



# PARKLANDS BULLETIN

## 17 Jan - 21 Jan 2022 : Week 1



### Headteacher's Message

Dear parents, carers and students,

Today, the new Head Students and new Senior Student Leaders were announced during Form time. It was fantastic to hear the screams of joy from not only the successful students but also to see the reaction and support they got from their peers. We look forward to seeing our new senior students develop in their roles and contributing to our school community.

Furthermore, it is important to note how incredible our Year 11s have been this week during their mock exam week. Never before have we had invigilators go out of their way to make us aware of the impeccable behaviour and maturity shown during a mock exam period. Year 11 are a truly wonderful year group and I am really proud of them and how well they have handled the COVID situation and the possibility that exams may not run this summer and how important it is that they perform to the best of their ability so we have evidence, should we need it, in case we have to submit Centre Teacher Assessed Grades again. Well done, Year 11!

#### **COVID vaccinations in school**

We have agreed with the School Age Immunisation Service that their second visit to Parklands will take place on 31st January. The consent form is available in pupil/carers 'Forms' section of Edulink. The deadline for completion of the form is Wednesday 19th January at 8am. The deadline cannot be extended so please ensure you complete the form ASAP. Please direct any vaccine questions to the NHS/your GP. The vaccination is available as a 1st or 2nd dose. The vaccinations will take place on Monday 31st January, further details regarding appointment times will be available closer to the day.

#### **Changes to the self-isolation period for those who test positive for COVID-19**

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#). If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

Kind regards, Mr Mitchell

11 January 2022

Dear parents and guardians,

I hope you are well. As the new term gets underway, I wanted to provide you with an update on Omicron and request your support in keeping as many children in school as possible for face-to-face education whilst managing the public health risks. Omicron is still highly prevalent in Lancashire, leading to staff absences and rising hospital admissions, and includes the indirect impacts of disruption to education and on children's mental health, which is why it is imperative that we all play our part in mitigating the impacts of Covid-19 on our children.

As you will be aware, the Government is temporarily recommending that face coverings are worn in classrooms and teaching spaces for students in year 7 or above. It is important to emphasise that this is a temporary measure that has been taken in response to the huge number of Covid-19 cases driven by the Omicron variant. It will be in place until the 26 January, when Plan B regulations are scheduled to expire, at which point it will be reviewed.

The Government has also asked all secondary schools to provide one on-site test for pupils ahead of their return to the classroom this term to help reduce the transmission of Covid-19. This will help boost testing participation, identify positive cases, and reduce transmission after a period of social mixing during the holidays. Secondary, college and university students should continue to test themselves twice a week. Pupils and staff may be asked to test more frequently in the event of an outbreak.

From January 11, people in England who test positive with a lateral flow device (LFD) won't be required to take a confirmatory PCR test. This is another temporary measure while Covid-19 rates remain high across the UK. Because the rates are so high, the vast majority of people with positive LFD results can be confident they have the virus. If your child or anyone in your household tests positive, make sure you follow the Government's [Stay at Home guidance](#).

Our public health team is continuing working in partnership with the schools to prevent and manage outbreaks. Proportionate safety measures will also remain in schools, colleges and universities to help reduce the transmission of the virus, including increased ventilation.

Vaccination is still effective against Omicron in reducing severe illness and deaths. If you or your child is eligible for vaccination but haven't had it yet, I would strongly encourage you to book your appointment by visiting <https://www.healthierlsc.co.uk/getmyjab>

Thank you for your continued support and patience during these challenging times.

Yours sincerely



**Dr Sakthi Karunanithi**  
Director of Public Health



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### Year 7 Messages

During Respect Day this week, Year 7 have been introduced to iDEA - The Inspiring Digital Enterprise Award ([www.idea.org.uk](http://www.idea.org.uk)). This is an online programme aiming to develop digital skills. Year 7 students have all started working towards achieving the Bronze Award and there will be more time later in the school year dedicated to completing this award. Pupils can also continue to work on this in their spare time.

If students have any questions about the iDEA award or need help logging in, please contact Mr Martin ([tmartin@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:tmartin@parklandsacademy.co.uk)).

### Year 8 Messages

Pupils will be having a Respect day on Thursday next week about 'Responsible relationships'. The topics covered will be healthy friendships, online relationships and respectful romance.

### Year 9 Messages

#### Immunisations

Thank you to all those who have completed the consent form for the Y9 Immunisations set for February 4th. Unfortunately, Intrahealth have stated that they only have replies from approx. half of the year group. If you are still to complete the online form, could you do so as soon as possible. Please see below for further details and contact Intrahealth on the number below if you have any queries,

We are due to visit school on Friday 4th February 2022 to administer Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio and Meningitis ACWY vaccinations to Year 9 pupils.

Please complete the form to **CONSENT** or **REFUSE** the vaccinations by following the link below, which will close at midnight on Tuesday 25th January 2022

When filling out the form please opt for the YEAR of birth BEFORE the month.

If you have made an error or are unsure whether you have already completed a form please contact us on the telephone number below.

Please do not attempt to complete another form

Thank you

Immunisation Team

<https://www.nhs.uk/tdipvacwy/information?id=138647&type=tdipvacwy>

Tel : 0333 358 3397 Option 3 Option 1

### Year 10 Messages

Huge congratulations to our new Head Students and the newly appointed members of the Senior Student Leadership Team!



## Year 11 Messages

There are only **2 places left** on February's theatre trip to see Blood Brothers, detailed below:



**Year 11 Blood Brothers Trip**

**When?** Thursday 24th February  
*We will be meeting at school at 6pm*

**Where?** The Palace Theatre,  
Manchester

**How much?** £23.50 (payable via ScoPay)

**Why?** Because it is a gripping, emotional performance that will help you to gain a deeper understanding of the characters, relationships and stagecraft of the play, in preparation for your English Literature GCSE

See/email  
Miss Law for  
more  
information

Please pay via ScoPay if you wish your child to join us, or contact Miss Law for more details:  
[llaw@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:llaw@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

NCS (National Citizen Service) are once again offering Parklands students in Year 11 the opportunity to take part in their amazing three week summer programme. There will be a letter sent home shortly, and a launch assembly in school in early February.

Preston College staff are interviewing a number of students on Monday 17th January. The students concerned should have received letters from the college with their interview times on. I will re-share the details on the bulletin. Students can bring along their most recent tracker if they wish, along with any certificates/awards (although neither is vital!). All interviews take place in A11.

Congratulations to Year 11 who approached mock exam week with maturity and commitment last week. Some further mocks are taking place during lesson time in the forthcoming week. Mock exam results day 25th January.

If anyone in Year 11 is interested in applying to BAE Systems, but is not quite sure how to complete the application form or what to expect in the interview stage - then help is at hand! One of our Governors who works for BAE Systems has very kindly offered to host an online Q&A session to support you.

Please let me know as soon as possible if you would like to take part (don't forget that the application deadline is 28 February) and I can organise a day/time for this. Email:

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

Aspiring engineers have just one week left to be nominated (by a teacher) to take part in the Arkwright Engineering Scholarship for 2022. This is an amazing opportunity to work with industry professionals to create a project/product that will show future employers just what you are capable of. I will share a copy of the student booklet in the Year 11 Careers area on Google Classroom. For more details email Miss Berry or call in at the Top Office before Friday 21st January!



CONGRATULATIONS to our new Head Students!  
**Alannah, Oscar, Evie, Alex**

## Whole School Messages

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

Due to a huge backlog, the Learning Support team are coordinating a catch-up programme of screening and assessment. These will no longer be done on an ad-hoc basis; there will be up to two assessment days each half-term where referrals for assessment and screening will be conducted. If your child is awaiting assessment or dyslexia screening, the next assessment day will be on the 3rd February.

### 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: 50 pupils  
Year 8: 29 pupils  
Year 9: 54 pupils  
Year 10: 39 students  
Year 11: 35 students

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

Years 7: 171 pupils  
Year 8: 137 pupils  
Year 9: 160 pupils  
Year 10: 162 students  
Year 11: 168 students

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

Parental consultation on Relationships and Sex Education

Please click [here](#) to view the results of the consultation Mrs Gray conducted recently regarding our RSE policy. Thank you for your input, which will support us in further developing this area in the future.

### Uniform

Please be advised that we are still experiencing problems regarding the sale of certain year-group ties due to manufacturing issues. Updated uniform guidance is now on our website. The main change is that items no longer need to be initialed by our uniform suppliers so that they can be given to siblings or donated to school.

**Spare uniform items:** if you have any items which your child has outgrown, please could you donate them to school so that we can recycle and donate them to other families? Any items should be simply handed to the school office. Many thanks.

We are delighted to let you know that we raised £325.76 for Derian House Children's Hospice selling the Christmas Chums and decorations. Thank you to everyone who donated and to the pupils who sold them throughout December.

Mrs Robinson





PARKLANDS HIGH SCHOOL  
*is proud to present*



Performed on  
**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> and Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022**  
in the School Hall  
from 7pm

Tickets: **£5 adults, £3 concessions, £10 family** (2 adults, 2 children)  
Available from the office at break and lunchtime



## SSLT Opportunity



We have an opening for a new red tie to help lead on our whole school reading initiative. If you are in year 10 and interested please email

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



## GLOW SPORTS



You are invited to take part in the 6 week GLOW SPORTS club.

3.15-4.45pm

It may be that you don't currently take part in any clubs or we think this is something you would really enjoy and the PE department would love you to take part.

If you complete at least 5 of the 6 sessions. We will provide you with a reward at the end of the sessions.

See you on Thursday 6th January at 3.15pm in the sports hall.



For years 7-9 THURSDAY AFTER SCHOOL.





Play Today  
Win A Getaway

Support Our Lottery This Term  
**WIN a Forest Staycation!**

- Help give our fundraising a much needed boost
- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Guaranteed cash prize winner every week
- Jackpot of £25,000!

Play Now! Go to:

**[YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/play](https://YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/play)**

and search for: Parklands



### Biggest Preloved Prom & Party Dress Boutique in the North West!



Facebook/Instagram -  
@thedresslounge.uk

Heskin Hall Shopping  
Village

Thank you to all the schools who have supported my business over the last 2 years. **The concept was to save high school girls and parents money on ever increasingly expensive prom dresses.** Sadly the pandemic has hit small businesses so hard and, with regret I am closing the boutique at the end of January. I would be most grateful if you could share details of my closing down sale with your pupils so that I can clear as much stock as possible. And give them a super bargain! Up to 30% off some items.

Thank you.  
Shop Local!  
Kind regards,  
Julia



## Whole School Messages

There are only 10 places left on the Science Disneyland Paris trip which is open to years 7,8 and 9. To book your place on this trip please pay the £50 deposit via SCOPAY. Details about the trip are below.

**ONLY 10 PLACES  
LEFT - FIRST COME  
FIRST SERVED**

### SCIENCE DISNEYLAND PARIS TRIP 2023

**£ 515**

OPEN TO YEAR 7,8 & 9

VISIT CITE DES SCIENCE AND THE MARIE CURIE MUSEUM  
CRUISE ALONG THE RIVER SEINE  
1 DAY AT DISNEYLAND PARIS

3rd-6th APRIL 2023  
BREAKFAST AND EVENING MEAL, TRANSPORT, TICKETS TO  
MUSEUMS AND DISNEYLAND INCLUDED

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



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.





House Competition- 'i am me' hoodie design



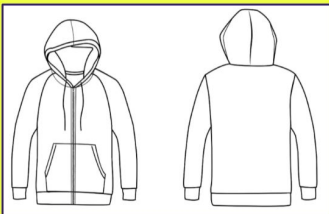
**i am me** is the not-for-profit mental health initiative that helps young people cope with the pressures of growing up in today's fast-paced world.

<https://www.iammeapp.com/>

**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.

**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



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**

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!

## 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.

NEW DATES

## Fashion & Textiles London Trip 11th - 13th April 2023 Year 8, 9 & 10 £290

The trip includes visiting Fashion Capital a London based Fashion Company, the V&A, the Fashion & Textiles museum, the Museum of London and the Fashion illustration Gallery.

Only 20 places available on first come first served basis.

£50 deposit needed before for 21st January.

See Mrs Sawyer for more details.





Blackburn College

# Glow Up!

BLACKBURN COLLEGE'S NEXT HAIR & BEAUTY STAR

# Career News



## CAREER of the WEEK

### Nursery Assistant

Nursery workers help babies and children up to 5 years old to develop and learn in a safe and supportive setting.

You can get into this job through:

- a college course
- an apprenticeship
- working towards this role
- volunteering
- applying directly

You can take a college course before looking for work in a nursery. Courses include:

- Level 2 Certificate in Childcare
- Level 3 Diploma in Early Years Education and Care - Early Years Educator
- T Level in Education and Childcare

Entry requirements:

- News
  - Events
  - Blogs
  - Advice
  - Offers
  - Quizzes
  - Competitions
- plus much more!

## CAREER News

2022

Your weekly guide to careers information, advice and news from Parklands High School

Here we are in a brand new year with a brand new look to Career News! There are lots of useful and informative events on offer this week - why not make a cup of tea, put your feet up and have a read?

- Young Professionals are offering a 'Females in STEM' session with multi-billion dollar company Siemens.
- Myerscough College have a number of online and on-site advice mornings coming up - if you have never seen the college, try and book one of these, you'll be amazed!
- For any budding pilots, check out the 'Careers in Aerospace' page.
- Aspiring hair and beauty students have the chance to show off their skills in Blackburn College's latest competition: 'Glow Up'. The winner will receive a Hair and Beauty kit worth over £200!
- Rurshah College is hosting an Apprenticeship Showcase with local employers on hand to offer advice and potentially employment! You need to book as places are limited.
- There's a useful article about writing the perfect CV - ideal for those Year 11s who still need to complete one ...
- Coming up soon is 'Apprentice Nation!', supported by BT and featuring some top music artists - follow the link to book your place.
- Access Creative College is holding an open day - so for any creative types - what are you waiting for?! The link to book your place.
- Pathway CTM are offering a series of online events with BAE Systems, Deloitte, Accenture, McDonalds and British Airways. Find out more about careers in these huge companies and where you might fit in.
- Leyland Trucks are looking for a number of apprentices - 22 to be exact! Follow the links for more information and an application form. Closing date is 25<sup>th</sup> February, so don't delay!
- We have recently renewed our partnership with Invetiv and have some fantastic new benefits as a result, including free access to their innovative AmbitionX site, plus much more. Have a look at the offers for the spring term and invest in your career!
- For the eco-friendly pupils (hopefully all of you!) - have a go at the Plastic Pollution Quick Fire Quiz.
- Can you have a career in space? Yes, according to Eleanor Frost, Space STEM Ambassador. Read her story inside and see your ambitions as high as you can!
- Check out the apprenticeship vacancies in the local area with over 80 on offer within a 5 mile radius of school. If you want to earn while you learn these might be the right choice for you.
- and last but not least - 'Career of the Week!' This week we are looking at the role of a Nursery Assistant.

Have a great weekend and take advantage of all the opportunities offered to you by colleges and employers.

P.S. College interviews (Preston) are on Monday next week in A11 - don't forget to turn up on time!

17th - 21st February 2022

### MEDICAL PROGRAMMES

Medicine | Psychology | Veterinary Science | Dentistry | Forensic Science

[Click here for MEDICAL](#)

### STEM PROGRAMMES

Engineering | Architecture | Video Game Design | Software Engineering | Cyber Security

[Click here for STEM](#)

### BUSINESS PROGRAMMES

Investment Banking | Entrepreneurship | Management Consultancy | Marketing

[Click here for BUSINESS](#)

### LAW & POLITICS PROGRAMMES

Law | Politics | International Development | Environmentalism

[Click here for LAW & POLITICS](#)

### CREATIVE PROGRAMMES

Fashion Design | Filmmaking | Journalism | Music Production | Sports Professional

[Click here for CREATIVE](#)

## LEYLAND TRUCKS

A PACCAR COMPANY

Apprenticeship opportunities are now live for Sept 2022 closing date for all vacancies is 25th February. We will be recruiting for 22 apprentices in total and need a minimum of 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above (A\*-C), including Maths, English and Science.

**Engineering Apprenticeship (x12):** Working within a team to assemble our trucks towards achieving a Level 3 Advanced Manufacturing Apprenticeship as part of the Level 3 Engineering Fitter Apprenticeship.

**Engineering Apprenticeship (x6):** Following a structured rotation through 4 departments whilst studying towards Level 4 Engineering the apprenticeship develops you will expand your knowledge in areas of fault finding, diagnostics and repair.

**Engineering Apprenticeship (x2):** Learning how to maintain the equipment and help to keep our site at peak condition, the apprentice will learn how to maintain and none scheduled mechanical maintenance on plant and will work as part of a multifunctional maintenance team.

**Other 2 apprenticeship positions in Engineering** will need a minimum of (equivalent to 56 UCAS points) from an Engineering related qualification, as at least 5 GCSEs at grade A\*-C (grade 4 or above), including Maths, Science and English.

**These apprenticeships are:**

**Degree Apprenticeship (x2):** Undertaking a structured rotation through various roles including chassis, powertrain, cabs and electrical systems whilst studying for a degree in Engineering.

For more information please visit our website <https://www.leylandtrucks.co.uk/apprenticeships> and at <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

**Check out the latest edition of Career News.** It's had a bit of a makeover for the new year - and is packed with lots of useful information, advice and so much more!



## 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>

