



# PARKLANDS BULLETIN

## 28 Feb - 4 Mar 2022 : Week 2



### Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

It was lovely to welcome everyone back this week after the half-term break. It has been especially pleasing to see how positively students have responded to the messages regarding uniform, coats, scarves, manners etc which I highlighted in the previous bulletin.

You will hopefully be aware of the changes to the COVID rules which have been communicated to you this week. These changes have allowed us to make further plans to return to normality. I have spoken this week with Miss Marr regarding our next dance show - please see page 8 of this bulletin for details - and we are really looking forward to hosting this event for our school community in addition to putting on a matinee performance for some of our feeder primary schools. It is exactly this type of event which has been so sorely missed during the past couple of years. Such events give students so much pleasure and joy, so I hope you will support us by attending!

The Air-Dome project, which you may remember, was initially rejected by the planning committee at Chorley Council. An appeal has been submitted and heard, and we are now eagerly awaiting the result. We shall let you know the outcome as soon as we can.

Copied below for you is information I've received this week regarding COVID vaccinations.

#### **Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) advice on COVID-19 vaccination for healthy 5 to 11 year olds**

The [NHS is currently offering](#) vaccines to at-risk children and those who live with immunosuppressed people in this age group. Parents and guardians of at risk 5 to 11 year olds should wait for the NHS to contact them, with local NHS teams already contacting those who are eligible.

On Wednesday 16 February, the government accepted [the advice](#) from the independent JCVI to make a non-urgent offer of COVID-19 vaccines to all children aged 5 to 11 in England.

The JCVI advice follows a thorough review by the UK's independent medicines regulator, the MHRA, which approved Pfizer's paediatric vaccine, as safe and effective for children aged 5 to 11.

Children without underlying health conditions are at low risk of serious illness from COVID-19 and the priority remains for the NHS to offer vaccines and boosters to older age groups and vulnerable children, as well as to catch-up with other childhood immunisation programmes.

The NHS will prepare to extend this non-urgent offer to all children during April so parents can, if they want, take up the offer to increase protection against potential future waves of COVID-19, as we learn to live with this virus.

The [updated JCVI advice for vaccinating 5 to 11 year olds](#), which was published on Friday 18 February by the NHS, confirms that community pharmacy-led local vaccination services and vaccination centres should be the primary delivery models for this cohort.

You are hopefully aware of an exciting event happening at Parklands this evening!  
Please see the next page.....

# Headteacher's Message



The screenshot shows the BBC Radio 4 website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the BBC logo, a 'Sign in' button, and links for News, Sport, Weather, iPlayer, Sounds, and More. A search bar is located on the right. Below the navigation bar, the main header features the BBC Radio 4 logo and the title 'Any Questions?'. A secondary navigation bar includes links for Home, Episodes, Clips, Galleries, Podcast, Presenter, Hosting, Any Answers, and Contact Us. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column features a large image of a man in a brown jacket and glasses, with the text 'This programme will be available shortly after broadcast' overlaid. Below the image, the title 'Chris Bryant MP, Mary Dejevsky, Dr Liam Fox MP, Bronwen Maddox' is displayed in large white text. Underneath the title, a short description reads: 'Chris Mason presents political debate and discussion from Parklands High School, Chorley, with Chris Bryant MP, Mary Dejevsky, Dr Liam Fox MP and Bronwen Maddox.' To the right of the description, the date '25 February 2022' and duration '47 minutes' are shown. A 'Show more' link is at the bottom left of this section. The right column has a dark blue background. It starts with the heading 'On radio' and shows the BBC Radio 4 logo, the text 'Today 20:00', and 'BBC RADIO 4'. Below this is the heading 'More episodes'. Under 'PREVIOUS', the names 'Robert Buckland MP, Jeanette Winterson, Darren Jones MP, Olivia Utley' are listed with a speaker icon. Under 'NEXT', the names 'Katy Clark MSP, Alister Jack MP' are listed. At the bottom of the right column, there is a link that says 'See all episodes from Any Questions?'.

We are delighted to be able to host BBC Radio 4's Any Questions this evening at 8pm. As I write this, the crew are busy setting up in the school hall, and we are really looking forward to hearing what the panel will have to say. We are expecting some tough questions to be asked! I hope you can tune in.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mr Mitchell

In SECURE this week we learned about domestic abuse. We focused on how to recognise the signs of domestic abuse, and how to help people struggling in that situation. Alannah organised the charity event of Valentines Day cards with the massive help of Mrs Robinson and the charity prefects. We raised some money and with this money we donated it to a charity called [The Wish Centre](#). Oscar and Alannah interviewed a member of The Wish Centre charity to ask some questions in order to educate people in school about domestic abuse, which was very interesting and showed different aspects of domestic abuse. I would like to thank everyone who bought the Valentines cards and sweets as you supported a charity that helps people who are going through a tough time in life. If anyone is struggling and is going through this you can click on [The Wish Centre](#) and it has helplines available for anyone 24/7.

Have a brilliant weekend and stay safe!  
Alannah, Oscar, Evie and Alex





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### Year 7 Messages

Progress Reports will be issued on Thursday, 3rd March when they have their Review Day. We will be making additions to the reports in order to give students, parents and carers a clearer picture of how Key Stage 3 are progressing. Please read the attached letter which explains the additions in detail. Click [here](#). A Loom video will be shared with you on Thursday, which should provide you with further information. If you have any questions regarding any of this, please email Mrs Aspinall ([gaspinall@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:gaspinall@parklandsacademy.co.uk)), and she will endeavour to answer all questions in the Loom.

### Year 8 Messages

Progress Reports will be issued on Tuesday, 1st March when they have their Review Day. We will be making additions to the reports in order to give students, parents and carers a clearer picture of how Key Stage 3 are progressing. Please read the attached letter which explains the additions in detail. Click [here](#). A Loom video will be shared with you on Thursday, which should provide you with further information. If you have any questions regarding any of this, please email Mrs Aspinall ([gaspinall@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:gaspinall@parklandsacademy.co.uk)), and she will endeavour to answer all questions in the Loom.

### Year 9 Messages

None this week

### Year 10 Messages

### Year 11 Messages

We were pleased to see students attending the first week of our after school programme last week. Helping to prepare our Year 11 students for their summer exams. The programme continues next week. Option C ( PE, Computer Science, History, Geography ( Miss Crabtree's class only) and Music Technology on Tuesday and English (X band only) on Thursday. Sessions run from 4-6pm. The time between school closing at 3pm and the sessions starting can be used to enjoy extra-curricular activities, complete homework or enjoy a break. Refreshments will be provided. Attendance is not compulsory but we would advise that our students take every opportunity to engage in preparing for their final exams in the summer. Please click on the link [here](#) for the full programme for the half-term.

# 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: 38 pupils since September  
Year 8: 27 pupils since September  
Year 9: 48 pupils since September  
Year 10: 31 students since September  
Year 11: 33 students since September

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

**Years 7: 152 pupils**  
**Year 8: 121 pupils**  
**Year 9: 135 pupils**  
**Year 10: 153 students**  
**Year 11: 151 students**

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

## Climate Change - information from Chorley Council

We at Chorley Council always welcome the feedback of our residents, schools, colleges, businesses and visitors in shaping everything we do and climate change is an issue which is important to all of us, especially our young people. We have done lots of work with our schools over the past year and we have heard loud and clear that they want us to do more to tackle climate change and have lots of ideas to make that happen.

We are proud to share our draft Climate Change Strategy and we are writing to encourage your school and your pupils to take the time to give your views about it. We want honesty so welcome feedback, good or bad, so we can ensure the things we do will make a difference.

The draft Climate Change Strategy is available here ;

<https://chorley.gov.uk/article/2274/Climate-Change-Strategy-Introduction>

We have created two online surveys for a quick and easy way to give us feedback;

1. One for adults which is available here; [Climate Change Strategy Consultation - Your Say - Citizen Space Site - Citizen Space](#)
2. One for young people aged 13 years or over available here : [Climate Change Strategy Youth Consultation \(for 13-18 year olds\) - Your Say - Citizen Space Site - Citizen Space](#)

We are not legally permitted to accept online surveys or written responses from individual young people under the age of 13 years of age without express parental consent ( due to GDPR ).

Note from school: Mrs Dewhurst will look into how we can gather the views of pupils in years 7 & 8.

# Whole School Messages

## Chorley Council Art Competition

We are running an exciting art competition for our budding young artists! Budding artists are encouraged to get creative and enter the Chorley Council artwork competition on the topic of climate change. Winning entries will be installed on the side of a Chorley Council recycling wagon later this year for the public to see.

There are two categories, age 4-11 years and 12 - 16 years, who are asked to create their design based on one of the two climate change related topics;

- the little things we can do to help tackle climate change
- your climate action pledge

Further information and entry requirements for the competition can be found on the Council's website: [chorley.gov.uk/postercompetition](http://chorley.gov.uk/postercompetition)

Deadline for entries is 1 April 2022. A short list will then be created which will be put to a public vote online. The winning entries from each category will have their climate change designs installed on the side of a recycling wagon.

If you require any further information about the strategy, or require it in alternative formats, please do not hesitate to contact [climate.change@chorley.gov.uk](mailto:climate.change@chorley.gov.uk) or Zoe Whiteside, Service Lead for Spatial Planning on 01257 515151.

**PREFECT OF THE FORTNIGHT**

PARKLANDS HIGH SCHOOL  
PREFECT TEAM

<b>Seb H</b> Learning Support	<b>Amber S</b> Duty Team	<b>Ciara F</b> Duty Team
Lovely and calm with the pupils in A11 and offered to play a board game with them all. Also helped with homework when needed	Excellent tackling of pupils who were inside during break time and were wandering the corridors instead of being inside.	Excellent tackling of pupils who were inside during break time and were wandering the corridors instead of being inside.

Please see Miss Greaves to collect your voucher!

**LEARN ASPIRE ACHIEVE RESPECT**

Reminder... The Parent & Carer Meeting for the pupils attending the 2022 Normandy Food Trip will be held on Wednesday 2nd March at 6pm in the school hall. Both pupils and parents/family welcome... I'm looking forward to meeting you. Mrs Brookes

## Whole School Messages

Lancashire Mind are developing a Self-Harm resource for young people in Lancashire, and we would love to hear from you! We want to create something that young people feel will be helpful to them during times where they may be struggling with triggers and urges to self-harm. We are inviting young adults and people who support them to take part in an online survey to share their views, opinions and ideas about resources used in other areas and which ones young adults would like to see as part of a Self-Harm Safe Kit.



The information we gather through this survey will be examined alongside feedback and input we will be gathering from young people (under 18) and will contribute toward the design of a new Self-Harm Safe Kit for Lancashire. The survey will ask you for your age group, geographical location and your experience of self-harm or supporting someone who has experience of self-harm. It will not ask you for any personal details or contact details. All of your data will be held in adherence with the Data Protection Act and the Lancashire Mind Privacy Policy:

<https://www.lancashiremind.org.uk/pages/48-privacy-policy>

If you would like to take part, you can access the online survey via the link below. Please be aware this survey is all about resources and materials to support people who self-harm. We want to hear from people who have their own experience of self-harm and from people who support someone else who self-harms. If this is you, our first priority is that you are well, and you are happy to take part in this survey.

If you have any concerns about your wellbeing at the moment, or you feel you are at risk of being triggered, harming or injuring yourself, please contact someone who can support you. This could be your GP, a family member or a friend. If you are at risk of serious harm, please contact the emergency services by dialling 999.

Attached are some other links for self-harm and for you to use if you feel this will be helpful.

You can complete the survey here:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=vG7k94gdz0SrkipARXRYfNTqbVhprcxOvS\\_XPLaQftUMkdQRkJXTFMxRUIPQ0RFTIhRTUQwRFJJVi4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=vG7k94gdz0SrkipARXRYfNTqbVhprcxOvS_XPLaQftUMkdQRkJXTFMxRUIPQ0RFTIhRTUQwRFJJVi4u)

### ***STEM ambassador visit - Careers in the Climate Emergency***

There is another STEM ambassador visit scheduled for Tuesday 22nd March 3-4pm. As with previous events, please email [mmcavoy@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:mmcavoy@parklandsacademy.co.uk) to reserve a place for your child. Due to the climate crisis and the need to protect our planet, careers around the theme of sustainability are on the increase. Often in education we are preparing pupils for jobs which don't exist yet. This is because certain jobs evolve as we change socially, politically and environmentally. We have a STEM ambassador delivering a presentation on their role in improving the sustainability of Greater Manchester fire service. This role is not something you would normally associate with fire and rescue, yet it is an essential part of the service if we are to try and become greener as a population.



# PGL WATERSPORTS 2023



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# PGL WATERSPORTS 2023



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

Letter [here](#)







*Performed on*

**WEDNESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

and

**THURSDAY 28<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

at 7.00pm

**Tickets £5 adults, £3 concessions**

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

**ON SALE: 7<sup>th</sup> MARCH**





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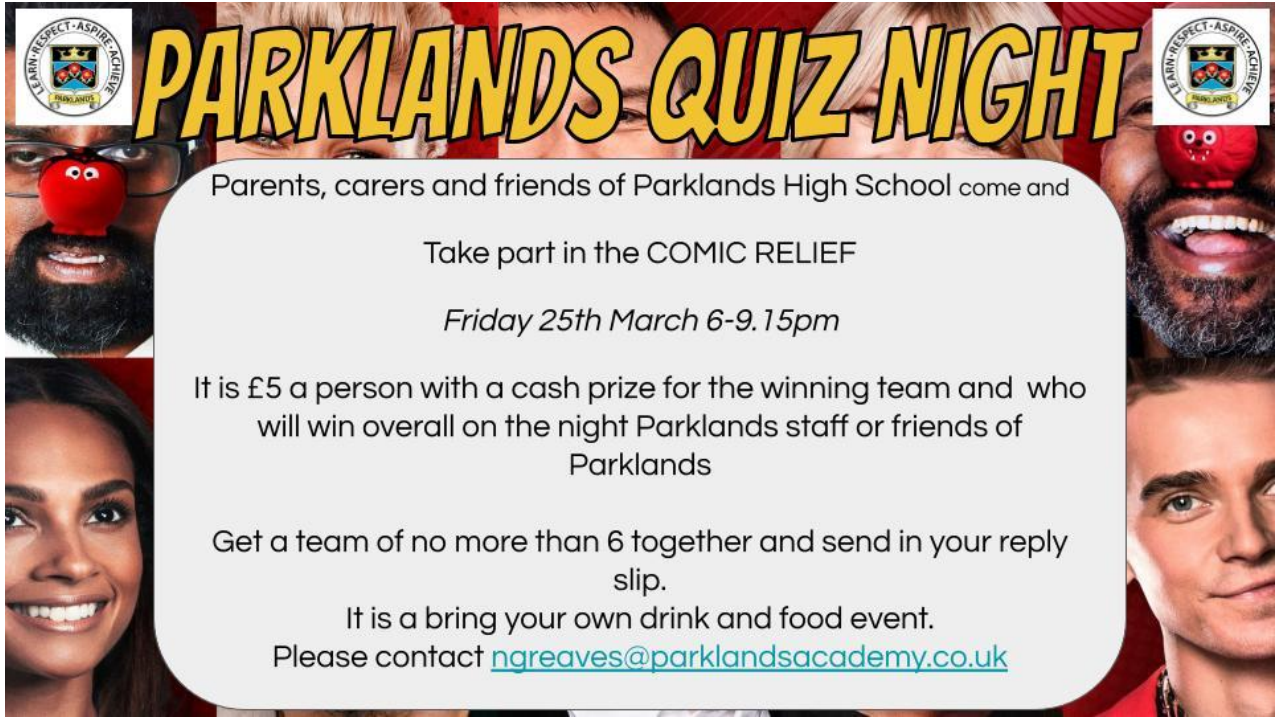
**[YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/play](https://YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/play)**

and search for: Parklands



Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. See website for T&Cs. Closing dates: 26<sup>th</sup> February 2022

## Whole School Messages



# PARKLANDS QUIZ NIGHT

Parents, carers and friends of Parklands High School come and

Take part in the COMIC RELIEF

*Friday 25th March 6-9.15pm*

It is £5 a person with a cash prize for the winning team and who will win overall on the night Parklands staff or friends of Parklands

Get a team of no more than 6 together and send in your reply slip.

It is a bring your own drink and food event.

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

## PARKLANDS GOT TALENT 2021/22

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the Parklands Got Talent finals on Thursday 10th February. It was a wonderful evening of song, dance, poetry and comedy. Seb H in Year 9 was the overall winner and therefore became the first winner of The Sally Cornes Talent Trophy.





### Charity News

We are proud to inform you that we have raised £4281.38 over the last year since the loss of Sally Cornes for The @sallycancerfoundation. This has included a non-uniform day, Christmas markets, raffles, a talent show and donations. On top of this a further £4,160 was raised at the Shine for Sally Show that Ms Robinson coordinated with local dance schools and theatre groups and included performances by Parklands KS3 & 4 Dance teams. This brings the total raised in our school community to **£8,441.38**. Look out for future events!

Thank you to the charity prefects who raised **£65** for The Wish Centre selling Valentines cards and gifts in school before half term. The aim of the organisation is to support people who have suffered or who are at risk of suffering domestic abuse, through the provision of support, advice and accommodation. <https://www.thewishcentre.org/>



# Kooth webinar Parents/Carers

A live webinar on Thursday 10th March 6.00-7.00pm.  
This session will provide you with information about Kooth  
and how it can support young people

To book visit: <https://bit.ly/3rJR1HwKooth>

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye today to our school counsellor and wellbeing co-ordinator, Mr Pilling. Over the last four years he has provided a much needed service of support to our pupils and staff and given them tools to get through some of their toughest days and experiences.

His words of advice, his kindness, calmness and humour have helped to support and provide a framework of tools to guide those in need to understand it is "okay to not be okay" and to take small steps in recovery to improve mental health and wellbeing. He will be missed but we wish him luck as he embarks on a new career at Derian House and those children and families will be fortunate to have him.

This does, however, leave us with a vacancy for much needed support. Please be patient as we will be looking for a suitable replacement in this valuable role.

Staff are doing everything they can to support your child. Waiting lists for external services in this field are at an all time high with waiting lists from anything from 16 - 24 weeks.

Please use the apps and information that I have provided in previous bulletins as well as this one, as they will help and can be used as a resource.

The School Nurse is receiving many referrals for her weekly drop-in at school and will do her best to see those referred to her.

Covid and all its restrictions have been difficult for all of us and it has impacted on all of us in regards to wellbeing and our resilience to cope with life and everything that is thrown at us. It is important that your child attends school to receive their education but also so we can offer pastoral care and support and endeavour to build on your child's resilience and coping skills.

Thank you for your understanding.

Mrs Fairhurst

# Whole School Messages - SAFEGUARDING & INTERVENTION

## The JJ Effect

On Monday Year 9 had a presentation on knife crime which was delivered by Byron Highton and sponsored by Lancashire Constabulary.

The JJ Effect is a **Charity** which was founded by **Byron Highton, who tragically lost his brother to knife crime in 2014**. This workshop is one of the UK's most powerful anti-knife crime presentations. The charity aims to support and educate young people in areas such as knife crime, grooming and criminal exploitation.

07564 625498 byron@thejjeffect.co.uk

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SMART FIT

ONE OF THE UKS MOST POWERFUL AND HARD HITTING ANTI KNIFE CRIME PRESENTATIONS IN MEMORY OF JON-JO, WHO TRAGICALLY LOST HIS LIFE THROUGH KNIFE CRIME IN 2014.

THE Sun GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE BBC Lancashire Constabulary itv

The JJeffect BBC Live full report

The pupils were a credit to themselves, their families and the school as they sat through some hard-hitting information about the impact knife crime has on youths, their families and loved ones. They volunteered answers, acted out scenarios and listened to Byron who talked about his own experiences, the work he does, the unnecessary impact and harm that knives and lethal weapons have on everybody involved, before revealing at the end that his brother JonJo, was tragically killed due to horrific knife crime.

Pupils and staff can have a look at his programme of support on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube.

Mrs Fairhurst



# Self-Care for Self-Harm

Have Your Say



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We are inviting young adults to take part in an online survey to share their views, opinions and ideas about resources used in other areas and which ones young adults would like to see as part of a Self-Harm Safe Kit.

If you would like to take part and help us to shape this resource, please visit:

[www.lancashiremind.org.uk/Self-Care-Self-Harm](http://www.lancashiremind.org.uk/Self-Care-Self-Harm)

 **Mind Lancashire**

# Information, advice and support

## Self-Care



## for Self-Harm



### Healthy Young Minds Lancashire & South Cumbria

<https://www.healthyyoungmindslsc.co.uk/information/children-and-young-people/self-harm-or-harm-self>

SAMARITANS

### Samaritans

Call 116 123 to talk to Samaritans, or email: [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org) for a reply within 24 hours

<https://www.samaritans.org/>

shout  
85258

here for you 24/7

### SHOUT Crisis Line

Text "SHOUT" to 85258 to contact the Shout Crisis Text Line, or text "YM" if you're under 19

<https://giveusashout.org/>

ChildLine  
0800 1111

### Childline

If you're under 19, you can call 0800 1111 to talk to Childline

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>

Self  
injury  
Support

### Self Injury Support

Self Injury Support webchat (for women and girls) is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 7pm to 9.30pm

<https://www.selfinjurysupport.org.uk/>

calm

### Campaign Against Living Miserably

CALM webchat (for men) is open from 5pm to midnight every day

<https://www.thecalmzone.net/>

mind

### Mind

<https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/types-of-mental-health-problems/self-harm/helping-yourself-now/>

Mental Health  
Foundation

### Mental Health Foundation

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/a-to-z/s/self-harm>

YOUNG MINDS  
Fighting for young people's mental health

### Young Minds

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/my-feelings/self-harm/>

THE MIX

### The Mix

<https://www.themix.org.uk/mental-health/self-harm>



# Career News



## CAREER of the WEEK

### Photographer

If you love taking photos and have an eye for a picture, you can get your photography skills to use in a variety of areas from advertising to social events.

Photographers create visual images for an exceptional range of creative, technical and documentary purposes. As a professional photographer, you'll usually work to a brief set by the client or employer.

Examples of content you could work on include wedding, family and baby, fashion, food, architecture, and landscape photography. A large proportion of professional photographers are self-employed. You could also find work with a variety of employers, including creative businesses, publishers and photographic agencies, or in the education or public sector.

Types of photographer

You'll usually specialise in one area of photography, such as:

- advertising
- corporate
- editorial
- fashion
- fine art
- social photography - also known as general practice, which includes weddings, commercial and corporate photography.

## ESCAPE STUDIOS V THE FESTIVAL X2022

#VFXFestival

**BOOK NOW**

### Celebrating a decade of VFX Festivals

We're pleased to announce the annual VFX Festival is back for 2022! As always, we have an event packed full of FREE, exciting and informative sessions delivered by a range of experienced industry professionals. Join us online to introduce your students to one of the fastest growing sectors! Whether they're interested in studying Film, TV, Art, IT or even Data Science, there is a place in this industry that will suit them.

**The VFX Festival EDU**

Date: 08/03/22  
Time: 10am - 4pm  
Location: Live Online  
**Register now**

### What is the VFX Festival?

This event aims to inspire school and college students by introducing them to the Creative industries and all the opportunities they hold.

Our alumni go on to work on blockbuster productions, most recently including Avengers: Endgame, Venom: Let There Be Carnage, Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker and No Time To Die.

## CAREER News

2022

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

Lots of really informative and useful events highlighted in this week's Career News, so settle down with a cup of tea and see which ones you would like to take part in!

GT Scholars are offering a free online Careers Summit, with some top employers and universities, to help young people achieve their goals and aspirations. Open to students from Year 8-11 (plus parents/carers) this is an event that requires prior registration (link sent out via EduLink earlier in the week).

The Apprenticeship Guide is focusing on careers using maths - there are so many opportunities, not just maths teacher or accountant!

QA.com are offering a series of free workshops in coding, programming and web development, so get involved. Suitable for any age and level of experience.

If you are thinking about a career in law or business, but are not quite sure what that might involve - then play one of the exciting games from the University of Law! You could even win an iPad or AirPods.

For any Year 11s who are intent on following an engineering pathway, have a look at the Engineering Experience at Loughborough University, one of the largest engineering universities in the UK.

Medic Mentor and Allied Healthcare Mentor are both featured in this edition. They both offer the Annual Awards Programme - vital for aspiring medical, dental and veterinary students.

Rushlaw have their final open evening of the year - if you haven't yet booked for a look around - don't miss it!

Pathway have a number of fantastic sessions on offer: Apprentices to A Levels, Careers in Finance and Women in Finance as well as a drop in session with Max, Student Support expert.

Young Professionals are showcasing careers events with some of the biggest employers in the world - PricewaterhouseCoopers, multinational law firm, PwC, one of the largest accountancy and professional services firms; and Kaitiaki Massey, one of the world's leading logistics companies.

Wigan & Leigh College are showcasing their Police Enrichment Programme for students interested in a career in the police but there are limited spaces on the course, so don't miss out. However, if you see yourself as more of a private eye - then there is now an apprenticeship for that! Check out the article for more information on this new apprenticeship.

Blackburn College are offering free creative arts taster sessions for Year 10 and 11 students. These take place at the college, from 4-5pm every Tuesday in March and cover Graphics, Gaining, Textiles, Art & Design and Photography.

There are a number of virtual STEM Careers Fairs on offer for anyone aged 13 or above - find out what kind of career you could have in the STEM world.

AIAboutSchoolLeavers have a series of virtual sessions with top employers, such as BT, Astra Zeneca and Rolls Royce - reserve your place and find out more about the possible careers you could enjoy.

Finally, as always, bringing up the rear are apprenticeship vacancies in the local area and Career of the Week.

20th February - 4th March 2022

## QA TEACH THE NATION TO CODE

### FREE, VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS IN PROGRAMMING AND WEB DEVELOPMENT

**Kickstart your tech skills development at Teach the Nation to Code**

Free, online, one day training workshops that are specifically designed to help you develop the essential skills needed within digital and technology. Upon completion of your workshop, you will receive a Certificate of Achievement and Social Badge to show off your newly acquired skills.

#### coming free workshops

**Programming Workshop | 26 February 2022**

As the world enters further into the digital age, software programming skills have become highly desirable. This enlightening workshop will give you the confidence and knowledge to start learning how to code, how to work with basic data structures and much more!

**Find out more**

**Development Workshop | 12 March 2022**

Learn the essential skills needed within digital and technology. Upon completion of your workshop, you will receive a Certificate of Achievement and Social Badge to show off your newly acquired skills.

**Find out more**

Workshops are delivered virtually by our industry experts in a way that is easy to understand, regardless of background and level of experience. And, if you have any questions, please get in touch with us at [qa@tntc.org](mailto:qa@tntc.org) and we'll be happy to see you there!

## MEDIC MENTOR

### OUR MEDIC FAMILY

#### Awards Programme - message from Dr. Kennedy

[www.medicmentor.co.uk/medic-mentor-awards-programme/](https://www.medicmentor.co.uk/medic-mentor-awards-programme/)

As part of their time and focus on activities that will make them the perfect applicant for the Awards Mark Scheme below and it will outline exactly what extra-curricular activities they should be focusing on right now in their school year, alongside their A-levels to guide them on the right path when they have questions about what and what activities are perhaps not worth their time.

The Awards Mark Scheme to reflect what Universities want to see on a UCAS application. We will be offering a series of free workshops in coding, programming and web development, so get involved. Suitable for any age and level of experience.

If you are thinking about a career in law or business, but are not quite sure what that might involve - then play one of the exciting games from the University of Law! You could even win an iPad or AirPods.

For any Year 11s who are intent on following an engineering pathway, have a look at the Engineering Experience at Loughborough University, one of the largest engineering universities in the UK.

Medic Mentor and Allied Healthcare Mentor are both featured in this edition. They both offer the Annual Awards Programme - vital for aspiring medical, dental and veterinary students.

Rushlaw have their final open evening of the year - if you haven't yet booked for a look around - don't miss it!

Pathway have a number of fantastic sessions on offer: Apprentices to A Levels, Careers in Finance and Women in Finance as well as a drop in session with Max, Student Support expert.

Young Professionals are showcasing careers events with some of the biggest employers in the world - PricewaterhouseCoopers, multinational law firm, PwC, one of the largest accountancy and professional services firms; and Kaitiaki Massey, one of the world's leading logistics companies.

Wigan & Leigh College are showcasing their Police Enrichment Programme for students interested in a career in the police but there are limited spaces on the course, so don't miss out. However, if you see yourself as more of a private eye - then there is now an apprenticeship for that! Check out the article for more information on this new apprenticeship.

Blackburn College are offering free creative arts taster sessions for Year 10 and 11 students. These take place at the college, from 4-5pm every Tuesday in March and cover Graphics, Gaining, Textiles, Art & Design and Photography.

There are a number of virtual STEM Careers Fairs on offer for anyone aged 13 or above - find out what kind of career you could have in the STEM world.

AIAboutSchoolLeavers have a series of virtual sessions with top employers, such as BT, Astra Zeneca and Rolls Royce - reserve your place and find out more about the possible careers you could enjoy.

Finally, as always, bringing up the rear are apprenticeship vacancies in the local area and Career of the Week.

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As always, lots of useful and informative events highlighted in [Career News - follow the link](#). Various online work experience programmes, webinars, Q&A sessions, open evenings, taster sessions, careers summits, apprenticeship vacancies and, of course, Career of the Week.

Coming up in early March, we have the Year 11 Mock Interview Day, followed shortly after by the Careers Fair for Years 9, 10 and 11. It's great to be able to run these events again! Thank you to parents/carers who are taking part in either or both of these events.