



# PARKLANDS BULLETIN

## 15 Mar - 19 Mar 2021: Week 2



### Headteacher's Message

Dear parents, carers and students,

It was great to welcome our students back this week and return to some sort of normality. We have been really pleased with our students' positive mindset and approach to their studies upon their return! It is fantastic to have a buzz around school again and see our students interact with each other.

#### Testing

We have now started conducting the second LFD tests in schools. So far, we haven't had a single positive case amongst our students or staff, and I am really pleased to report that our students - despite being clearly nervous - have taken a very mature and sensible approach to the testing. Click [here](#) for information regarding the self-testing kits which will be available to collect very soon.

#### Free School Meals

Please be advised that we will order vouchers for the 2 week Easter holidays. We have been advised that these will be the final holiday vouchers funded by the DfE.

#### Extra-Curricular

As detailed in last week's bulletin, activities will start again from Monday. To access last week's bulletin, please look on our website or click [here](#).

#### Uniform

As a parent of 3 boys myself, I know how difficult it was to source new uniform items before we returned this week. I hope parents and carers have appreciated our approach to uniform, as explained in last week's bulletin (which is still available on our website). Please note though that we expect earrings, jewellery and false eyelashes to be removed.

#### Phone Calls

We have received a large number of phone calls this week from parents asking for information which was included in last week's bulletin. We created the Parklands bulletin to reduce the number of emails & text messages you receive from school - the bulletin should be your first port of call for information. Every bulletin is placed on our website under Parklands Life (click [here](#)).

#### Careers

You will now find the careers section at the end of the bulletin, so that the first few pages only contain year group and whole-school messages. The careers section should be of particular interest to Year 11 students, but we frequently receive information which is relevant for several year groups too.

Kind regards,  
Mr Mitchell

## Year 7 Messages

The second LFD test is on Monday at 8.30am. Non-testing pupils should go to form as normal. Your final LFD test is on Thursday at 8.30am. Non-testing pupils should go to form as normal.

## Year 8 Messages

Your third LFD test is on Tuesday straight after break. Non-testing pupils go to lesson 3 as normal.

## Year 9 Messages

Your third LFD test is on Tuesday at 8.30am. Non-testing pupils go to form as normal.

Tuesday 16th March, DTP & Men ACWY. Please make sure your child has had breakfast and they wear a short sleeved shirt where possible.

## Year 10 Messages

Your third LFD test is on Monday at 2pm. Non-testing students go to lesson 5 as normal.

### Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh Pupils

Your child should have signed up their group by now.

They also should have updated their eDofE with the assessors reports.

Reminder their first training day is Saturday 27th March @ Rivington Primary School, Horrobin Lane.

Details have previously been sent out. Any issues please contact [ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

ASAP. Also there may be an error on your dates. Your child's practise expedition date is Friday 30th April - 1st May. They will leave via Parklands and be collected from Albany High School on the Saturday. More details to follow.

## Year 11 Messages

Your third LFD test is on Monday straight after break. Non-testing students go to lesson 3 as normal.

Year 11 Duke of Edinburgh Pupils Please see the message above in the Year 10 section.

### **PARENTS EVENING**

Information has been emailed to you regarding the Parents Evening on Thursday 18th March. The evening will be conducted online using School Cloud. Please see your emails for details of how to login and book your appointments. **You will also be sent information from Mr Mitchell early next week which we need you to read before Thursday.**

Friday lunchtime careers drop-in sessions are back. A21. Questions, advice, help with CVs, anything careers-related - please come along!

Exciting news for Year 11 - NCS summer programme is running this year ... more details coming soon! This is your chance to challenge yourself and chill out with new friends.

## Year 11 Messages



**Myerscough College** are holding an Advice Morning online on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March from 10am to 12.30pm. Instructions on how to book are through the "What's on" section of Myerscough's website. <https://www.myerscough.ac.uk/whats-on/>

### **Preston's College** Year 10 & 11 - VIRTUAL OPEN EVENT

Wednesday 24 March, from 4-7pm Register now on: <http://www.preston.ac.uk/march2021/>



You can still apply for courses at Preston's College

Next Virtual Open Event at Bolton Sixth Form College is coming up on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March from 4pm. Have a look at this Youtube video from the Principal: <https://youtu.be/zsuhA6-FG9Y>  
You will need to register your place at <https://www.bolton-sfc.ac.uk/open-events-2020/>. You will receive an email containing a link for the event on the day which will include the state-of-the-art 3D virtual tour of the building, department welcome videos and a live Q&A with the principal at 4pm and 5.30pm. The application system is still open and they are happy to support any students yet to apply.

### Year 11 Leavers Hoodies and Yearbook.

Your shop is now open here - <https://www.leavershoodies.com/shop/parklandshighschool2021>

The deadline is the 14th March 2021. This won't be changed. Please ensure you have ordered your hoody before then.

Your yearbooks are also on sale, this is available through SCOPAY.

Please keep sharing photos!

- Trips such as PGL, Ski etc
- Sports Dinner photos
- Photos of groups of friends out of lesson
- Photos from lessons
- Embarrassing photos (must be appropriate but can be from out of school settings)
- Photos from year 7/8

Parents/carers you can also share photos. Please send to [yearbook@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:yearbook@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

## Year 11 Messages

As you are aware, Cardinal Newman are not conducting interviews prior to enrolment. They have recently sent out the following information to all applicants, but if you haven't seen it, please ensure you do the following:

- **UPLOAD YOUR PHOTO**
- Log onto CEDAR with your username and password and upload a passport style photo. We'll use this to create your student ID badge.
- **Username:**
- **Password:** the word newman followed by your date of birth, e.g. newman01012005
- **UPDATE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS**
- Double check that all contact details on your portal are correct and up to date. We'll use these details to send out information regarding admissions.
- **WAIT FOR ENROLMENT INFORMATION**
- Your Enrolment appointment will take place in the Summer term. We will be in touch with regards to this in the coming months.

[LOG ONTO CEDAR](#)

# Whole School Messages

## Attention all year groups - don't forget to check out your Careers area on Google Classroom and get yourself Career Clued-Up!

Log into your Indigo account and explore hundreds of careers - compare different careers and watch videos of people doing those jobs. Find out what the typical pay is, whether it's a job in high demand or what the possible progression route is.

If you have not got (or forgotten) your Indigo log-in, email Miss Berry

([pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk))



Due to the latest LCC guidelines anyone who calls in absent for illness reasons such as headache, sickness (feeling or physically being) and diarrhea is asked to take a PCR COVID test. Please note that a lateral flow test will not suffice in this instance. You are required to book a COVID test using <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>, Please work through the booking service and select that box that says: **My local council or health protection team has asked me (or someone I live with) to get a test, even though I do not have symptoms.** Then complete the form and book the test. The test date and results will need to be sent to [attendance@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:attendance@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

Normal isolation protocol is needed for all PCR tests, and students will not be allowed back into school without seeing a negative test result.

This absence will not affect attendance.

A reminder that all **dinner money** needs to be paid online via SCOPAY

Next Friday is Red Nose Day. It is a non-uniform day and the voluntary donation is a £1. Form Tutors will be collecting monies from Monday. Pupils must be sensibly dressed with no bare midriffs, no inappropriate skirt or short lengths. All other school regulations will still apply for example no make-up, jewellery or piercings.

All pupils must still bring the correct equipment to school and if they have PE then they must not wear jeans or skirts and their tops must be appropriate for running. Many thanks for your support with this.



## Uniform Update

Jada Uniforms' website is now up and running. The address is - [www.jadauniforms.co.uk](http://www.jadauniforms.co.uk)

They too are now operating a click and collect system and all the details are available on their website

Learning Support [Weekly Notice Board](#)

## Covid Self-Testing Kits

Click [here](#) for information regarding the kits, which will be available for parents/carers to collect from school very soon. Currently, guidance dictates that we cannot pass the kits to your child. Further details will be provided about collection once the kits have arrived in school.



# Year 7 PGL Trip



Welcome to Parklands



To help ease the transition we want to offer a PGL trip focused on the transition and encouraging pupils to meet new pupils and staff in their forms and their houses.

They will spend the weekend completing PGL activities and doing evening entertainment that will focus on team building as well as some free time to socialise with their new classmates. In addition to this they will also have the opportunity to earn house points for their house!



Following the difficult year pupils are having we know that now more than ever it is important to stay active and look after our physical and mental health. We have ran this trip before with great success and are really pleased to be able to offer it again.

All food and travel is included in the price and they will be accompanied by their house leaders and members of Parklands staff.

This is a fantastic opportunity for pupils to interact following their first week at Parklands

We will be travelling on Friday 10th September 2021, the weekend is at a reduced cost of £150

If you are interested please complete the google form [here](#) and return the slip overleaf with a deposit of £50.

Please note there is no obligation for your child to attend it is optional.

If we fail to reach sufficient numbers the trip will not go ahead and refunds will be issued.

If you have any questions regarding the trip please contact Miss Greaves, PE Teacher directly  
[ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk)



## **Do you have a child in year 6 who is coming to Parklands?**

If they are interested in attending please complete the form [here](#). Over 50 future Parklands pupils already signed up. Further details please contact [ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk)





**Best of  
the Week**

FutureLearners have been joining mental health and psychology short courses like [Psychological First Aid for Young People](#) and [Basic First Aid](#), whilst Monash University's [Psychology of Personality](#) ExpertTrack has been popular with those looking for in-depth learning.

UK-based FutureLearners have been keen to learn new business skills this week too, with [Understanding Social Media Strategy](#), [Data Analysis for Beginners](#) and [Business Management: Marketing Principles and Practice](#) right up there with the hottest topics

Free short courses that can give you an insight into a new career. Check them out today on <https://www.futurelearn.com/>

 **Future  
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On our website you can look at over 800 career profiles to find out what each job involves and whether it's right for you <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/explore-careers>

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<https://www.parklandsacademy.co.uk/students/career-of-the-week>

Career of the Week is also back! Check out the featured career for this week - Sports Therapist. Hopefully many more sports at all levels will be able to recommence soon - if you are keen on sports, but perhaps not as a professional competitor - then this is one way to make your passion your career!



## Discover Reaseheath

Until we can welcome prospective students onto site safely we aim to bring Reaseheath to the students wherever they may be and help them with their future choices for Further and Higher Education.

Our Discovery Hubs put students in control, as the content is on demand they can view it at their leisure.

Content includes:

- Videos and presentations delivered by our course staff, giving an insight into our course areas
- Tours of our beautiful campus and student accommodation
- Information about transport, accommodation, student life, finance, learning support, wellbeing and much more!

From the Discovery Hub students can access our Live Q&A sessions (via Teams) where they can ask questions of our course tutors and current students

The next Live Q&A sessions will take place:-

Saturday 13th March between 10.30am and 2pm Further and Higher Education

Saturday 24th April between 10.30am and 2pm Further Education only

[Students can register for these sessions here.](#)

As we have just celebrated International Women's Day, have a look more Inspiring Women videos on icould.

We want to highlight all the [Inspiring Women](#) on Inspiring the Future from a range of careers who can talk to young people - both boys and girls - about their jobs. It is with thanks to our long-term corporate supporter, Bank of America, that we can continue this important work. Hear directly from their female leaders about their job roles via our [icould website](#).



### What careers are there and which ones would suit me?

Whether you've only just started thinking about careers or already have some ideas in mind, it's always good to be aware of your options. Maybe there's an ideal type of job for you out there that you just haven't heard of yet or that you've already dismissed because the stereotype doesn't appeal.

Feeling a bit uncertain about careers or torn between conflicting priorities? Our advice on [how to choose a career](#) can help you start to work out what's important to you, shake off any unhelpful assumptions that you or those around you may have, and work out what to do if you feel spoilt for choice.

The School Leaver 200 introduces you to the top 200 employers as voted for by over 12,000 school students in the 2020 CIBYL School Leaver Research. You'll discover opportunities you didn't know existed - including apprenticeships and degree apprenticeships. You can also read exclusive interviews with school leavers to get a sense of what it's like to work or study in a wide range of career areas.

[View the School Leaver 200 online](#)

<https://icould.com/> Try the fun Buzz Quiz, start thinking about your career and discover your personality type!

In just a few minutes, this fun quiz can help you:

- Discover your strengths and what makes you tick
- Understand how others may see you
- Explore subject choices and jobs that could suit you

There are 16 possible results - each links to an animal. Which animal are you?



### A community for creativity - The 9th annual VFX Festival is back!

The [VFX Festival EDU](#), has been designed for school and college students who want to learn more about a career in the creative industries.

This will be a chance to explore knowledge and hear experts' advice and tips on starting a career in VFX, animation, and games during our panel discussions.

### One for parents/carers

#### Work Coach roles – new vacancies!

DWP and local Jobcentres have launched a second wave of nationwide Work Coach recruitment, with roles available in different cities and regions across the country.

Over the next few weeks you'll see vacancies go live in different locations, so if you're passionate about customer service and want a rewarding career that makes a difference to people's lives, then we want to hear from you.

- Search Work Coach vacancies on the [DWP jobs website](#) (that are live now)
- Sign up for Work Coach vacancy alerts in your area on the [DWP jobs website](#)

(Just checked - there are apparently 92 vacancies in the Lancs/Cumbria area - worth a look!)

### Oxford Scholastica Medical Internships

As Easter approaches and your students start to think about how to make the most of their time in the current circumstances, we are thrilled to let you know that we still have a few places left on our [online Easter courses](#) and [virtual internships](#).

In particular, our [Virtual Medicine Internship](#) is now open for bookings and due to exceptionally high demand we recommend your students sign up as soon as possible to avoid disappointment! If you have any aspiring medical students, this is the perfect opportunity to get all-important medical work experience.

As interns on this project, your students will be hosted by a leading clinician at a University teaching hospital, and will be tasked with researching conditions that manifest differently in women and people of colour. They'll then collaborate with other interns to write up and present their findings, which will be used in the teaching of medical students at the hospital, equipping future generations of doctors with the tools they need to diagnose and treat key diseases.

This internship is a chance to make a real impact on the standard of care and health outcomes for patients. It would suit students with an interest in medicine, healthcare or scientific research.

As a [partner school](#), we can offer all Parklands High School students a 15% discount on our online internship fees using the code PARKLANDSHIGHSCHOOL-15.

*Please note: these internships are not cheap - however, they are a fantastic opportunity and there is the possibility of a scholarship place. For more details contact:*

Matthew McLarty, Partner Schools Team, The Oxford Scholastica Academy  
[schools@oxfordscholastica.com](mailto:schools@oxfordscholastica.com)

# Apprenticeship Notifications

Some really good apprenticeship positions on offer this week - don't forget that if you have applied for an apprenticeship at college - you need to find yourself an employer.

- Property Maintenance and Carpentry/Joinery apprentices at Castle Construction & Development Ltd.
- Hairstylist apprentice required at Eclipse Hair Design in Euxton
- Childcare apprenticeship at Busy Bees in Chorley
- 2 x Warehouse Operative apprentices needed at Bill Beaumont Textiles Ltd.
- Teaching Assistant apprenticeship at Christ Church Charnock Richard CofE Primary School
- An apprentice Administrator - Procurement needed at NSG Environmental Ltd.
- Apprentice Hospitality Assistant at Sally Ann Burgess (Tea Room and Cafe)
- Maintenance Operations Engineering Technician apprentice required at Pneumatic & Compressor Engineering Ltd (Leyland)
- Early Years Practitioner apprenticeship offered by Little Owls Day Nursery
- Apprentice Chef needed once The Paddock re-opens
- Apprentice Agricultural Parts Technician at F.R. Sharrock Ltd.

Lots more available on <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship> Set up an account and receive notifications whenever a new vacancy appears. For further details on the above, see Miss Berry (top office). In the meantime, make sure your CV is up to date, error-free and easy to read!

## **New Optical Assistant apprenticeship available from Training 2000**

See below for the link to a new Apprenticeship. It's a Level 2 Optical Assistant Apprenticeship, a 12 month course, 1 day a week, working in the Optical Retail Industry. Qualifications needed for this are: English and Maths GCSE Level 3 or above or Functional Skills Level 1.

<https://www.training2000.co.uk/optical-virtual-open-day/>

If anyone needs help with regards to applying to Training 2000 or CV writing please let me know (Miss Berry)