



PARKLANDS BULLETIN

1 Mar - 5 Mar 2021: Week 2



Headteacher's Message

Dear parents, carers and students,

Further to the government's announcement about the reopening of schools, please find below details for Parklands. This information is based on the publication from the Department for Education (click [here](#) for the document).

Testing

Parents and carers should have received a communication from Ms Slater regarding consent for the lateral flow tests. Please ensure you complete this, even if you do not give consent. Where consent has not been given, students will be expected to return to school as per our phased reopening. For children under 12 years of age, the guidance states an adult must carry out the test; we shall not administer tests on 11 year olds in school as we are not medically trained professionals. As soon as the home-testing kits arrive, we will distribute them to these students for parents/carers to administer should they wish.

We are expected to conduct 3 x lateral flow tests in school and students that take the test will only be permitted into lessons with a negative result. Students with a positive test result will be sent home with a PCR test to complete. If a negative result is received from this test then the student may return to school. A positive PCR test will result in the need to complete the 10 day self-isolation period along with everyone in their household from the date of the first positive lateral flow test.

Regardless of results, once all three tests have been completed, families who have consented to testing will be provided with home testing kits from school and results must be reported to school. Further guidance will be available once we have received it.

Phased reopening

In order to ensure we can carry out the tests in a safe manner where we can educate students on how to complete the tests correctly, we will be reopening from Monday 8th March with a phased return for the various year groups. Work will be set on Google Classroom (but no live lessons) for students at home, but we do not expect them to complete the work for those lessons when they are making their way into school for testing and then returning home. Please see the table on pages 4 and 5 for full details of when students will return and when they will be tested. We will explain this further to students when they're in school.

Please note that the key worker provision will not be available on Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th March.

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Day-to-day school activities

Covid: the same procedures will continue to apply for Covid or suspected Covid cases. You must **not** send your child to school if they (or someone else in the household) have one of the three main symptoms. Click [here](#) for further details from the Lancashire Resilience Forum which includes additional symptoms. Please continue to report Covid cases to Mrs Fish on 01257 264596 or attendance@parklandsacademy.co.uk and work will be available via Google Classroom for isolating students.

Face coverings: it is now expected that students wear face coverings where social distancing cannot be maintained **and this has been extended to include inside classrooms at least until the Easter break**. This is an additional measure for a limited time during this period of high coronavirus prevalence in the community. Face coverings do not need to be worn when outdoors on the premises. This does not apply to those who cannot wear a face covering because of a physical impairment or disability, illness or mental health difficulties. Please speak with your child's Houseleader if you have any questions.

Attendance: full attendance is mandatory and the usual absence reporting procedures will apply. The DfE guidance is clear that all students must return, unless they have received official notification that they must shield. We will need to see a copy of this letter/email that has been sent by Matt Hancock, Health Secretary, please send a copy to attendance@parklandsacademy.co.uk.

School meals: Mellors, our school caterer, will return from Monday 8th March. All students eligible for free school meals, once back in school, will be catered for by Mellors. However, if your child is not in school due to self-isolation or due to the phased return, free school meals will be provided by The Bees Country Kitchen in Chorley. Eligible families **must** contact The Bees via thebeescountrykitchen@gmail.com in order to place orders for food. The vouchers will not be available. We will continue to have staggered lunches which ran successfully during the Autumn term.

Entrance points: As students will continue to remain in year-group *bubbles*, entrances as follows:
Years 11, 10 & 9 should enter via the gate near the multi-gym and walk down past the multi-gym
Year 8 should enter via the pedestrian gate on Southport Road
Year 7 should enter via the staff car park on Glamis Drive

Uniform: full uniform is expected and students as previously can wear PE kit on days when they have PE (which is not classroom based, eg for GCSE PE). Changing facilities continue to remain closed. Nu-Uniform (<https://www.nuuniforms.com>) is open for online ordering with a click and collect service for any uniform that is required. We understand that some parents may struggle to purchase certain items and so we will allow a period of grace until after the Easter holidays. However, for **Year 11 students only** we do not expect parents/carers to purchase new PHS-branded trousers for the remainder of their child's time with us - plain, black non-branded trousers are acceptable (but no *skinny* style please).

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Extra-curricular provision: this can now resume but will follow a year-group programme. Further details to follow in the Parklands bulletin.

School transport: Services will run as normal with students being required to wear face coverings at all times. Government guidelines encouraging students to walk, cycle or be dropped by parents still apply.

Equipment: It is worth reminding you to send your child with their own equipment. They also need to bring back exercise books / folders etc that are at home so they can use them in class.

Thank you for all your support during this difficult time and I hope we can start to get back to some sense of normality very soon.

Kind regards,
Mr Mitchell

TIMETABLE FOR WEEKS COMMENCING 8th & 15th March

Students testing in the sports hall should enter the school via the student entrance at 8.30am

Non-testing students should enter school via their usual entrance at 8.40am

| Date | Year group / Attendance | | Details |
|----------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---|
| Monday 8th | Year 11 | In all day | Testing at 8.30 in sports hall then lessons from period 2. Non-testing Y11s go to form at 8.40 until 10.00 |
| | Year 10 | Pupils testing only | Testing at 12pm then go home Non-testing Y10s do not attend school |
| | Year 9 | Not in | Do not attend school |
| | Year 8 | Not in | Do not attend school |
| | Year 7 | Not in | Do not attend school |
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| Tuesday 9th | Year 11 | In all day | |
| | Year 10 | In all day | |
| | Year 9 | In all day | Testing at 8.30 then return to lesson once finished Non-testing Y9s go to form at 8.40 and lesson 1 from 9.00 |
| | Year 8 | Not in | Testing at 12pm then go home Non-testing Y8s do not attend school |
| | Year 7 | Not in | Do not attend school |
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| Wednesday 10th | Year 11 | In all day | |
| | Year 10 | In all day | |
| | Year 9 | In all day | |
| | Year 8 | In all day | |
| | Year 7 | In all day | Testing at 8.30 then return to lesson once finished Non-testing Y7s go to form at 8.40 and lesson 1 from 9.00 |
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| Thursday 11th | Year 11 | In all day | Testing at 8.30 then return to lesson once finished. Non-testing Y11s go to form at 8.40 then lesson 1 at 9.00 |
| | Year 10 | In all day | Testing 11.20 then return to lesson once finished. Non-testing Y10s go to lesson 3 after break as normal. |
| | Year 9 | In all day | |
| | Year 8 | In all day | |
| | Year 7 | In all day | |
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| Friday 12th | Year 11 | In all day | |
| | Year 10 | In all day | |
| | Year 9 | In all day | Testing at 8.30 then return to lesson once finished. Non-testing Y9s go to form at 8.40 and lesson 1 at 9.00 |
| | Year 8 | In all day | Testing at 11.20 then return to lesson once finished. Non-testing Y8s go to lesson after break as normal. |
| | Year 7 | In all day | |

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| Monday 15th | Year 11 | In all day | Testing at 11.20 then return to lesson once finished. Non-testing Y11s go to lesson after break as normal. |
| | Year 10 | In all day | Testing at 2.00 then return to lesson 5. Non-testing Y10s go straight to lesson 5. |
| | Year 9 | In all day | |
| | Year 8 | In all day | |
| | Year 7 | In all day | Testing at 8.30 then return to lesson once finished. Non-testing Y7s go to form at 8.40 then lesson 1 at 9.00 |
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| Tuesday 16th | Year 11 | In all day | |
| | Year 10 | In all day | |
| | Year 9 | In all day | Testing at 8.30 then return to lesson once finished. Non-testing Y9s go to form as normal and lesson 1 at 9.00 |
| | Year 8 | In all day | Testing at 11.20 then return to lesson once finished. Non-testing Y8s go to lesson 3 as normal. |
| | Year 7 | In all day | |
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| Wednesday 17th | Year 11 | In all day | |
| | Year 10 | In all day | |
| | Year 9 | In all day | |
| | Year 8 | In all day | |
| | Year 7 | In all day | |
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| Thursday 18th | Year 11 | In all day | |
| | Year 10 | In all day | |
| | Year 9 | In all day | |
| | Year 8 | In all day | |
| | Year 7 | In all day | Testing at 8.30am then return to lesson once finished. Non-testing Y7s go to form as normal and lesson 1 at 9.00 |

GCSE Update

Dear Year 11 students, parents and carers,

No doubt you have been listening with interest to the latest announcement made this week by the Education Secretary, Gavin Williamson, in relation to this year's exams.

We were already aware that summer exams were not taking place but yesterday further information was released.

Mr Williamson confirmed that *"students will receive grades determined by their teachers, with assessments covering what they were taught, and not what they have missed."* Schools have been told that centre assessed grades will take into account *"a range of evidence, to underpin their assessments, including coursework, in-class tests set by the school, and the use of optional questions provided by exam boards."* Click [here](#) to read the Education Secretary's full statement

We only get to hear news related to education and exams at the point it is released to the nation. Therefore, schools are awaiting further guidance and information on quality assurance from the DfE and exam boards. Once we are clearer on this, we will let you know.

In the meantime, we feel assured that the approach and guidance we have taken with the current Year 11, since the first lockdown last year, has given students the best possible opportunity to reach their potential. With regular assessment points through the year, in all subjects, teachers have a wealth of evidence on which to base their assessments. Until we receive further updates, we continue to advise all Year 11s to engage with all the work they are set in all their subjects to the best of their ability.

How GCSEs, AS and A levels will be awarded in summer 2021

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Working out your grade



Graded by teacher judgement



Not graded by an algorithm



School and college assessments can continue



You'll only be assessed on what you've been taught



Your teacher will tell you what evidence is used to grade you



Private candidates to work with a school, college or exam centre to provide evidence for them to be graded

Evidence



Mocks, tests and work already done can be used as evidence



Non-exam assessment should continue



Non-exam assessments can be used as evidence even if incomplete



Art & design grade based only on your portfolio



Teachers can use question banks provided by exam boards if they want to



Results will be based on completed and future work, so keep doing your best

Results and appeals



Results days
AS and A level 10 August
GCSE 12 August



If you're unhappy with your grade, you can appeal it. First step is to submit an appeal to your school or college.

You can find out more details from your school, college or exam board, or by visiting the Ofqual website



www.gov.uk/ofqual

Year 7 Messages

Science department Flower Dissection challenge! YEAR 7 and 8
What better way to celebrate the impending arrival of SPRING, than with a flower dissection HOUSE COMPETITION! Please read [this document](#) for details of how to take part. Add your entry to [this form](#) when you have completed the challenge, and win house points, achievement points, and prizes!

Year 8 Messages

Science department Flower Dissection challenge! YEAR 7 and 8
What better way to celebrate the impending arrival of SPRING, than with a flower dissection HOUSE COMPETITION! Please read [this document](#) for details of how to take part. Add your entry to [this form](#) when you have completed the challenge, and win house points, achievement points, and prizes!

Year 9 Messages

None this week.

Year 10 Messages

None this week.

Year 11 Messages

PARENTS EVENING

We shall be holding a virtual parents evening in the next half-term. We are currently setting the system up & shall provide further details when we have them but the date is now **18th March.**

Runshaw College - final open event 3rd March

Registration for the upcoming virtual open event on 3rd March is now live here:

<https://openday.runshaw.ac.uk/>

You should all have had the postcard (posted on Google Classroom). The new and improved virtual open event platform is packed full of live chats, 3D tours, staff and student videos, course and college information and opportunities to chat to teachers and support staff via online chat or by phone.

The event is registration only and those who sign up to the event will receive a link via email to access the online platform on Wednesday 3rd March prior to the event going live at 3.30pm

If anyone has any questions, please email openevents@runshaw.ac.uk

Reminder: Runshaw are NOT interviewing until enrolment in August. As long as you have applied and had confirmation of your submission, you have a conditional place.

Year 11 Messages

Cardinal Newman College - final chance to apply

<https://uos.cardinalnewman.ac.uk/website/cnols/default.aspx>

Our initial application deadline may have passed, but there is still time for you to get your application in! We have a huge range of courses to suit, so what are you waiting for - apply online today!

<https://www.cardinalnewman.ac.uk/subject-videos/>



Have a look at the videos in the link above if you need more information about a particular subject.

Myerscough College are holding an Advice Morning online on Saturday 13th March from 10am to 12.30pm. Instructions on how to book are through the "What's on" section of Myerscough's website. Or you can simply visit the website on either of these dates.

Following the success and popularity of our January event we are pleased to announce we will be running our **UK University & Apprenticeship Search Virtual Fair** again on **Wednesday 17th March**. The event for students in Years 11 will feature even more university exhibitors (**100+**) and an updated range of vital webinars. We have also now added an exciting new feature which enables users to view **virtual tours** of exhibitors' university campuses.

Register, see our list of exhibitors and webinars at: <https://ukunisearch.vfairs.com/>



VIRTUAL CAREERS EVENTS

4th March 2021, Open between 11:30am and 6pm - drop in at a time that suits you!



A great opportunity to meet some of our team and discuss what a career at MBDA could look like for you! If you are looking for Apprenticeship opportunities, we'll be showcasing the varied career opportunities we have on offer across our business. You must register in advance:

<https://www.mbdacareers.co.uk/careers-events>

Available this term, free-of-charge, 'Live Online' seminars specifically designed to help parents increase their children's chances of success.

[The Skills Surgery, Wednesday 24th February, 7-8pm \(GMT\)](#)

How to break into careers in medicine, dentistry and veterinary science, led by Dr. Manik Kohli, Specialist Registrar in Sexual Health & HIV Medicine.

[The Power of Networks, Wednesday 3rd March, 7-8pm \(GMT\)](#)

Expert advice on how your child can build a powerful network, led by Heather White, CEO and founder of Smarter Networking.



Attention any aspiring hair stylists or make-up artists!

I am excited to announce “Glow Up! Blackburn College’s next Hair & Beauty Star” competition for year 10 & year 11 pupils.

Pupils will be sent 3 separate tutorial videos with useful hints and tips and will then be required to recreate their very own makeup and hair look! Successful entries will then progress to the finals held at Blackburn College Hair & Beauty studios in June (date TBC) where the competition will be judged by local professionals from the industry!

The winner will be in with the chance to **win their very own Hair & Beauty kit worth over £200**, as well as Blackburn College **purchasing an item for the winning pupil’s school up to the value of £250!** The competition will also be showcased by our local media!

Pupils must register their interest on the following web link by **Friday 12th March**.

Please ensure you complete registration with your email as this is required to share the tutorial videos with you.

<https://www.blackburn.ac.uk/glow-up/>

<https://www.thewowshow.org/health-careers-special/>



There’s much more to a career in health than being a doctor or nurse. Find out about the exciting and fulfilling roles of 150,000 Allied Health Professionals that make up a third of the NHS workforce.

The WOW Show takes you behind the scenes to meet some of the inspirational people who are making a real difference to people’s lives.

This programme was produced in association with NHS Health Education England.

<https://www.pearsoncollegelondon.ac.uk/escape-studios/careers/quiz.html>

If you are interested in a career in the creative sector, but not entirely sure what you would be best suited to?



Not sure which career path to take? [Take our free Careers Quiz](#) to discover what studio department you’re most suited to.

You can also download a free copy of our Careers Guide and find out more about the exciting opportunities within the fields of VFX, game art, animation, motion graphics and producing.

You’ll find all the essential information you need - from job roles and expected salaries to the skill requirements and qualifications needed to enter this ever-evolving future-proof industry.

<https://catalyst-magazine.org/>

The latest issue of Catalyst is all about climate change! Packed with interviews and articles, which include various career aspects, making it easy for students to follow the career journey of the author.

Generation Tempest & Factory of the Future - BAE Systems

Two ground breaking projects we are working on at BAE Systems is 'Generation Tempest' and 'Factory of the Future'. Both projects will feature in our virtual careers space during National Careers Week. You can visit our Generation Tempest

<https://www.baesystems.com/en-uk/product/generation-tempest> webpage, where we've recently launched our 'Inside the Ideas Factory' campaign. Voiced by members of our current apprentice population, these animations help to bring to life what could be possible with a career in STEM, and help show that if you join a BAE Systems early careers scheme, you won't just be building your future, you'll be building *the* future.

Engineer Your Career is a NEW, free, virtual event

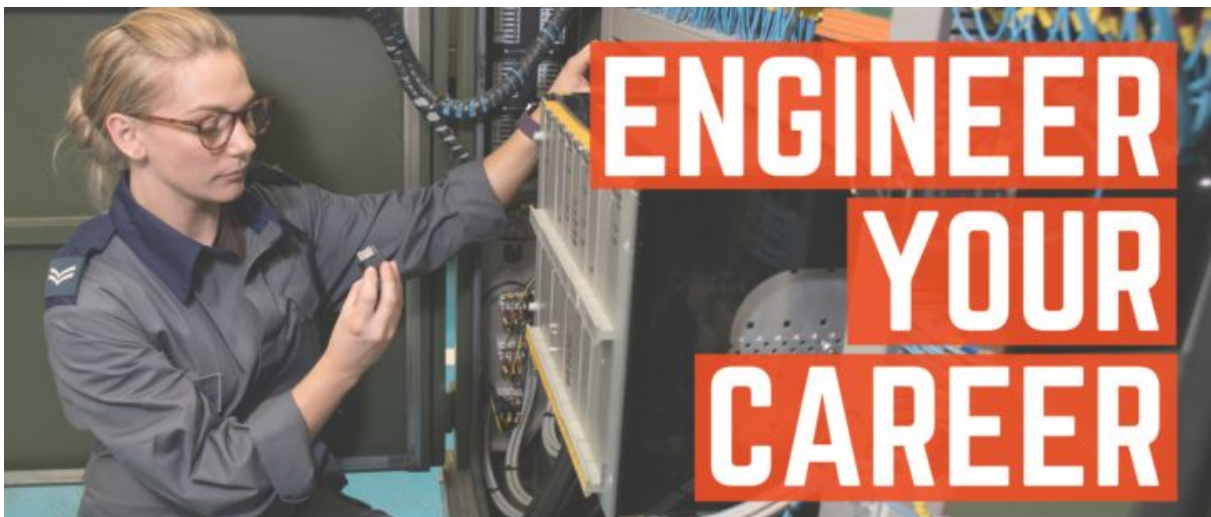
Taking place on 4th March, the event is aimed at school, college and university students through to postgraduates and early career changers. The event will coincide with World Engineering Day to join the celebration of Engineering as a career.

Hosted by Campus Media, the event is designed to stream live and watch on demand, showcasing the best of UK engineering talent and employers where you will gain valuable insights into different engineering roles and organisations. Offering the perfect chance to discover more about the industry, talk to employers about their opportunities and get advice on how to work within an industry that is shaping our world.

Here's what to expect on the day:

- Advice from inspiring speakers,
- Youth panel talks about apprenticeship and graduate routes into engineering,
- Engineering - myth V reality,
- Engineering in the RAF, live panel & careers insights,
- Soft Skills workshop,
- Further education courses to study,
- Employer insights
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For more information visit: <https://campusmedia.typeform.com/to/u1AKElo2>



For all aspiring medics - UCAT Masterclass and our UCAT Mock Exam Day (M.E.D.)

UCAT Masterclass' UCAT Mock Exam Day (M.E.D.) is the [largest free online UCAT mock exam](#) and it is being held this Sunday, 28 February 2021. So far, over 2000 students worldwide have signed up for the computer-based exam. These students will all receive a percentile ranking and score, just like the UCAT.

This is your last chance in 2021 to:

- experience the unique exam in our replica UCAT exam simulator,
- receive your mock UCAT score,
- learn your percentile rank against other candidates, and
- view a detailed breakdown of how you performed in each section.

Students can access the exam by creating a free account, [here](#). You just need an email to register.

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For any budding journalists, you can check out our blogs on getting into journalism here:

<https://schoolofjournalism.co.uk/getting-into-journalism/>

Apprenticeship Notifications

February Parents' & Carers' Pack - Amazing Apprenticeships

In the [February issue](#) we look at NAW2021 highlights, apprenticeship entry requirements, apprentice and employer perspectives, apprenticeships in the Care sector, T Level & Traineeship info and more!

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch>

Some very good apprenticeship positions available currently on the Gov.UK site (link above) including:

- Early Years Professional Level 3 at Duke Street and Highfield Nursery Schools
- Childcare Apprentice at Busy Bees Nursery
- Apprentice Hairstylist at Eclipse Hair Design
- Laboratory Technician Level 3 Apprentice at 55 Group

Plus the Leyland Trucks vacancies are still open - deadline coming up though!



PARKLANDS HEAD PUPILS WEEKLY CHECK IN

WK COMMENCING: 22/02/21



Hi everyone!

I hope you are all safe and well, and aren't struggling too much with your online school work. I know that sometimes the workload can be a bit overwhelming and with everything that is going on in the world at the moment I understand that it can be quite difficult to stay on top of work and to make sure that you are not behind on any tasks.

Now that we are back to online working after a week off, I thought that I would give you all some tips on how to stay organised and how to make sure that you complete your work on time.

I find that setting a routine and sticking to it everyday helps me to focus and get my work done. Perhaps you can set an alarm to wake up at a certain time in the morning before school so that you have time to wake up, eat a nice breakfast and be energised and ready for your day at school. Stick to your timetable. Sometimes people can work over their set hour for a lesson which then causes them to be behind on work for other subjects. Just remember that if we were in school and you didn't finish the work in that lesson you would have to stop, move on, and go to your next lesson. That shouldn't be any different now that we are online. Try and get as much done as you can and try your best that is all that anyone expects from you.

Why not start a new hobby? Sometimes learning something new can relax and help people's mind set. During this lockdown I have been learning how to play the piano. I can now read sheet music and I have a new skill that I can use. Why not try to learn a new instrument? Or learn how to cook? The choices are endless.

Another piece of advice from me would be to set yourself challenges or goals such as to get all your schoolwork finished and handed in on time. During this lockdown I have set myself the challenge to try and read 50 books before my birthday. So far I have read 37 books and I have a month left to finish my goal! I know that by setting this goal I have not only read a lot more than I usually do but my mental health has benefited from it a lot.

Remember stay safe, stay 2 meters apart, wear a face covering and stay productive. I hope you all have a great week and hopefully we can get back into school and normal learning soon! Eadie)



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A charity I am an Ambassador for and am really enjoying volunteering with!



Hi everyone!

I hope you are all well, and despite yet another lockdown, managing to get on okay. I know how difficult lockdown has been in the past, and we are faced with another set of challenges this time. Not only is it difficult to focus on schoolwork and to keep your standards up, but for many families, this time can be emotionally challenging too, but I know with a positive mindset and a smile on your face, you can achieve everything you set your mind to!

My biggest tip to you is to set a routine, and stick to it. That way, you can complete all of your work without feeling the pressure of getting it done last minute, and you can have some well deserved free time to yourself too! During that free time it is really important that you do the activities you love, relax and take time to let your brain wind down.

A fantastic way to relax and still be productive is to volunteer with an organisation or research the career you want to go into! Not only will this help you to stay motivated during lockdown and give you a way to wind down, but it will give you a head start on the experience and knowledge you will really need a couple of years - especially if you are in Year Nine and above - make the best use of the extra time you have now!

Get googling on careers and any virtual volunteering opportunities which suit you - there's plenty out there and it's never too early to start!

I hope you all stay well, keep smiling, and I look forward to seeing you all as soon as we can!

Malika :)