



PARKLANDS BULLETIN

4 Jan - 7 Dec 2022 : Week 1



Headteacher's Message

Dear parents, carers and students,

Update from the Department for Education on the delivery of the 12-15 vaccination programme

Young people aged 12 to 15 in England will be offered a second dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine at a minimum of 12 weeks from the first dose, following advice from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI).

NHS England have now confirmed that, as with first doses, healthy school-aged children aged 12 to 15 will be able to receive their COVID-19 vaccination in their school next term, as well as having the option to receive the vaccine out of school, such as through vaccination centres. These offers will run in parallel.

Vaccination for this group will continue to be deployed primarily by the school age immunisation service (SAIS). In school vaccination will begin from Monday 10 January and all schools should have received at least one visit before February half-term. We expect most schools to require multiple visits so vaccines can be administered to all consenting pupils. SAIS teams will be in touch with schools from the start of next term to discuss what is best for their circumstances.

More information for schools on the vaccination programme and how second dose delivery will work, including information on consent gathering, will be published by the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) shortly.

We are grateful to schools for their ongoing support with the rollout of the 12 to 15 vaccination programme. Vaccinating young people is increasingly important for keeping them, their friends, family members and teachers safe as we approach the Christmas holidays.

Over the Christmas holidays, parents can already book first vaccinations for their child, if aged 12 or over, through the [NHS booking system](#). Second doses will be available for eligible children by Monday 20 December. Further information on [vaccination for 12 to 15 year olds](#) is available on the NHS website.

Onsite testing in school on Tuesday, 4th January

The lateral flow tests for those students for whom we have consent shall take place during registration and reading. Lessons should not be impacted. All pupils are to return to school, as we can facilitate the tests without having a staggered start.

Omicron

You will undoubtedly have seen or heard in the news that the omicron variant is causing a great deal of concern. Currently, we are due to reopen on 4th January, but should that change during the Christmas break, I shall email you as soon as possible. Should we be unable to open fully due to staff shortages, we may have to revert to online lessons via Google Classroom for certain year groups. Unfortunately, any decision on this may come very late in the holidays, as clearly staff could develop symptoms right up to or even on the day of our return. In addition, please ensure your child takes a lateral flow test on Monday, 3rd January and let us know of any positive tests results or cases.

Wishing you a relaxing Christmas break!



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Year 7 Messages

BfL reports will be issued on Thursday.

Have a look at Indigo over the holiday. There are hundreds of career profiles to look at - answer the questions at the start to find careers that match your skills and interests. Email Miss Berry if you need your Username and Password (pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

Year 8 Messages

BfL reports will be issued on Thursday.

Have a look at Indigo over the holiday. There are hundreds of career profiles to look at - answer the questions at the start to find careers that match your skills and interests. Email Miss Berry if you need your Username and Password (pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

Year 9 Messages

On Friday there will be a Respect Day on the topic of careers.

Have a look at Indigo over the holiday. There are hundreds of career profiles to look at - answer the questions at the start to find careers that match your skills and interests. Email Miss Berry if you need your Username and Password (pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

Year 10 Messages

Work Experience is back on the calendar for you lucky Year 10s! Although it is not until July, start thinking now about what kind of placement you would like: office, workshop, school, nursery, shop, cafe ... and do a bit of research on local companies. Ask relatives or neighbours over the Christmas break - what jobs do they do? Where do they work? More details to follow in January.

Year 11 Messages

WaG Reports are issued and Review Day will be on Wednesday.

Please make sure you get your college applications in. Don't worry about putting predicted grades on - you can change anything on the form at your interview!
Interview in school: Preston College - January, Wigan & Leigh College - February, Runshaw College - March
I will let you know the exact date/time after Christmas!

Year 11 Blood Brothers Trip

When? Thursday 24th February
We will be meeting at school at 6pm

Where? The Palace Theatre,
Manchester

How much? £23.50 (payable via ScoPay)

Why? Because it is a gripping, emotional performance that will help you to gain a deeper understanding of the characters, relationships and stagecraft of the play, in preparation for your English Literature GCSE



See/email
Miss Law for
more
information

There are 7 places left on the year 11 2022 Blood Brothers theatre trip. Please see the email from Miss Law if you would like your child to attend.

This week at Parklands we held the Mind, Body and Spirit festival, an off-timetable day where students got the chance to learn about different aspects of life that are not covered in the regular curriculum.

Throughout the day we had a session on (a) the mind and how we can improve ourselves for the better; (b) the body in which we were taught about our anatomy through recent events; (c) our spirit within different cultures around the globe. Once we had completed these three sessions we used our final two periods of the day to consolidate what we had learnt with our form. We were then instructed as a group to produce numerous mini-projects to show our accumulated knowledge.

We have continued to work on these projects in form on Thursday and Friday and will continue to do so up until the end of January upon our return.

We hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy new year,

Jack, Milly, Becca, Eadie



Whole School Messages

We reopen on Tuesday, 4th January 2022

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: 50 pupils
Year 8: 29 pupils
Year 9: 55 pupils
Year 10: 44 students
Year 11: 37 students

How had the Perfect 3 last week?

Years 7: 149 pupils
Year 8: 116 pupils
Year 9: 122 pupils
Year 10: 124 students
Year 11: 123 students

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

Achievement News - Christmas edition!

Click [here](#)



LEARN, RESPECT, ASPIRE, ACHIEVE

Achievement News

**A celebration of academic achievement
Half term 2
2021 - 2022**

Secure news

Thank you to all our pupils for their enthusiasm and creativity during our Mind, Body & Spirit Festival this week. I was blown away with the projects you created! After the holidays I will be sharing a special edition of 'Re-connected' with parents and carers so you can see what your children did. Next term we will be looking at disability and wellbeing in Secure. Have a wonderful and safe holiday! Mrs Gray

Whole School Messages

UK Watersports trip 2022

You may or may not be aware but due to the current situation the France Watersports Holiday for 2022 has had to be cancelled.

However, I am pleased to say PGL has offered an alternative that I think will still provide great enjoyment and experiences to our pupils. I have attached the PGL leaflet in this email.

The dates for this trip are Sunday 7th August - Friday 12th August 2022

This trip will come at a reduced cost of £635.

The offer I have is for us to attend the Jurassic Coast, at PGL Osmington Bay, Dorset. It is a beautiful coastal location with stunning views with direct access to the beach. It has everything to offer our thrill seekers from coasteering and a visit to a giant inflatable park. The children will still take part in various sailing activities including, dinghies, catamarans and sea kayaks. They will take part in explore sea caves, climbing and axe throwing. We also have evening entertainment and day trips to Weymouth and Bournemouth. This all coincides with the typical PGL adventurous activities. Food and accommodation is all still included. As we have cancelled the overseas holiday I now have spaces for pupils to join this trip.

I have included a leaflet [here](#) but do note PGL are giving us an extra night/day as we have had to cancel the overseas trip with extra activities.

If you wish for your child to attend this trip, please pay the deposit on SCOPAY 'NG 2022 UK WATERSPORTS', for your child to be secured a place on the new UK trip. A deposit of £100 is required. I am obviously very aware that it is close to Christmas so if you have any issues please email me directly ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk.

Please also note full payment is required by PGL no later than 1st April 2022.

I look forward to your response.

Miss Greaves

Reading news

This year, we have launched a new reading initiative, the whole school reading every day, and we have also really been trying to prioritise reading as a vital skill for life. So far, it really seems to be paying off! Students and staff have been really positive about the books we are reading, and we are now starting to see the impact of this in the library.

A huge well done to all students this year on their reading achievements. The Library figures show us that your children are now reading more than ever before. Book loans for all year groups from Year 7 - 11 are the highest they have ever been, and there are particularly impressive increases from years 10 and 11.

Accelerated Reader, which is used by students in Years 7-9, allows us to calculate the number of words read by students. This term, the total of words read is 20 million higher than last year, and this is evenly split between the boys and the girls. The pass rate for quizzes taken is also significantly higher than last year.

We are delighted to see such impressive improvements and such commitment to reading from all of our students. Well done to everyone!

Whole School Messages



- 1 JOIN OUR LOTTERY** 
- 2 BOOST SCHOOL FUNDS** 
- 3 WIN CASH PRIZES** 

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- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- The easy way to help us raise funds
- Local cash prizes every week
- Chance to win the £25k jackpot

To start supporting, visit yourschoollottery.co.uk and search for: Parklands

Supporters must be 18 years of age or older

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR LATEST 'YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY' WINNER

The winning numbers were:

8 1 0 5 2 9

Well done Mrs Valerie Flynn

The next draw is 18th December @ 8pm

Thank you to all our parents/carers and staff who are contributing to the school lottery! Our fund is now at £532 raised towards new activities and opportunities for our pupils and in Spring 1 we will be sharing what these crucial funds have gone towards.

It is never too late to join and help us reach our target of 275 tickets.



HOUSE COMPETITION 21/22



Yr 8 Boys' Football	SAM	6	EUR	5	AFR	4	ASA	3	ANZ	2
Bookmark Competition	ASA	6	ANZ	5	AFR	4	EUR	3	SAM	3
Year 9-11 Girls Football	AFR	6	SAM	5	ANZ	5	ASA	4	EUR	3
HP Staff favourite song	EUR	6	AFR	5	ANZ	4	ASA	3	SAM	2
Eco Comp	EUR	6	AFR	6	ANZ	6	ASA	6	SAM	6



EUROPE	57
ASIA	53
AUSTRALASIA	56
SOUTH AMERICA	57
AFRICA	63

Whole School Messages

Science Disneyland Paris Trip - Date Change.

You may or may not be aware but due to the current situation the France the Science Disneyland Paris trip has been postponed for a year. This trip is open to current pupils in years 7-9. All information is below. If you want to sign up, give consent and pay the £50 deposit you can do this via SCOPAY. If you have any questions please contact Mr Madigan. amadigan@parklandsacademy.co.uk

ONLY 45 PLACES
FIRST COME FIRST
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SCIENCE DISNEYLAND PARIS TRIP 2023

£ 515

OPEN TO YEAR 7,8 & 9

VISIT CITE DES SCIENCE AND THE MARIE CURIE MUSEUM
CRUISE ALONG THE RIVER SEINE
1 DAY AT DISNEYLAND PARIS

3rd-6th APRIL 2023
BREAKFAST AND EVENING MEAL, TRANSPORT, TICKETS TO
MUSEUMS AND DISNEYLAND INCLUDED

Letters have been emailed from Mr Madigan to parents
via edulink app.



Letter [here](#)

Email amadigan@parklandsacademy.co.uk



GLOW SPORTS

We have a 6 week course of Glow Sports
for pupils in years 7-9.

THURSDAY after school 3.15-4.45pm.

All pupils are welcome we would love to
get a big turn out for this exciting new
activity.

Starts THURSDAY 6th JANUARY 2022





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Think before you post



Don't share images of gifts



Remember your surroundings



Think about what you are wearing



Do you have permission to share



Don't share personal information



FREE SENIOR ACTIVITY PLACES OVER THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS!

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Chorley Borough Council are working in partnership with Inspire Youth Zone and Chorley School Sports Partnership again this Christmas, to provide activities and food for eligible young people over the Christmas period.

This letter details the activities and support available for eligible 11 -16 years olds across Chorley during the Christmas.

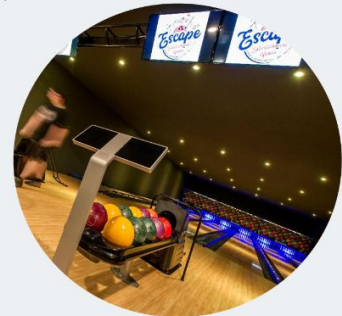
As your child/children are eligible for free school meals, we would like to invite them to our Christmas Holiday events. **Each young person is entitled to attend any of the dates as required. These activity days are FREE of charge and will include a hot meal.**

To book your place at listed below, please call Inspire Youth Zone on 01257 228888

(Monday – Friday between 10am-12pm OR 1pm -3pm).

The sessions are:

- Monday 20th December 5pm – 9pm @ Inspire Youth Zone
- Wednesday 22nd December 5pm – 9pm @ Inspire Youth Zone
- Friday 24th December 11am – 3pm @ Inspire Youth Zone
- Wednesday 29th December 5pm - 9pm – @ Inspire Youth Zone
- Thursday 30th December 11am - 3pm – Bowling & Crazy Golf Trip @ Escape
- Friday 31st December 11am - 3pm – Australian New Year Event @ Inspire Youth Zone



Spaces are available for all young people 11-16 years old. Please note that you will be required to register as an Inspire member before booking your place. Membership for this will also be free of charge and is just to allow us to take and record information related to your child and their booking and for future opportunities.



Support and friendship
for families

Volunteering for Home-Start

You can make a difference to a family in your community.

All parents know that those early years before children go off to school are vital in a child's life and at Home-Start we believe parents have a key role in creating a secure childhood for their children. Its just sometimes they need help your help

For more information on how you can help please contact:

Home-Start Central Lancashire on Tel: 01257 241636

Or email: Admin@homestartcentrallancs.org.uk

Next Training Course Starts

In the New Year 2022

Please contact the Home Start
office on the above number for
confirmation





IntraHealth Ltd
Unit 10
Salmon Fields Business Park
Royton
Oldham
Greater Manchester
OL2 6HT
Telephone: (0161) 628 7428

Gentle reminder that all schools will get vaccination catchup sessions once and Community clinics are being held in the area. Dates of Community clinics will be circulated to all the schools in the area.

School Aged Flu Vaccination Programme

Intrahealth are commissioned to provide the school flu vaccination programme, protecting school-aged children aged 4-15 years on 31st August 2021 (reception-year 11). Any child who is in an **at-risk group** can be vaccinated with the GP or as part of the school's programme.

Intrahealth visit every school for a main flu vaccination session, and then once more for a catchup, which is arranged for later in the season. There are also planned Community clinics provided in every area for those who miss the offer at school.

Vaccination sessions will be continuing until the end of January.

Do not refer Healthy children to GP for vaccination as they can't do them.

Please advise any parents or healthcare professional who contact you in relation to missed flu vaccination in school (excluding at risk children) or any other query to contact their local Intrahealth Coordinator on the below telephone number, choosing the appropriate option for the locality.

TEL: 0333 358 3397



JOIN US FOR OUR
Christmas Day
Dinner

St. Laurence's Church,
Union Street, Chorley

SATURDAY 25TH DECEMBER 2021

SITTINGS AT 12.00, 1.30 & 3.00

A free, traditional Christmas Dinner for
anyone who would appreciate some food
and company on Christmas Day.

To book a place

Ring the Parish Office on 01257 231360
or email stlaurenceschristmasday@gmail.com

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online

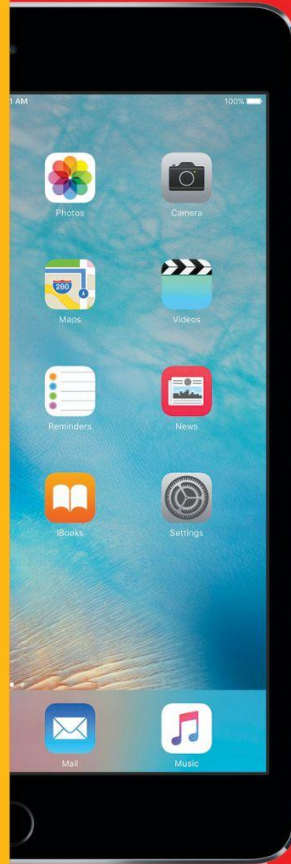


Do you know someone in Chorley who can't use the internet?

The internet has been a lifeline for so many people over the last two years - whether for online shopping, keeping in touch with family and friends, seeking medical advice, exercising the brain, dealing with bills and benefits, looking for a job, or finding a new home.

But there are many people who, for one reason or another, aren't able to access this support. Thankfully, Chorley Council is here to help...

Chorley
Council



If you know someone who can't get online because they don't have a device, don't have an internet connection, or because they need someone to show them what to do, please refer them to:

communities@chorley.gov.uk
or call **01257 515151**.

Ways to Have a **Greener** Christmas



Use recyclable cards and gift wrapping



Switch to LED fairy lights



Choose organic and reduce your food waste



Buy "green" gifts that are third-party certified



Buy a real Christmas tree, not a fake plastic one



Merry Christmas from all the Eco team at Parklands, and don't forget Veganuary!!

<https://veganuary.com/>



**Our team is still here to provide
mental wellbeing support over
the holiday period.**

Chat Availability Dates and Times

Thursday 23/12/21
12pm - 10:00pm

Monday 27/12/21
4pm - 8:00pm

Friday 31/12/21
12pm - 6:00pm

Friday 24/12/21
12pm - 8:00pm

Tuesday 28/12/21
4pm - 8:00pm

Saturday 1/01/22
4pm - 8:00pm

Saturday 25/12/21
4pm - 8:00pm

Wednesday 29/12/21
12pm - 10:00pm

Sunday 2/01/22
6pm - 10:00pm

Sunday 26/12/21
6pm - 10:00pm

Thursday 30/12/21
12pm - 10:00pm

Monday 3/01/22
4pm - 8:00pm

Find support today by visiting **kooth.com**

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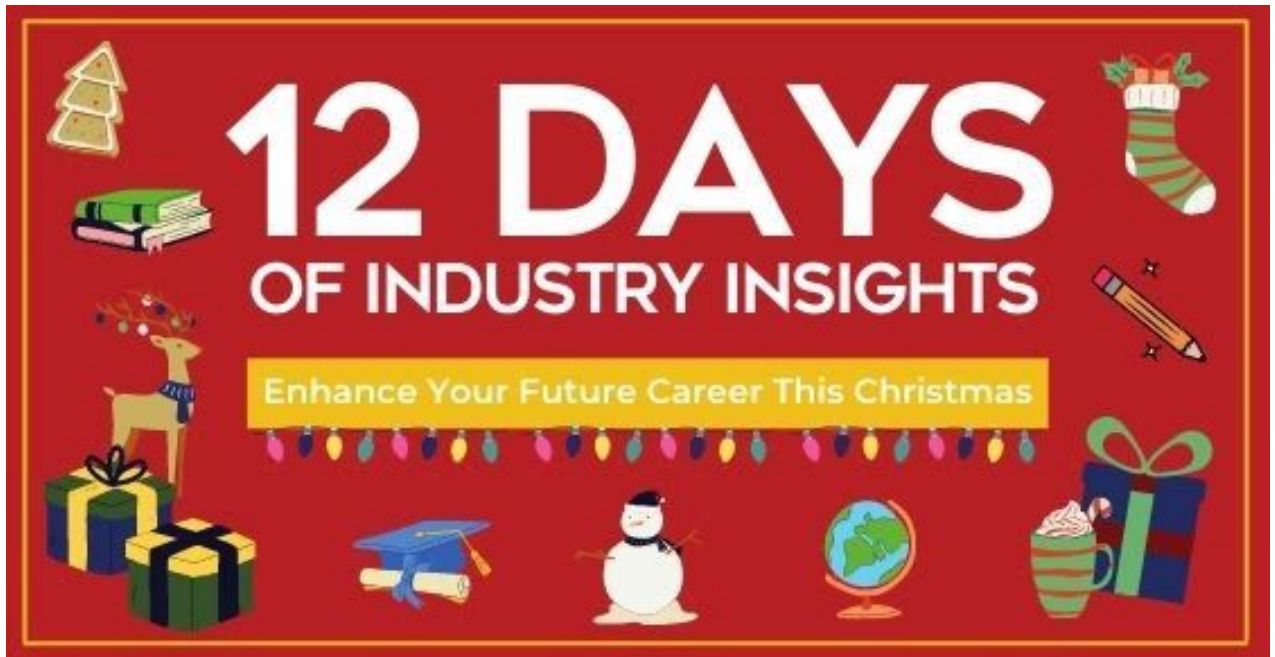
Self-help activities

Whatever is going on in your life, the anonymous community on Kooth and our team of friendly professionals are here to help support you.

Or if you'd rather not talk to anyone, we've also got a huge library of helpful content, plus self-help tools and fun activities.

Sign up today at
[kooth.com](https://www.kooth.com)





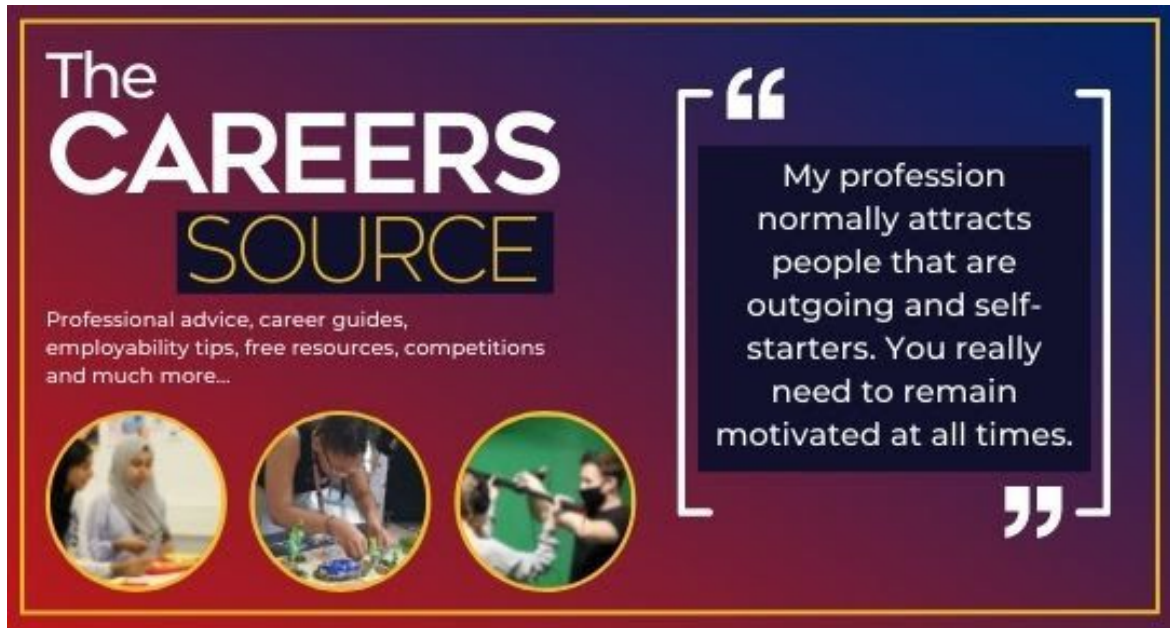
Here's a free Christmas gift, which can help guide you on your journey to a successful career. Our elves have been working hard behind the scenes to compile a careers-themed advent calendar: *12 Days of Industry Insights!*

The calendar is packed with helpful hints, worksheets, resources and advice from leading professionals across 12 different industries, tailor-made for students aged 12-18.

<https://investin.org/blogs/news/12-days-of-industry-insights>

Apprenticeships - Parents' and Carers' Pack

December's edition of the Parents' & Carers' Pack is now available [here](#), packed full of interesting articles about the National Apprenticeship Awards, the benefits of volunteering, T Levels, and two case studies!



The
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Professional advice, career guides,
employability tips, free resources, competitions
and much more...

My profession normally attracts people that are outgoing and self-starters. You really need to remain motivated at all times.

The banner features three circular images: a woman in a hijab, a person working at a desk, and a person playing a trumpet.

The Careers Source is the one-stop shop for all your students' career needs: blogs, resources and interviews with top professionals, all dedicated to helping them land their dream job.

<https://investin.org/blogs/news>



This week's Career of the Week is ... what else, but Toymaker! Check out the website for more details of this festive job.

Career News will return in the New Year. If anyone would like to see their industry or job featured, please let me know (pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year or Hyvää joulua ja onnellista uutta vuotta!