

# PARKLANDS BULLETIN 17 Apr - 21 Apr 2023: Week 2



# Headteacher's Message

Dear parents, carers and students,

#### Single lunch

After Easter we will revert back to a single lunch sitting following feedback from both students and staff. A weekly rota will be in place for years 7, 8 & 9 - similar to what we had when I first started at Parklands over 12 years ago. The Refectory offers the same freshly-made hot meals and grab-and-go items as the main canteen, and with an additional till we should be able to provide a speedier service to the students.

#### Food & Nutrition

Today we say goodbye to Miss Topping, who has been with us on supply for Food & Nutrition. Miss Topping has been a wonderful colleague to work with and we wish her well in her new role. After Easter we welcome Miss Harrison as our new, permanent teacher, who will work alongside Miss Flight.

# Annual Quality of Education visit from The SSAT (The Schools, Students and Teachers' Network)

This week we hosted Barry Cooke, an former headteacher with 40 years' experience of working in struggling and improving schools. His visit was an opportunity for him to see excellent practice in a number of areas, including our whole-school reading strategy, interventions which improve education, English as an additional language programme, SECURE and our personal development curriculum. Barry visits many schools in his role for the SSAT and he is always glowing in his evaluation of our school, our staff and above all our students.

Barry said in his email to Mrs Batson (who organised the visit): "Many thanks for organising an excellent day for me to listen to the school's new initiatives/ developments. You must be very proud of the efforts of all staff to deliver a modern curriculum that enables all students to achieve their potential. Please thank all of your colleagues and students that contributed to such an enjoyable day for me."

Wishing you a lovely, two-week break.

Kind regards,

Mr Mitchell



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### Year 7 Messages

The new lunch rota starts, with Year 7s going straight into the hall at lunch.

Congratulations to Ava G Denmark Form who currently has the highest amount of Achievement Points!

#### Year 8 Messages

The new lunch rota starts, with Year 8s going to queue A on the concourse.

Congratulations to Sophie W Egypt Form who currently has the highest amount of Achievement Points!

# Year 9 Messages

The new lunch rota starts, with Year 9s going to queue B on the concourse.

Congratulations to Mariam O South Korea Form who currently has the highest amount of Achievement Points!

## Year 10 Messages

Thank you to the Year 10s who completed their sampling booklets for Wigan & Leigh College during assembly on Wednesday - for anyone who missed the assembly for whatever reason, there is a copy of the booklet on Google Classroom. Simply choose a page (A level, Vocational or Engineering/Construction) and email me your top four choices - from just ONE of the pages. If you choose the Green (Engineering) page, you will also need to provide your shoe and overall size as these are provided on the day. Leave the lunch option for now, we can complete that closer to the time! <a href="mailto:pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk">pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk</a>

Well done to those of you who have already returned your completed Work Experience booklets. For those who haven't yet organised a placement, you have the perfect opportunity with a two week break! Have a look at the resources on the school website for hints and tips for finding WEX: click <u>here</u>. There are lots of cafes, restaurants, shops, offices, garages, garden centres, gyms, pharmacies, schools and nurseries in Chorley and the surrounding area - all of which have hosted WEX in previous years. Make a list of possible placements and Google who the manager or owner is, then you can address a letter or email to the correct person. Better still, call in and introduce yourself - you can show them the WEX details from the website and ask them to contact Miss Berry if they need any more information. Good luck!

For anyone who has applied for the NHS WEX opportunity, I am still waiting for an update from the NHS Team. I will keep everyone informed as and when I have any news. I am assuming it is all okay, as we haven't gone over the allocated spaces. I will keep trying! Miss Berry

Congratulations to Darcie D Japan Form who currently has the highest amount of Achievement Points!



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# Year 11 Messages

Review Day is on Tuesday, when the latest trackers will be issued.

Runshaw College will be in school on Monday 17th April until breaktime, for anyone who missed their college interview (or who has yet to apply!) No further interviews are planned after this. For those who may have missed their Wigan & Leigh College interview, you have the option of a phone call, a Zoom or Teams interview, or a face to face interview. Please let me know which you would prefer.

Maths revision is after school on Tuesday, 18th April. Option A revision is on Thursday, 20th April.

A message for any Year 11 who has applied to Preston College: You should receive enrolment information on Tuesday, April 4th via email and post. You need to log in, check all the details and accept your place (even if this is your second choice of college).

If you have applied for an apprenticeship, it is important that you still accept a full-time course offer, just in case you don't manage to secure employment before September. You won't be able to accept the apprenticeship offer on the enrolment account - as this is done in conjunction with the employer and the apprenticeship team.

However if you have already secured employment, please email: <u>dcrumblehulme@preston.ac.uk</u> and they will take you through the relevant steps.

How to revise science: Your weekly guide on strategies for revision in Science is here

Congratulations to Claudia O Denmark Form who currently has the highest amount of Achievement Points in Year 11

# Hello everyone,

As we finish our final week of this term, I think it's important to look ahead as we head into the summer term. For our Year 11s, exams are just weeks away meaning only so much time to be had for revision. At Parklands, we offer Easter school which takes place in the upcoming holidays and encourages Year 11 pupils to get ahead of their revision in time for their GCSEs. Even with revision, I think that the Easter holidays are still crucial to wind down and gear ourselves up for the all important term ahead.

Have a relaxing, two-week break everyone!

Lucas

School reopens on Monday, 17th April.

#### 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: 29 pupils since September Year 8: 34 pupils since September Year 9: 20 pupils since September Year 10: 51 students since September Year 11: 32 students since September

How many had the perfect 3 in the previous week? Year 7: 139 pupils Year 8: 135 pupils Year 9: 116 pupils Year 10: 142 students Year 11: 119 students

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

How many pupils have a BfL score of 2.99 - 3? Year 7: 134 pupils Year 8: 102 pupils Year 9: 60 pupils Year 10: 119 students Year 11: 87 students

**Students**, please click the link to see what clubs, trips and activities are happening in school <u>Parklands Bulletin</u>

#### Weekly Learning Support Board - please click here



#### LOST PROPERTY

Due to the increase in lost property, could clothing items please have your child's name attached to the labels. This way we can locate them and hand them back to the rightful owners.

Thank you to everyone who donated to "Shine for Sally" at Musical Madness last week. An amazing £590 was collected in memory of Sally Cornes. Sally would have been in Year 11 now so this would have been her final Parklands show. Sally was an extremely talented and dedicated dancer whose smile lit up every stage she performed on. Shine for Sally raises money for local charities that supported Sally and support her family. These include Derian House Children's Hospice, Milly's Smiles, Molly Ollys and The Teenage Cancer Trust. To keep updated with Shine for Sally events please follow: https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100089033477873



GCSE Dancer, Elite Team Member & True Warrior 'Flying with the Angels, Dancing with the Stars'

#### **Easter Charity Events**

£229.54 has been raised for the Turkey/ Syria Earthquake appeal this week. The year 7s enjoyed an Easter Egg Orienteering hunt and everyone had the chance to win eggs in the Easter Egg tombola.



Thank you to our charity prefects and everyone who supported these events.

#### STEM

We have been successful in securing another brilliant STEM project, hosted by Raytheon Technologies. This project is for Year 8 students, so anyone interested in any aspect of STEM - keep an eye on the bulletin after Easter. The project is a Quadcopter Challenge and we have two STEM professionals from Raytheon to help us. This project will suit creative students, problem solvers, technical types - just about anyone who is prepared to commit some time in after-school sessions!

#### (Year 7) Weekly discussion questions from the RS Department. Current Unit - Judaism Enguiry Question - What does it mean to be a Jew in the 21st century?

- 1. What is the difference between a Bar Mitzvah and a Bat Mitzvah?
- 2. Why do young Jewish boys and girls have these celebrations?
- 3. Why do girls sometimes have their ceremony earlier than boys?
- 4. What typically happens in the Synagogue during a Bar/Bat Mitzvah?

#### (Year 8) Weekly discussion questions from the RS Department. Current Unit - The History of Christianity Enquiry Question - Who was the real Jesus?

- 1. What term do we use to describe a branch of Christianity?
- 2. Can you give two examples of branches of Christianity?
- 3. What is a Schism?
- 4. Why did the Great Schism of 1054 happen?

#### (Year 9) Weekly discussion questions from the RS Department. Current Unit - The History of Christianity

# Enquiry Question - Was the European Reformation the most significant event in the history of Christianity?

- 1. What was the Great Schism of 1054?
- 2. What factors contributed to the Great Schism happening?
- 3. Who was responsible for the European Reformation starting?
- 4. What were Martin Luther's main objections with the Roman Catholic Church?

**Health & Safety** - A Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan (PEEP) must be written prior to school attendance for any pupils that find themselves temporarily impaired. Prior to school attendance please contact your child's Houseleader in the case of:

- Mobility impairment
- Sight impairment
- Hearing impairment
- Cognitive impairment
- A medical condition or injury which might cause them to need assistance to evacuate safely.

#### Monopolised....by Grace Scott

The earth appears sentinel yet watching nonchalant himself shrink as our electricity for necessities loses its purpose in a blink

We were taught of vigilance, sheltered, worlds nothing on our fortress we rapidly become alienated solitary paintless portraits

She's the prettiest one you know yet filtered, distorted imagery of true perfection disguisedly aborted

Click heart, click heart a perpetual cycle exploiting a falsified reality just a repeat, recycle

Fires from the sun as validation comes to surface yet with its tumultuous desperation is there really any purpose?

They can scorn satirically yet their baseness remains unexposed who knew the keyboard's power underworld deepening, yet doors remain closed

But you can laugh, talk have fun and chat but anxiety, depression is it worth all that?

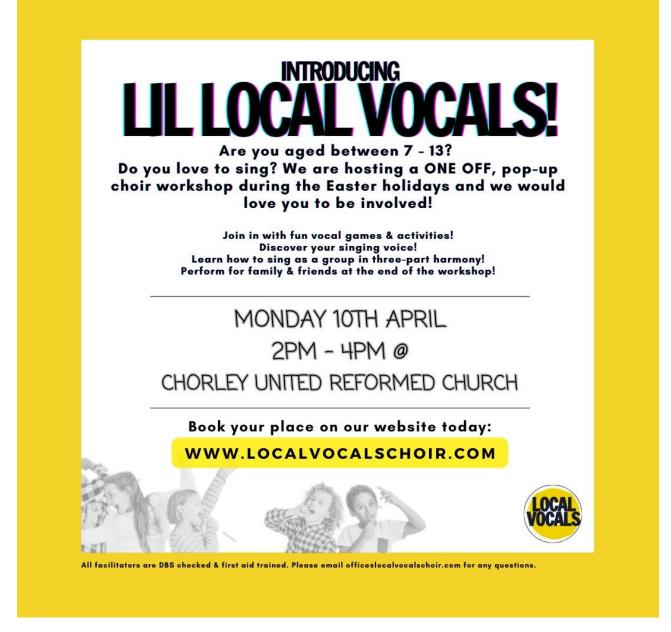
Enervating social climb where's the ladder? it's missing no one there to question just helplessly submissing



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Congratulations to Grace for her achievement in a poetry writing competition!

Can you work out the theme of the poem?





West Way Sports Hub Westway Playing Fields. Westway, Chorley, PR7 6DJ

With the Easter break just around the corner, you might be wondering how to keep your child active and engaged during their time off school. We wanted to bring to your attention the Chorley FC Easter Soccer School, which is an exciting and affordable way for your child to stay active and improve their soccer skills. The Chorley FC Easter Soccer School is open to all children aged between 5-12 years old, regardless of their level of experience. The sessions are designed to provide a fun and engaging environment where your child can learn new soccer skills, make new friends, and have a great time during the Easter break.

We encourage you to take a look and consider booking your child's place. If you'd prefer to head straight to our web page, you can do so here <u>https://chorleyfcfoundation.co.uk/easter</u>

The cost of the Chorley FC Easter Soccer School is extremely affordable (£45 for 4 days), and we believe it offers great value for money. Your child will receive expert coaching from our experienced soccer coaches, access to state-of-the-art facilities, and a great way for your child to spend the Easter break with their friends.

If you have any questions or would like to book your child's place, please do not hesitate to contact us, or just head over to our booking page at <u>https://chorleyfcfoundation.co.uk/easter</u> Thank you for your time, and we hope to see your child at the Chorley FC Easter Soccer School!

# The BIGGEST event of the year

our Run

# £6.50pp - includes a pair of sunglasses (which must be worn).

PARKLANDS

Open to all year groups and staff but there are limited numbers, so book now via Scopay to avoid disappointment!

You can run, walk or even dance around the field.



All proceeds will go to 'Shine for Sally' in memory of Sally Cornes, raising money for local charities

# THURSDAY 11th May 2023 at 3.20pm on the school field



Email: Isullivanbrown@parklandsacademy.co.uk for more details

Is your child entitled to Free School Meals?



Please click <u>here</u> the information regarding the FULL HAF provision for young people between the ages of 4 to 16 years old during the Easter period. This program is designed for all young people who benefit from **free school meals.** All of the detailed provisions are free of charge, and a complimentary meal will be provided.

# Is your child entitled to Free School Meals?



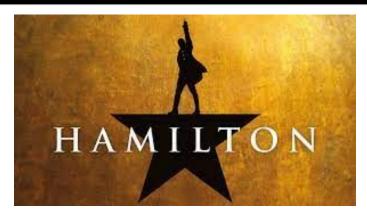
Please click <u>here</u> for details of the senior HAF programme for the Easter period.







You will have received an email via Edulink regarding the next reward trip. For any further details, please contact Mrs Fox (gfox@parklandsacademy.co.uk)



If you are interested in going to watch Hamilton at Manchester Palace Theatre on Wednesday 6th December then please pick up a letter from Mrs Sullivan-Brown in the Pavilion office at break time, Mon, Tue, Thur or Fri.

Hamilton is the story of America's Founding Father Alexander Hamilton, an immigrant from the West Indies who became George Washington's right-hand man during the Revolutionary War and helped shape the very foundations of the America we know today. The score blends hip-hop, jazz, blues, rap, R&B and Broadway - the story of America then, as told by America now. Winner of 11 Tony Awards including Best Musical, 7 Olivier Awards including Best New Musical,

the 2016 Pulitzer Prize for Drama and the 2016 Grammy Award for Best Musical Theater Album. Only £37.50pp including transport.

#### Italian Day!

On Thursday our catering team delivered an Italian inspired menu! Watch out for further international days in the coming months.









Click <u>here</u> for the Easter edition of Career News! As always, lots of great opportunities for students, including virtual work experience, webinars, conferences, guides, blogs and some fantastic apprenticeship vacancies. There's also a parent/carer edition of Careermag to download and enjoy - with advice on T Levels, apprenticeships, work experience, university and much more.