

# PARKLANDS BULLETIN 28 Mar - 1 Apr 2022 : Week 2



## Headteacher's Message

Dear parents, carers and students,

School closes next Friday 1st April at 3pm for the two week Easter break. We reopen on Tuesday 19th April.

This week saw another milestone in our return to normality - we had our first whole-school assembly in over two years. I spoke, as I have done previously many times, about how I believe Parklands is the best school in Chorley; not only do we offer a broad, balanced and deep curriculum so students can attain excellent GCSEs, but we also focus through the SECURE curriculum on the soft skills. We have a moral duty to educate our students holistically, so that they leave us as well-rounded, well-grounded young adults who will make a positive contribution to society.

Unfortunately, I have received two emails this week from members of the public who have witnessed rude, impolite behaviour and appallingly bad language. I have had to apologise for conduct of the exceptionally small minority of our students who clearly have let our community down. The students concerned catch the 109 bus or walk home through Devonshire Park.

On a positive note, we have had an assessment in school today by the SSAT for accreditation for excellence in wellbeing practice. The students involved were a credit to our fantastic school and while we await the report, the immediate feedback was highly positive. We look forward to hearing of the result in due course.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Mr Mitchell



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### Year 7 Messages

Y7 Parent survey. Please click here to give us your feedback which will help us improve our school.

### Year 8 Messages

Y8 Parent survey. Please click here to give us your feedback which will help us improve our school.



## Year 9 Messages

Y9 Parent survey. Please click here to give us your feedback which will help us improve our school.

### <u>Year 9 subject specialisms</u>

All students have now opted and we will confirm their option choices next week.

### Year 10 Messages

Y10 Parent survey. Please click here to give us your feedback which will help us improve our school.

Year 10s chose their sampling day subjects for July at Wigan & Leigh College earlier this week. If your child missed this assembly, I will catch up with them sometime next week so that everyone gets an individual timetable for the day.

There will be another assembly after Easter for students to choose their subjects for the Runshaw sampling day. That way, they can experience two very different colleges before they start to make their applications in Year 11.

Work Experience week for Year 10 students is 18th - 22nd July 2022. A letter will be sent home on Monday regarding this - please look out for it. Students will find their own placements (although we can obviously support with this). In the past students have undertaken placements throughout the country - and even beyond, so think big!

### Year 11 Messages

We had the fifth week of our after school programme last week. The programme enters its final week next week, with three evenings on offer. Students have asked for this provision and it would be really good to see as many Year 11s as possible attending. We would advise that our students take advantage of this opportunity in order to prepare for their final exams in the summer. Option C (French, GCSE PE, Geography (Miss Crabtree's class only), Computer Science, History and Music Technology) on Tuesday, RS on Wednesday and Science on Thursday. Most sessions run from 4-6pm- if they differ from this, 4-5pm for example, students will be notified. 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. Please click on the link <u>here</u> for the full programme.

**EASTER SCHOOL**. Deadline for booking and payment was today. However, there appears to have been a late demand for this so we have extended the deadline until Monday 28th March at 9.30am. No further bookings will be accepted after this point. For full details click on the link to the Easter school letter <u>here</u>.

Y11 Parent survey. Please click <u>here</u> to give us your feedback which will help us improve our school.

If anyone missed their Runshaw interview last week, there is a catch up interview day in April, so don't panic! I will contact anyone concerned. However, if a student hasn't applied and would still like to do so, they have until APRIL 1st to make an application. After that, all applications go onto a waiting list.

## Year 11 Messages







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



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: 35 pupils since September Year 8: 23 pupils since September Year 9: 46 pupils since September Year 10: 29 students since September Year 11: 22 students since September How many had the Perfect 3 in the previous week? Years 7: 141 pupils Year 8: 99 pupils Year 9: 135 pupils Year 10: 141 students Year 11: 110 students

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

### Walking and cycling survey

Everyone is invited to take part in a survey to help shape future plans for cycling and walking in Lancashire.

Lancashire County Council wants to join up the gaps in our existing network of footpaths and cycle routes and provide safer, direct and more convenient routes.

To help them, they are asking for feedback from across the county on current cycling and walking provision, including travelling to school. They want to know what you think the gaps are in the network and what facilities would enable you to walk and cycle more.

The survey will be available on the council's website until 5 May 2022.

The feedback will help the council produce local cycling and walking infrastructure plans. Additional design and feasibility work will be needed to take any of the proposed schemes forward.

You can find out more and take part in the survey at www.lancashire.gov.uk/activetravel

#### Parent governor vacancies

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

**SANDCASTLE** - Please can this be paid in full by next Friday, 1st of April. There are a number of people who have paid the initial deposit but the trip needs to be fully paid in order for your child to attend.

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25/03/22	Year 10 Bench ball	AFR	6	ASA	5	SAM	4	EUR	4	ANZ	3
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Well Done to Evie & Georgia who have raised £133.96 for the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal via DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee) selling Ukrainian ribbons made by Evie's mum. A brilliant effort!











## **Attendance matters!**

Overall school attendance since September 91.6%

Overall school attendance for the week 91.9%

Attendance by House since September: Asia 91.4% Australasia 92.2% Africa 91.3% Europe 91.5% South America 92.9%

Attendance by House for the week: Asia 90.4% Australasia 93.6% Africa 92.7% Europe 90.8% South America 93.1%

Highest form attendance per House for the week: Asia - Hong Kong 95.9% Australasia - New Caledonia 96.7% **Africa - Egypt 98.6%** Europe - Germany 97.5% South America - Uruguay 95.9%



Join a sports club from our club links with sports clubs in Chorley, Leyland and the surrounding areas here.



# 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





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

# **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 <u>here</u> 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 <u>here</u> with sizes.

## 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:

<u>Walking boots -</u> 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:

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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.







£ 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 hyreaves@parkiandsacademg.co.uk

Letter here





Chorley School Uniform Swap event is back!

St Peters Church Hall, Harpers Lane, Chorley Saturday 26th March 11am until 2pm

Please feel free to bring along any preloved uniform that still has plenty of life in it and swap it for larger items. Swapping isn't essential!

You can drop off old, pick up new or just come for a brew. It's all free and helps the environment by reducing the amount of new uniform produced

We have lots of skirts, shorts, trousers, dresses, shirts, t shirts and some branded items (mainly for primary schools)

In partnership between St Peter's Church Chorley, Inspire Youth Zone and supported by Chorley Council

Checkout this video of the young IYZ volunteers sorting through the current stock available here: https://m.facebook.com/437056353326866/videos/841799676637973?\_rdr

Kind Regards, **Tom Halstead** 



Departing 6th May returning on Sunday 8th May

Medical forms and Kit lists have been emailed out.



Please return them ASAP.

Require further information email <u>ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk</u>





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: 7th MARCH







Players must be 16 years of age or older. Offer ends 23rd Apr 2022. T&Cs apply (see website for details).

### Careers



### For this week's edition of Careers News please follow this link

Don't forget to check out Career News this week for great virtual work experience opportunities, news, advice and information, plus lots more.

Career of the Week is Architect, as I have had lots of interest in the profession recently!