Whole School Messages

Perfect 3s

Has your child continued to achieve the perfect 3 since September? There are 620 in total so far!

Year 7: 163 pupils
Year 8: 124 pupils
Year 9: 100 pupils
Year 10: 116 students
Year 11: 117 students

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

Year 7: 29 pupils
Year 8: 19 pupils
Year 9: 28 pupils
Year 10: 21 students
Year 11: 29 students

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

Maths

A massive well done to pupils from 9xAJ, 9yJB, 10xJN and 10yCR for taking part in the UK Intermediate Maths Challenge on February 6th. Results are now in....

And further congratulations to the following pupils who all achieved a **BRONZE** award;

Year 9: **Anika Taylor, Harry Locke, Hollyanne McGillivray, Iker Davis-Zamorano, Jack Walters, Joe Shannon, Mariam Hassouna, Myles heaton-Smith, San Gur, Sarah-Beth Lingham, Susannah Reynolds, Tom Woodcock, Willow Lowther**

Year 10: **Elliot Hunter, Hannah Arosi, Harry Ainscough, Jacob Ellison, Jodie McGurk, Kate Shannon, Lennon Pilkington, Tom Marsden.**

And to those pupils achieving a **SILVER** award;

Year 9: **David Hart, Jack Beare**

Year 10: **Anna Rankine, Eleanor Armstrong, Ethan Ashcroft, Ethan Forward, Katy Wasilewski, Suzanna Garrett, Will Barker**

With a final massive shout out to the three pupils who achieved a **GOLD** award and made it through to the next round taking place March 19th;

Paige Caton (year 9) **Gab Ind, Katy Green** (year 10)

Fantastic Achievement everyone!! Miss Johnson, Curriculum Leader

SEND

We have received a letter from the Local Authority - click [here](#) - regarding their upcoming Ofsted inspection.

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

For the SEND Local Offer, click [here](#)

The **drop-in service** is 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. (N.B. THIS SERVICE WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE 4th MARCH.)

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

As next week is **Multicultural week** in school, we would like to invite all parents and students to our weekly Love of Languages session on Thursday 12th March 4-5pm in the languages block. In this week's session we will be having a go at **Russian** and learning some key phrases. We hope to see you there!

Whole School Messages

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

TikTok is introducing a new family safety mode, designed to give parents tighter control over teens mobile phone habits. It will let parents link their own TikTok accounts to their child - and turn features on and off remotely. That includes a restricted mode; that tries to filter out inappropriate content, and turning off messaging. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-51561050>

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2020 Normandy Food Tour Years 7-10

4 days October £430 - 20 more places!

Staying at Chateau du Baffy for 3 nights full board



- 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 in
S16/S17 for a
letter or your
HAL

Y7-10 Normandy Food Tour - we've managed to get 20 more places to stay at Chateau Du Baffy on the Normandy Food Tour October 2020 [Normandy Oct 2020 Parent/Carer Letter](#)

Prom dress shopping weekend!

More than 300 gorgeous prom dresses –
brand new and pre-loved from only £40



**Saturday 7th March 9am-5pm
and Sunday 8th March 10am-4pm**

Garden Room, St Catherine's Hospice, St Catherine's Park,
Lostock Lane, Lostock Hall, Preston, PR5 5XU

Also featuring shoes, bags, hair accessories and more,
with a welcome mocktail for all

Find your perfect prom dress at this fabulous shopping event!