



# PARKLANDS BULLETIN

## 10 Jan - 14 Jan 2022 : Week 2



### Headteacher's Message

Dear parents, carers and students,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a lovely break with your family and friends, although we are aware of a large number of students and staff who, due to catching COVID, were unable to see relatives and celebrate in the usual way.

We expect all students to return to school on Monday, as staffing levels have improved. If that situation changes over the weekend, I shall ensure you are contacted via Edulink and our social media accounts will also provide you with the necessary information.

#### Face coverings

Thank you for your continued support with these. As per government guidance, this will be reviewed later in the month.

#### From Tuesday, 11th January

Covid testing rules are to be eased for people **without symptoms**, who will no longer need to confirm a positive lateral flow test with a PCR.

Under the new guidance, anyone in England who receives a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result should report their result on [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) and must self-isolate immediately, but will not need to take a follow-up PCR test.

After reporting a positive LFD test result, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace so that their contacts can be traced.

Anyone who tests positive will be able to leave self-isolation seven days after the date of their initial positive test if they receive two negative lateral flow test results, 24 hours apart, on days six and seven.

The change will also improve access to PCR tests for people with symptoms and for healthcare, transport and other key workers following problems over test supplies.

For people **with symptoms**, you must still follow up a positive LFD test with a PCR test.



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#### Information on the vaccination programme for 12 to 15 year olds

Young people aged 12 to 15 in England are now being offered a second dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine at a minimum of 12 weeks from the first dose, following advice from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI). Parents can book vaccinations for their child, if aged 12 or over, through the [NHS booking system](#).

Vaccination for this group will also continue to be carried out by the school age immunisation service (SAIS). In school vaccination will begin from Monday 10 January but to date we have not been contacted. As usual, consent will be required and we shall contact parents/carers in due course regarding this. There is no need to contact us about this at the moment.

Please see the guidance on [COVID-19 vaccination: resources for schools and parents](#) for further information and resources on the vaccination programme.

#### School trips

Please be advised that any changes to school trip requirements for pre-booked visits **are not due to Parklands** but due to changes to entry imposed by specific countries and the guidance we receive from travel companies. This is the case for our trip to Barcelona this year. However frustrating this may be, please do not vent any anger/frustration at school. I have contacted my teaching union regarding such changes in the hope they can influence government to provide financial assistance where necessary.

#### Head Student Interviews

This week I had the pleasure of being on the interview panel for our next Head Students. I was very impressed by their eloquence and ability to demonstrate how they were suitable applicants for the role. Their interview skills were excellent, and I look forward to announcing the successful candidates very soon!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Mitchell  
Headteacher



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### Year 7 Messages

RESPECT Day is on Tuesday. The topic is online safety and the digital world.

BfL Reports were issued this week and should be available to view within Edulink in the Documents section.

### Year 8 Messages

BfL Reports were issued this week and should be available to view within Edulink in the Documents section.

### Year 9 Messages

RESPECT Day on the topic of careers was postponed on Friday this week. We shall reschedule this as soon as we can.

### Year 10 Messages

None this week.

### Year 11 Messages

Mock exams start next week. Students have been given all the information they need. Face coverings are not required in the sports hall during an exam.  
Good luck Year 11!

Make sure you look at the careers section - lots of information regarding apprenticeships and colleges.

WaG Reports were issued this week and should be available to view within Edulink in the Documents section.

Our first week back at school has already been completed! Despite it not being the most normal return (with testing and year groups off), I find that school often helps us get back into a routine and this is really useful to teach us organisational skills for the future. Additionally, irrespective of only being back in school for 5 days (4 for some of us!) there's already so much positive news. For example, on Thursday in form time Miss Greaves and Miss Fox announced an abundance of new prefects who have passed their interviews. It was amazing to see the prefect teams looking so full and I can't wait to work with them! If you are one of those students who managed to get through the interview process and get the role of prefect, a massive well done to you because we know from experience that it isn't easy! As well as the prefect announcements, the interviews for next years Head Students took place. We know the final interviews can be quite daunting and we wish the best to the amazing candidates who had their interview on Thursday!

From

Jack, Eadie, Milly & Rebecca

## Whole School Messages

Weekly Learning Support Board - click [here](#).

Due to a huge backlog of referrals there is a delay in assessments being done. Apologies in advance for this and the learning support team are doing their best endeavours to get through the workload

### Perfect 3s

Excellent Behaviour for Learning goes hand in hand with achievement. It is an excellent indicator of how your child is performing in lessons. Who's had the Perfect 3 since we've been back?

Year 7: 51 pupils  
Year 8: 30 pupils  
Year 9: 56 pupils  
Year 10: 42 students  
Year 11: 36 students

#### How had the Perfect 3 in the previous week?

Years 7: 164 pupils  
Year 8: 139 pupils  
Year 9: 166 pupils  
Year 10: 158 students  
Year 11: 143 students

**Please congratulate your child if they have the Perfect 3. All BfL scores can be seen in the Edulink app.**

Welcome back and Happy New Year to you all.

Christmas may have been difficult for some of our students, their families/carers and mental health may have suffered as a consequence. Covid has certainly not helped and some of our staff and students have been unwell with this new variant and so have felt very low and are still struggling as it lingers. As with all services of support and intervention, there are long waiting lists or absences of staff/professionals who are providing services, so please be patient and prepared to wait for support. Please keep talking to each other and use the advices and tools of support where you can.

**Please see some useful links regarding support and advice for mental health;**

**Kooth** - Kooth provides a free, safe and anonymous online support platform for young people.

Young people can chat to approved counsellors online, read articles written by young people or get support from talking to an online community. <https://www.kooth.com/>

**Healthy Young Minds** - This service aims to improve the resilience, emotional wellbeing and mental health of children and young people, making it easier for them, their families and the professionals who work with them to access advice, help and support when they need it. View more information on the [Healthy Young Minds](#) website.

**The Butterfly and Phoenix Project** - This team of trained counsellors support young people aged 11 to 18 years old to resolve emotional difficulties through the delivery of counselling and group workshops.

<https://www.butterflyandphoenix.org> 03450 138208

[Mental health and emotional wellbeing | Barnardo's \(barnardos.org.uk\)](#)

Click [here](#) for more details on **mental health support** in Lancashire.

Mrs Fairhurst

## Whole School Messages

Have you had a New Year house clear out? We are currently looking for book donations for a reading project. If you have any old books that are gathering dust in your house, we would be really grateful if you would consider donating them to school. We will take anything - fiction, non-fiction, any age group; as long as they are in readable condition then we will take them! If you think you can help, please either send in any book donations with your child (who should bring them to Miss Pilkington's office), drop the books at reception, or contact [lpilkington@parklandsacademy](mailto:lpilkington@parklandsacademy) for more information. Thank you.

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LEFT - FIRST COME  
FIRST SERVED**

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Letters have been emailed from Mr Madigan to parents  
via edulink app.



Letter [here](#)

Email [amadigan@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:amadigan@parklandsacademy.co.uk)



Please check the [extra curricular timetable](#) for this half term.

Please note that all clubs in the sports hall are cancelled for next week (10th Jan-15th Jan) due to mock exams.

All other clubs on as normal and we need some Y7&8 girls and boys cricketers for Monday in the gym.



A presentation slide with a yellow border. The background is a purple and blue abstract splatter design. The title "COMPETITION DETAILS" is written in large, bold, white capital letters. Below the title, there are three text boxes with black borders. The first box contains the text: "i am me is the not-for-profit mental health initiative that helps young people cope with the pressures of growing up in today's fast-paced world." followed by the URL <https://www.iammeapp.com/>. The second box contains the text: "i am me are on the hunt for a new design to feature on the i am me hoodies & official merchandise. It has been a difficult 2 years for lots of reasons and one of the ways you can support yourself is to use art as a creative outlet to help with self-expression. Anyone can express themselves through art and you do not have to be an artist." The third box contains the text: "i am me looking for a design that captures the thoughts, feelings, worries and ambitions of a young person currently growing up in today's fast paced world. The winning design will sit on the back of hoodies and the design can be any shape, size or colour". Navigation arrows are visible at the bottom left.

Entries to be submitted to your HAL. Mrs Batson will judge the internal entries and we will submit the winners to the i am me competition. Please feel free to submit a copy your own design too!

Your entry must include:

- ☐ A picture of your design.  
(You could draw it, paint it or design is digitally, it's up to you)
- ☐ A brief explanation of your design on the back
- ☐ Your name and form

The winning design will sit on the back of the hoodie and the design can be any shape, size or colour!  
Our deadline is  
**Monday 21st February**

## For official entries to i am me

Email your design, along with your name, age, contact details and school name to: [hello@iammeapp.com](mailto:hello@iammeapp.com)

**Entries must be in by Monday 28th February 2022.**

The winner will be chosen by an expert judging panel (visit our website to find out who!) from the fashion industry. The winner will be announced via the i am me Instagram account no later than the end of March.

Follow [iammeglobal](#) on Instagram for updates and visit [iammeapp.com/competitions](https://www.iammeapp.com/competitions) for more information.

## Careers

No Career News magazine this week - but back next week. However, still lots of events and information to publicise!

More apprenticeships are starting to be advertised - there will be a dedicated vacancies page in Career News, but for now, check out <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship> and set up an account. It takes about 2 minutes, so no excuses!



### BOOKING NOW OPEN FOR THE FEBRUARY OPEN EVENT

**Attention Year 11s - Final Open Event for Cardinal Newman College:** We are pleased to inform you that booking for our final Open Day of the academic year is now open! As with the previous events, there are limited spaces and booking is essential. Students can book a place at the Open Day on our website here >>

[https://go.cardinalnewman.ac.uk/form/OpenDays?event\\_id=19](https://go.cardinalnewman.ac.uk/form/OpenDays?event_id=19)

Wigan & Leigh College have an open event on Monday 31st January from 4.30 - 7.30pm. More details to follow regarding booking (and whether it will be an in-person or online event!) One for the diary though.

### **IMPORTANT UPDATE: Young People's Event at Bolton College, Tuesday 18th January 2022**

Unfortunately, due to restrictions, we've made the difficult decision to cancel our Young People's Open Event on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January. In the meantime, pupils can take an online tour of our amazing campus and learn more about our huge selection of programmes by visiting [www.boltoncollege.ac.uk/virtual-open](http://www.boltoncollege.ac.uk/virtual-open) - over 23,000 visitors have viewed the site so far!

Career of the Week is Costume Designer. Every single film, TV programme, theatre production and magazine photoshoot requires a costume designer. Find out more about this fascinating career at <https://www.parklandsacademy.co.uk/students/career-of-the-week>



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Make 2022  
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Register here: [runshaw.ac.uk/apprenticeship-showcase](https://www.runshaw.ac.uk/apprenticeship-showcase)

Year 11s who have applied for apprenticeships at Runshaw should have received this, but no doubt some may have missed the email. It is an in-person event on 19th January at Langdale Road, Leyland - but you **must register in advance** to attend:

<https://www.runshaw.ac.uk/apprenticeship-showcase/>

### Year 11 small group Campus Tours @ Runshaw!

We are delighted to announce the return of Year 11 Campus Tours for January.

Find out more: <http://runshaw.ac.uk/guidedtour/>

## Careers

Our first event of the new year is around the corner and we're kicking off the year with a big data bang! On Tuesday 11th January from 5:00pm - 6:00pm we'll be hosting Experian's big yearly interactive insight event showcasing all that the company does and the different career paths within the business.

Experian is a global leader in consumer and business credit reporting and marketing services and a constituent of the United Kingdom's FTSE 100 index, with total revenue for the year ended March 31, 2021, of US\$5.4 billion. Experian support clients in more than 100 countries and employ approximately 17,800 people in 44 countries.

We will be hearing from a number of current apprentices who'll be sharing what it's like working at the company and at the end Experian will be letting us know more about their work experience programme taking place later in the year.

If you'd like to hear more about technology based careers with an emphasis on data and its business and marketing functions this event will be of interest.

To sign up for the event please click on the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Experian-Insight>



On Wednesday 12th of January from 5:00pm - 6:00pm we'll be hosting Virgin Media's UK-wide Virtual Insight Careers Event showcasing all of their many different career paths.

Virgin Media is a British telecommunications company with 47 million UK connections across broadband, mobile, TV and home phone.

Whether you're looking for a more technical apprenticeship scheme, working from the field or in one of their comfy offices, or an apprenticeship within one of their business teams, Virgin Media offer an extremely broad range of apprenticeship schemes.

Learn more about the opportunity to earn while you learn, picking up qualifications to kick off the career you want. This year, they're looking for hundreds of young talented people to start their careers, in areas including analytics, engineering, finance and beyond.

We'll be hearing from the Head of Future Careers at Virgin Media O2 who'll be giving us an overview to the company as a whole and sharing a bit about their career journey and from there we'll dive into the various business departments.

If you're open to hearing about a variety of career routes then this insight to Virgin Media could help clear things for you on what it is you'd like to do. Join us on Wednesday to hear all about their opportunities and see if one might be of interest to you in the future.

Sign up using the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Virgin-Media-Event>

