



PARKLANDS BULLETIN

19 Apr - 22 Apr 2022 : Week 1



Headteacher's Message

Dear parents, carers and students,

We've reached the end of what seems to have been a very long half-term. Getting back to normal clearly makes us all feel very tired!

A couple of weeks ago I held a whole-school assembly, in which I spoke about the reasons why I believe Parklands is the best school in Chorley. Chorley is lucky to have so many good schools, but our holistic approach to education sets us apart and results in exceptionally well-rounded young people. Our reputation remains strong, evidenced in the huge number of appeals we have for places at Parklands for this coming September. We continue to be over-subscribed, but rather than rest on our laurels, we are continually seeking ways to improve our provision.

Clearly, none of this can be achieved without the support of parents and carers. It is the home-school partnership which is so fundamental to a school's success, and I thank you for your feedback in the recent parental surveys and your ongoing support.

Updated Behaviour Policy

Our new Behaviour Policy is available on our website under School Information/Policies. In light of the national issues around knife crime and anti-social behaviour, the governing body and I have strengthened our stance on behaviour. This also ties in with the Government's new White Paper (specifically paragraphs 71 - 73).

It is important that all parents, carers and students are aware of our zero-tolerance approach to drugs and prohibited items (see sections 4 and 6 of our Behaviour Policy) so that we can continue to keep our school community safe.

Page 2 of this bulletin contains the updated COVID guidance we have received from the Department for Education.

I hope you all have a lovely, relaxing Easter break, and **Ramadan Mubarak** to members of our school community who observe this religious festival.

Mr Mitchell

Headteacher's Message

Updated COVID guidance from the DfE

Changes to measures and guidance for managing COVID-19 in education and childcare settings from Friday 1 April

On Tuesday 29 March, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Sajid Javid, set out the [next steps for living with COVID-19](#) in England from Friday 1 April.

Free COVID-19 tests will continue to be available for specific groups, including eligible patients and NHS staff, once the universal testing offer ends on Friday 1 April.

Updated guidance will advise:

- adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature
- children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend
- adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days

The population now has much stronger protection against COVID-19 than at any other point in the pandemic. This means we can begin to manage the virus like other respiratory infections, thanks to the success of the vaccination programme and access to antivirals, alongside natural immunity and increased scientific and public understanding about how to manage risk.

For education and childcare settings from Friday 1 April:

- regular asymptomatic testing is no longer recommended in any education or childcare setting, including in SEND, alternative provision and children's social care settings. Therefore, settings will no longer be able to order test kits
- the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) will publish new guidance. Most of the specific COVID-19 guidance for education and childcare settings will be withdrawn from GOV.UK on Friday 1 April. The operational guidance on the [testing in education settings document sharing platform](#) will also be removed on the same day

Head Students' Page

Today brings the end of another term! I want to say a huge congratulations to everyone who has made the spring term so memorable. This term has brought me the role of Head Student and my fellow SSLT, Prefect team and I are so grateful for the opportunity Parklands has given us. We have all massively enjoyed our new roles so far. Year 11 have also just received their exam table so I wish you all the best of luck revising for your exams. As well as that, year 9 have just been given their options so I hope everyone is happy with their choices!

I would also like to congratulate everyone on the fact that over 100,000 Achievement Points have been handed out! This again proves how Parklands is such an amazing school!

As well, to 'celebrate' April Fools Day, I asked Oscar, Alannah and Alex for their best jokes!

Alannah's joke

What do you call guys who make women in the kitchen jokes?
Single!

Alex's joke

I tried to sue the airport for misplaced luggage...
I lost my case

Oscar's joke

Look in the mirror

I hope everyone who celebrates it, has a happy Easter and everyone else a wonderful break. Make sure you have fun, stay safe and are well prepared for summer term + the exam period!

Evie



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Year 7 Messages

None this week

Year 8 Messages

See details of the French trip in the Year 9 section.

Year 9 Messages

Form tutors have confirmed students' option choices with the students in their tutor groups and letters have been given out confirming these choices. We were able to offer all students' subject specialisms once an EBacc subject was chosen.

Year 8/9 France Trip 17th to 21st October 2022

- Opal Coast, Northern France
- Practise your French for real and experience French culture and lifestyle
- 4 nights full board accommodation at a hotel
- £520 total cost for all travel, hotel and activities
- £50 initial deposit - **deadline extended to Thursday 21st April**

Activities will include:

- Interactive visit to French bakery
- Opalaventure (similar to Go Ape)
- Nausicaa (Europe's largest aquarium)
- Confectionery factory
- French food tasting and market visits
- Visit to Boulogne and beach day
- Evening entertainment
- Full time professional French animateur to accompany us throughout the trip

Interested?

[Click here for the link to the letter](#)

Please see or email Mr Stalker for more info!
astalker@parklandsacademy.co.uk

**Now open to Y9s
taking French!**

Please note that the above trip has now been opened up to **Year 9s** who are taking French as a subject specialism. [CLICK HERE FOR LINK TO THE LETTER](#)

Year 10 Messages

Thank you to those Year 10s who have brought back their WEX slips. I would appreciate the rest back in straight after the Easter break please.

I would suggest making a list of potential placements over the holiday - think about what you are interested in and see if there is a local company who does this kind of work. Ask family, relatives or neighbours if they know of any opportunities where they work.

Find out who the manager or owner of the business is - and address any letters or emails directly to them.

Have a wander into town and call in on businesses: cafes, restaurants, shops, offices Unless you ask, you will never know what is available!

Year 11 Messages

Summer 2022 student timetables were handed out this week to all pupils. Please ensure that these are kept in a safe place. The timetable is also available via the Edulink App

WaG Reports will be issued on the next Review Day, Wednesday 20th April.

This is not in Career News, but a local company based in Darwen, WEC Group Ltd., is offering a number of Welding and Fabrication apprenticeships starting in September 2022. The application deadline is Monday 2nd May, so be sure to send an application before then! Contact the recruitment team at recruitment@wecl.co.uk or www.wec-group.com/apprenticeship-apply-online.html
These are exciting opportunities to join one of the UK's top engineering companies and earn while you learn.

EASTER SCHOOL. Thank you in advance to the staff and students who have given up their holiday time for Easter school.

All students have been emailed a copy of the timetable and the subjects they are booked to attend. As these sessions are running outside of normal school hours, there will be a difference to some of the ways we operate- such as no catering facilities, non-uniform and different school hours. Full details [here](#). The deadline for bookings has closed - it is not possible to make additional bookings.



YEARBOOK



We need your photos from your time at Parklands.
This could be trips such as Ski, PGL's, Watersports, DofE.

Also NEW COLLAGE PAGE 'YOUNG LOVE' any pictures of
happy/unhappy couples over your 5 years!

MUST be a JPEG image and of a good quality, no screenshots or blurry
images.



yearbook@parklandsacademy.co.uk



YEARBOOK



Parents and carers
Please send your

- A 'baby' photo
- 1st day of year 7 photo
- photos to the email address below!

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



Deadline to pay 02/04/2021



yearbook@parklandsacademy.co.uk

Whole School Messages

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

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: 33 pupils since September
Year 8: 19 pupils since September
Year 9: 46 pupils since September
Year 10: 28 students since September
Year 11: 22 students since September

How many had the Perfect 3 in the previous week?

Years 7: 146 pupils
Year 8: 97 pupils
Year 9: 122 pupils
Year 10: 131 students
Year 11: 139 students

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

During our Autumn and Spring terms our wonderful pupils have amassed a magnificent 102,465 Achievement points. As a House, our pupils from Europe have taken the lead away from Asia, now with 21,931 points collectively, however other houses are very close contenders.

In House assemblies this week 196 pupils were awarded Bronze Certificates of Achievement for reaching the first milestone of 150 points, this was accompanied by an Easter Egg to enjoy over the Easter Break. Well done to all involved and a special mention to Finley (Europe), Sophie (Asia), Liam (South America), Robyn (Australasia) and Emilia (Africa) for having the highest number of Achievement points in their houses so far!

Keep up the good work everyone and have a fabulous Easter Break!



Parent governor vacancies

We currently have 3 vacancies for parent governors. For further information, please email admin@parklandsacademy.co.uk

Sandcastle Trip

All final payments must be paid by the end of today please.

Attendance matters!

Overall school attendance since September 91.6%

Overall school attendance for the week 91.5%

Attendance by House since September:

Asia 91.5%

Australasia 92.2%

Africa 91.1%

Europe 91.4%

South America 92.9%

Attendance by House for the week:

Asia 91.7%

Australasia 92.2%

Africa 91%

Europe 89.7%

South America 93.5%

Highest form attendance per House for the week:

Asia - Japan 96.9%

Australasia - Solomon Islands 98.9%

Africa - Ivory Coast 98.2%

Europe - Belgium 93.8%

South America - Venezuela 96.5%

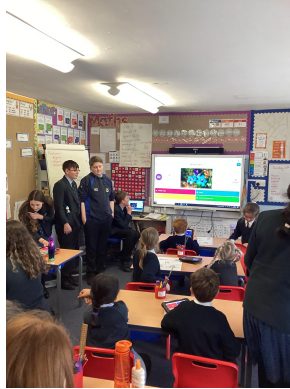


Join a sports club from our club links with sports clubs in Chorley, Leyland and the surrounding areas [here](#).

Whole School Messages

Miss Law's Aspire class visited St Mary's Primary school on Tuesday to deliver their projects on '**Environ-Mental Health**'.

They were teaching year 2 about the important link between the world around us and our mental health and wellbeing.



The year 9 students were wonderful teachers and the year 2s were engaged, excited and learnt a lot whilst having fun along the way.



Well done year 9! There are certainly some budding primary school teachers amongst you!



HOUSE COMPETITION 21/22



Science Quiz	ANZ	6	EUR	5	AFR	5	SAM	4	ASA	3
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AFRICA	126
EUROPE	115
AUSTRALASIA	112
ASIA	111
SOUTH AMERICA	109

The middle is looking close!



Barcelona Football Tour



We would like to get ALL pupils on the trip a training top and quarter zip that will have the embroidered badge and name/number on back instead of hoodies this year.

These can be used for matches and training while abroad as well as the quarter zip being used for PE lessons upon our return as it will have the school badge on.

We have subsidised the cost and just require a £30 contribution to cover the remaining costs. I am sure you will agree pupils will look brilliant in all matching kit.

You need to pay via SCOPAY and complete order form below

Google form to order [here](#) sizes are on the Google form. Please check carefully.



A reminder to parents whose pupils are on the football tour, please get your order in before the 1st April and pay via SCOPAY. Form is [here](#) with sizes.



FITNESS SUITE

Following a successful trial.

We are keeping MON-WEDS the same and have extended Thursday - Friday to years 9-11



MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI
GIRLS ONLY 9-11	BOYS ONLY 9-11	Year 9 ONLY	Year 9/10/11 ONLY	YEAR 9/10/11

Bronze Training Day - 2nd April 9-1pm

DofE Training Day

Drop off by 8.30am in order at Rivington Primary School, Horrobin Lane,
Rivington BL6 7SE

You need for this day:

Walking boots - if you do not have any please email NG I can get you some to borrow.

Rucksack for your lunch - Only needs to be a small bag for this day

Weather dependant clothing - e.g. Water proofs/sun hat.

Any medication - such as inhalers etc.

Please download OS Locate if you have an appropriate device.

Silver Training Day - 2nd April 9-1pm

DofE Training Day

Drop off by 8.30am in order at Rivington Primary School, Horrobin Lane,
Rivington BL6 7SE

You need for this day:

Walking boots - if you do not have any please email NG I can get you some to borrow.

Rucksack for your lunch - Only needs to be a small bag for this day

Weather dependant clothing - e.g. Water proofs/sun hat.

Any medication - such as inhalers etc.

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PGL WATERSPORTS 2023



FOR MORE FOOTAGE
CHECK OUT
@PEPARKLANDS

PGL WATERSPORTS 2023



£ 725

TWO CENTRE ADVENTURE
3 DAYS BEACH WATERSPORTS @ BEACH
2 DAYS DESCENT DOWN THE ARDECHE
1 DAY AT AQUALAND

31st July - 7th August 2023

ALL FOOD, TRANSPORT, EVENING ENTERTAINMENTS, AND
WATERPARK INCLUDED.

Letters have been emailed from Miss Greaves to parents
via edulink app.

Email ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk

Letter [here](#)

Whole School Messages

Due to having to postpone the ski trip to 2023 a small number of places have become available for additional students to attend.

Please see the advert below and if you are interested please contact Miss Marr for more information and a copy of the letter.

PARKLANDS HIGH SCHOOL SKI TRIP

- 5 full days with ski instruction
- Ski or snowboard hire
- Boot hire
- All meals provided including breakfast on the outbound and inbound journey
- Full area ski lift pass
- Apres ski programme including bowling, pizza, ice cream & disco
- Trip hoody
- Helmet hire
- Comprehensive winter sports insurance.

1st April 2023
7 days
Total cost: £999
Deposit: £100



**Email Miss Marr for a
letter or more
information**

gmarr@parklandsacademy.co.uk



Year 7 PGL Trip



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

Pupils will spend the weekend completing PGL activities and enjoying evening entertainment that will focus on team building as well as having 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!

This trip has taken place before with great success and we are really pleased to be able to offer it again. All food and travel is included in the price and pupils will be accompanied by their House Leaders and members of the Parklands staff.

This is a fantastic opportunity for pupils to interact following their first week at Parklands. The trip will take place between Friday 16th September & Sunday 18th September 2022. 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 an optional trip.

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 directly ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk



This will take you to the Google Form



Thank you
for all your
hard work this term



From all the HALS



Performed on

WEDNESDAY 27th APRIL

and

THURSDAY 28th APRIL

at 7.00pm

Tickets £5 adults, £3 concessions

**Available from the Pavilion office
at lunchtimes only**

ON SALE: 7th MARCH





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SCHOOL
LOTTERY**



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A WHEELIE AWESOME PRIZE!



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£500
BIKE
VOUCHER

- Help give our fundraising a much needed boost
- Tickets cost £1 each
- Cash prize every week
- Win up to £25,000

To support your school, go to:
YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/play
and search for: Parklands



Career News



**Business Management
Easter Work Experience with
CIMA**

Monday 11th April 9am - 4pm
(CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANTS)
BUSINESS, FINANCE & ACCOUNTING

Would you be interested in some Business Management work experience?
On Monday 11th April from 9:00am - 4:00pm we'll be hosting CIMA's Business & Management Virtual Work Experience. The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA), founded in 1919, is the world's largest and most professional body of management accountants.

Your top 5 links for this term

From work experience ideas, to how to revise, here are our top 5 careers advice articles for students

success at school

Your top 5 links:

1. Work experience ideas

My net zero community

Take part in this year's Ultimate STEM Challenge

Get out into your local community over the Easter holidays to start thinking about how you can help reduce the climate-changing gases in our atmosphere. Would you add wind turbines or solar panels, greener transport or plant-covered buildings? Make sure you think outside the box and enter your creative ideas using the simple form provided.

CAREER News

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

Here we are already - the Easter holidays. It's been a very busy term with college and mock interviews, the Careers Fair and just last week, the launch of Work Experience for Year 10s. A number of local primary schools, nurseries and other businesses have already indicated that they are happy to offer placements to students for their WEX week, so hopefully everyone will undertake a meaningful insight into the world of work.

In other news, lots of events offer this week and over the holidays:

- Virtual work experience with CIMA and Young Professionals in Business Management and a Technology Day with companies such as PwC, Capgemini, IBM, Virgin Media and others.
- There is a final open event at Wigan & Leigh College in April (booking advised) for Year 10 and 11, so go and have a look around. The T Level centre, Pearson's Walk centre and Paperfield centre will all be open, so if you haven't been, or want to see a different area - get that booking sorted!
- The Medic Mentor family have expanded to include Law Mentor - why not book onto the very first Law Conference and meet Chief Mentor, Judge Emma Serrano.
- For budding entrepreneurs, download The Enterprise Guide from Pearson Business School - it's free and will give you loads of insider information about becoming an entrepreneur.
- For sports-minded students, there is the BWFC Women's Elite Development Squad trials and a 'Careers in Sport' event at Preston North End (QR code to register).
- Spring into Success with InvestIN and check out their Career Roadmap, or book a Summer Career Experience in Law, Medicine, Engineering and many more.
- Enter the Net Zero competition - Ideal for creative eco-minded students - link to the entry form inside.
- Slaps on revision, finding work experience, learning styles and revision timetables - plus a handy guide to CVs for anyone applying for apprenticeships or part-time jobs.
- Finally, a roundup of the local apprenticeship vacancies on Gov.UK and Career of the Week & Public Relations Officer - inspired by this week's OSCAR ceremony ...

Have a lovely Easter break! *Hvón þess mátt!*

Easter holiday - return to school 19th April 2022

OPEN EVENING

25 APRIL FROM 4.30PM

Learn more about:
A Levels
Vocational & Technical subjects including T Levels
Apprenticeships

Wigan & Leigh College

Final Open Event Reminder - Wigan Centres

Year 11: It's not too late. Year 10: It's not too early.

WIGAN & LEIGH COLLEGE - FINAL OPEN EVENT OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR

Wigan Centres, Monday 25th April, 4.30pm - 7.30pm

Please book your place, to help us manage visitor numbers

It is very much a last chance for Year 11s who are looking at the College to come and see the facilities, speak with tutors across all courses and make any last-minute applications.

The event is also an ideal time for year 10s to visit the College and we would encourage promotion of this event to Year 10s who may be looking to do College options for the first time and considering their post 16 choices prior to Year 11.

competition here



[For this week's edition of Careers News please follow this link](#)

As always, there are lots of great opportunities for students in Career News. There are some amazing virtual work experience offers from top employers, open days and events, medical and now law conferences for those aspiring medics and lawyers, summer career experiences, advice and tips for revision, applying for work experience or writing a CV, a roundup of the latest apprenticeship vacancies and finally, Career of the Week!