



PARKLANDS BULLETIN

26 Apr - 30 Apr 2021: Week 1



Message from the Headteacher

Dear parents, carers and students,

Updated COVID Guidance

Thank you for continuing to conduct the lateral flow tests at home. They are an incredibly useful tool in helping us to keep our school community as COVID-free as we possibly can. This week we were made aware of two positive cases in Year 8 and as ever, parents and carers were very supportive when we had to suddenly send the close contacts home. We will send reminders every Sunday and Wednesday regarding testing, and please continue to send us notification of positive results to attendance@parklandsacademy.co.uk. Staff and students who have a positive LFD test result, and their close contacts and other members of their household, should self-isolate immediately in line with [NHS Test and Trace guidance](#) and while awaiting the PCR result. The PCR test must take place within 48 hours of the LFD test but if this does not happen, then the LFD test result alone is valid. If the PCR test is negative, it overrides a positive LFD test and the staff and student can return to school, and their close contacts can also end their self-isolation. Please don't worry too much about the rules - Mrs Fish as COVID Manager will always give you the latest guidance to follow.

Uniform & Standards

Thank you for your continued support regarding uniform. I fully appreciate how confusing it has been over recent weeks and months and how difficult it has been to source new items of uniform. As we approach the end of restrictions as per the government's roadmap, I am now planning with my senior team for the return to normality. The increased focus we have placed on uniform standards this week is part of that planning, as we are now returning to pre-COVID expectations apart from PE kit on PE days, as we are still unable to open up the changing rooms. Please be advised that there is nothing new about our expectations - we are simply reinforcing general school rules.

Unlocking

Should the government's roadmap be successful and restrictions are removed from 21st June, we will have 5 school weeks remaining. We are planning on returning to normal for those 5 weeks, which means the following:

- Removal of year-group bubbles, which will require the movement of pupils around the school again which may be a particular challenge for our Year 7s
- Removal of year-group zones
- Removal of split lunches
- Return to Vertical Tutoring
- Return to full uniform every day as the changing rooms will be back in use for PE
- Return to a broader extra-curricular programme

We are not intending to run our usual Learning Challenge Week this year, but we will plan events such as sports day during the final week of the school year. Sadly, we won't be able to award a House Shield this year so Europe House will continue as champions for the academic year 2021-2022, much to Mrs Fox's delight!

Kind regards,
Mr Mitchell



HM Government

NHS

Test and Trace

Twice weekly rapid COVID-19 testing

Test at home
Report online
Keep life moving

Let's take this next step safely.

GET YOUR TESTS
FROM SCHOOL OR COLLEGE





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Year 7 Messages

See whole school message for 2022 Normandy Food Tour information

Year 8 Messages

See whole school message for 2022 Normandy Food Tour information

See Year 9 messages for information on Parklands Safety Group

Year 9 Messages

Coming soon **Parklands Safety Group**. This might not sound like the most exciting thing ever, but trust me, you'll love being a part of it!

The previous team ended up winning the national competition and were invited to a celebration in London. We now need a new team to defend the title. Look out for more details shortly on how to get involved. We will need people who are good at public speaking, those who are technically minded, budding journalists or authors, model makers, film makers - in fact a whole range of skills! Watch this space.

See whole school message for 2022 Normandy Food Tour information

Year 10 Messages

The calendared Year 10 Parents Evening will take place remotely via SchoolCloud on **Thursday 6th May**, between 4pm and 7pm. All Year 10 parents and carers will receive an email from school next week, which will contain information regarding how to log in and book appointments.

See whole school message for 2022 Normandy Food Tour information

Year 11 Messages

Year 11 Careers Drop-in is every Friday in A21, from 1.20 - 2.00pm

Come along for a chat about any aspect of careers: colleges, courses, apprenticeships, application forms, interviews, etc. No need to book an appointment - just call in.

Year 11 Messages

Prom is on!

Date; Thursday 8th July 2021. Tickets will be priced at £35 and will be on sale from Wednesday 26th May from the main office and online via scopay.

Pupils - Keep an eye out for a questionnaire from Mrs Haslam. It's your chance to say what you would like at your Prom!

If you have any questions please email shaslam@parklandsacademy.co.uk

Prom is a privilege and any pupils who fail to follow rules or maintain our expectations will have their invite withdrawn. School cannot be held responsible for any financial outlay if pupils' behaviour or attitude precludes them from attending.

Wigan & Leigh College

FINAL Virtual Open Event of the academic year: Monday 26th April 2021

Year 11s - applications for courses are still open, so it's not too late to apply.

Year 10s, who may be looking to get a first glimpse of what is on offer at the College are welcome to attend.

Registration for the event and
Information on the presentation and talks
can be found here: <https://wiganleigh.onlineopendays.com/>



Students can book onto the specific subjects they are interested in and tailor the evening to their career aspirations - with the opportunity to ask our specialist tutors and teams questions.

Whole School Messages

MESSAGE FROM THE CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER

I wrote to you last month to tell you about The Big Ask – the largest ever survey of children in England, designed to find out what their concerns and aspirations about the future are.

I'm now writing to let you know that The Big Ask is now live at <http://thebigask.uk/>

I need your school's help to make The Big Ask a success. Please encourage all of your pupils to respond to the survey using the link above.

The survey will be accompanied by an online assembly [introduced by England and Manchester United footballer Marcus Rashford](#).

The results from this survey will help me identify the barriers preventing children from reaching their potential, put forward solutions and set ambitious goals for the country to achieve. I need to reach as many children as possible through The Big Ask – the more I hear from, the stronger the results will be.

Thank you in advance for helping me put children and young people at the heart of the country's plans to rebuild for the future.

Sincerely,

Dame Rachel de Souza

Children's Commissioner for England

Remote Learning Access

Laptops loaned from school during Lockdown should now have been returned. If not already done so, please arrange the return immediately, thank you.

Whole School Messages

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

Perfect 3s

Has your child continued to achieve the perfect 3 since September 2021. There are pupils 170 with the perfect 3 - Well done!

Year 7: 26 pupils
Year 8: 43 pupils
Year 9: 37 students
Year 10: 32 students
Year 11: 32 students

Who had the perfect 3 last week?

Year 7: 149 Pupils
Year 8: 142 Pupils
Year 9: 106 Pupils
Year 10: 146 students
Year 11: 175 students

Please congratulate your child if they are one of the perfect 3s! All BfL scores can be found in the Edulink app.

2022 Normandy Food Tour Years 7,8,9 &10



- Boulangerie – bread making
- Goats Cheese Farm
- Oyster Farm
- Visit to Bayeaux Market and shopping
- Sweet Making Factory
- Apple Juice & Cider Farm
- Arromanches 360 Cinema – D-Day Landing beaches and WWII history.
- Food Tour Party and Campfire
- Local Market and shopping at Deauville
- ... and more!



Staying
at
Chateau
Du Baffy



Please see below for
links to a letter and
booking form.
Thanks, Mrs Brookes



4 days 4th-7th April 2022 - £450

For more information please email sbrookes@parklandsacademy.co.uk

Huge WELL DONE to Ashton in Year 10 for his rocket launch! See his videos [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#). Ashton designed and made his rocket all by himself and it flew approximately 30 metres into the air. Ashton clearly has a talent for design and he should be really proud of his achievement. Our country needs innovators and designers like him - you never, he could be the next Elon Musk!

Whole School Messages

Uniform Standards

It appears that there has been some confusion over the recent Parklands Bulletin message with regards to uniform. We have been lenient and pragmatic this year in respect to our uniform policy, however now that all the shops are open we expect, moreover, need parental support to ensure that all our expected standards are met. For further clarification, please see below.

All items of uniform are now available from Nu Uniform and Jada. Ties are available from school and cost £7.

Blazers should be worn at all times, unless a member of staff allows them to be removed. This includes those days that your child is doing PE.

Hoodies are not allowed on in school. A blazer, shirt or PE top is now sufficient. The Parklands PE hoody may be worn for outdoor activities only.

All pupils should now have school shoes. Trainers are not allowed unless it is a PE day. Those pupils who are wearing trainers will have them removed and school will provide them with a suitable replacement for the day.

Jewellery and piercings are not allowed and will be confiscated until the end of the week.

Pupils can only wear Parklands PE kit for PE lessons. They must not wear their own tracksuit bottoms, leggings or shorts. They must be the AKOA Parklands tracksuit bottoms, leggings or shorts. The socks must be white or Parklands blue football socks. Any type of white sock is allowed such as trainer or ankle socks etc. They can only wear a Parklands PE hoodie for outdoor sport; no other hoodie is allowed.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Keep checking out **Indigo** (as it is updated constantly). There are well over 600 jobs featured - everything from Accounts Manager to Zoologist, many with videos from people doing those jobs. Fill in the short questionnaire so that the list is tailored to your particular interests and you may just find your dream career!

Email Miss Berry for your unique username and password (pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk)
The link to Indigo is in your Careers area on Google Classroom.

Wellbeing

'We Are With You' – Mental Health Support for Young People

A website has been developed for young people under the age of 25 in the Lancashire area to support their well-being and mental health called 'We Are With You' (click [here](#)). Young people will be able to complete a short well-being questionnaire, which will help young people think about their own mental health. They will then have the opportunity to access an appointment to speak with someone on specified days, as well as access other links for help and support.

Trigger warning: rape and sexual assault.

Unfortunately, it has come to light that there are videos circulating Tik Tok stating that this Saturday (24th April) is 'National Rape Day'. The videos state that it is 'legal' to sexually assault and rape women on this day, and also includes ways to carry out these acts and how to get away with it. In response, many accounts are posting videos on how to stay safe, and urging people to stay indoors. It is not known if this is a 'joke' or is in fact going to be actioned by people, but it is very disturbing and scary to hear that it is being discussed and circulated.

I wanted to share so we, our friends and families, and the people we work alongside are alert to the posed risk in the case that there are individuals taking this seriously and intending to carry out these acts.

This is a cause for alarm for all of us and the people we work alongside, but due to the increased likelihood of our young people using the Tik Tok app, I would suggest staff/parents & carers begin speaking with them and determining whether it is something they have seen/heard about, what they are feeling as a result, and if there are any actions you can take together to help them feel safe / supported.

For more information please click [here](#)

Oxford Scholastica Academy

Oxford Scholastica Academy invites all aspiring law or medical students to join their **Live Mock Murder Trial** event (Sat 8 May, 11-5pm) and **GP Live** event (Sat 29th May, 11-5pm). These exciting, immersive events will allow students to witness inspiring professionals (two criminal barristers for Law, and a brilliant medical student and expert clinician for Medicine) in action in our virtual courtroom and GP surgery respectively - and join in themselves!

All students at Parklands High School are entitled to a 15% discount by using the code: PARKLANDSHIGHSCHOOL-15. Due to the nature of the event, places are limited.

To book your spot, simply visit:

<https://www.oxfordscholastica.com/online-summer-school/conferences/> - or drop the Oxford Scholastica team an email on info@oxfordscholastica.com

Don't forget to have a look at the LearnLive page on the school website:

<https://learnliveuk.com/partner/parklands-high-school/>

There are lots of videos from local employers - as well as general employability skills and advice. If you are a local employer and would like to be featured on the LearnLive site, please drop me an email and I can tell you more about it. It's a great way for students to find out more about your industry - and the LearnLive team will do all the technical stuff, so no need to worry about filming on your mobile!

Contact: pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk



Myerscough College's next Virtual Advice morning is this **Saturday 24th April** from **10.00-12.30**.

Pupils who have already applied and those who are still unsure whether to apply, will find the information very useful at a time when large group tours to campus are suspended. The information about our Advice morning is in the "What's on" section of our website.

<https://www.myerscough.ac.uk/whats-on/online-course-advice-morning-april/>

A promotional banner for Myerscough College. On the left is the Myerscough College logo with the tagline "INSPIRING EXCELLENCE". To the right, it says "APPLY NOW PLACES AVAILABLE FOR SEPTEMBER 2021 ENTRY". Further right, it states "Top 3 LAND-BASED COLLEGES IN THE COUNTRY FOR 16-18 PASS RATES (NART 2018/19)". Next to that is "LIVE CHAT SUPPORT AVAILABLE MYERSCOUGH.AC.UK". On the far right, there are three logos: "Educate Awards Winner 2020", "Careers & Enterprise Award", and "Ofsted Good Provider". At the bottom, a yellow bar contains the text "ONLINE COURSE ADVICE MORNING: SATURDAY 24th APRIL".

Careers

May Conferences from Medic Mentor

[Get into Medicine - Saturday 1st May. Sunday 9th May](#)

[Get into Veterinary - Saturday 15th May](#)

[Get into Dentistry - Saturday 22nd May](#)

If you are an aspiring medic, dentist or vet, don't miss out on these FREE online conferences.

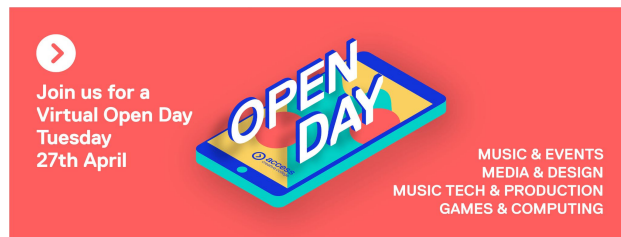


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We run individual sessions for Music and Events, Music Technology, Media and Design and Games and Computing. This is where you can find out specific information on our different creative pathways and courses.

The Virtual Open Day will take place online via Zoom. [Register your place!](#)

(The music, gaming and computer sessions all take place in the evening, so no need to miss out).



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Careers

Career of the Week this week is **Early Years Teacher**. Early years teachers (EYTs) work with children up to the age of five in preschool settings and the foundation stage of primary schools. For more information on how to get into this rewarding career, have a look at:

<https://careeroftheweek.wordpress.com>

Finally note for this week on careers

Please keep an eye out for the extended '**Career News**' - lots more features, information and advice. Feel free to let me know what you would like to see in future editions (quizzes, competitions, questionnaires, featured employers, interviews, etc). Click [here](#)

Apprenticeship Notifications

The following apprenticeships are available at **Alliance Learning**:

(<https://www.alliancelearning.com/page/apprenticeships>)

Apprentice Fabricator & Welder at William Hare Group, Bury - VC0575 (x4 positions)

Apprentice Sheet Metal/Plastic Worker at Pure Fabs, Horwich - VC0580

Apprentice Maintenance Engineer at Autogate Systems, Bolton - VC0590

Apprentice Mechatronics Maintenance Technician in Horwich - VC0577

Please see the updated Apprenticeship slides in the Google Drive (shared with Year 11).

The previous vacancies at Redrow are still on offer, but be quick!

Apprenticeships currently available at www.gov.uk

Level 3 Apprentice **Dental Nurse** at Station Dental Practice, Leyland - VAC001688346

(Available through Training 2000 Ltd.)

Level 3 **Apprentice Receptionist & Administrator** for Kevills Solicitors - VAC001700704

(Available through Runshaw College)

Level 3 **Accountancy Apprentice** at Woodville Accountancy - VAC001693731

(Available through Runshaw College)

Level 3 **Business Administration** Apprentice at NEMA Ltd. - VAC1000011178

(Astara Training - possibly in-house. A Level equivalent, can lead to Level 4)

Level 3 **Admin Assistant** Apprentice at Croston Conservatory & Window Centres Ltd. -

VAC001693702

(Available through North Lancs Training Group Ltd)

Level 3 **Administration & Transport** Apprentices at Runshaw College - VAC001701814 (x2)

Level 2 **Hairdressing** Apprentice at CS Salons Ltd., Standish - VAC001700481

(Available through Wigan & Leigh College)

Level 2 **Childcare Practitioner** Apprentice at Pingawings Preschool - VAC001691720

(Available through Runshaw College)

Level 2 **Nursery Nurse** Apprentice at The Hollies Nursery - VAC1000012004

(Available through Orange Moon Training - probably in-house)

Level 2 **Hairdressing** Apprentice at Frank James - VAC001699322

(Available through Wigan & Leigh College)

Level 2 **Production Chef** Apprentices at Diets2Go - VAC001702336 (x4)

(Available through Runshaw College)

Level 2 **Optical Assistant** Apprentice at Specsavers Chorley - VAC001701520

(In-house training provider)