



# PARKLANDS BULLETIN

## 8 Feb - 12 Feb 2021: Week 2



### Year 7 Messages

None this week.

### Year 8 Messages

If you would like your child to have the HPV vaccination in school please follow this link to complete the online consent form and access more information as to why the vaccine is administered.

We have not yet agreed an exact date for the vaccination due to government restrictions but you will be notified in due course. The link will close on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021.

Link: <https://www.nhs.uk/HPV/information?id=138647&Type=HPV>

### Year 9 Messages

None this week.

### Year 10 Messages

See message about aspiring dentists in the careers section.

### Year 11 Messages

#### **Wigan & Leigh College interviews - February 9th between 9am - 1pm.**

For those who have applied to Wigan & Leigh College, don't forget that your interviews (on Microsoft Teams) will be on 9th February. You should have received all the details about your interview from the college - if anyone is unsure, please ask (Miss Berry). I know they have a large team of staff ready to conduct these interviews and they have a lot to get through in one morning, so please be on time and have any questions ready. The invitation is sent to your personal email address - if for any reason that doesn't work, the interview will be by phone - be aware then that the call will probably show as a withheld number. The interviews are just an informal chat to make sure you are on the right course and that you get any information you need regarding travel, enrolment, etc

[https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/careers?fbclid=IwAR2LtPD1dbMjG\\_DOcUe5RK83RsscV0SE6oazRUy2hk-2R8BF4Z6n4iBjOpM](https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/careers?fbclid=IwAR2LtPD1dbMjG_DOcUe5RK83RsscV0SE6oazRUy2hk-2R8BF4Z6n4iBjOpM)



Whether you're deciding what to study, taking your exams, planning a career, or just curious, we're here to explain the world of work, with advice from people who've found the right path for them.

# Year 11 Messages

## Wigan & Leigh College How To Apply Event - Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February, 6pm-7pm

The “How to Apply” event will go through the ways in which students can make their application to Wigan & Leigh College. A question and answer session will follow with the School Liaison Team. The event could be of particular benefit to those who are yet to apply and those seeking further reassurance about their next steps at Wigan & Leigh College. Students can register for this event by clicking this link - <https://wiganleigh.onlineopendays.com/>

## **Blackburn College**

The next Virtual Open Event launches on Tuesday 9th February 2021, 4-8pm. Explore courses, watch tutor videos and see the campus from the comfort of your own home.

Register for the event on the website and submit any questions that you would like to ask beforehand.

You can register here: [Virtual Open Event Registration](#)

## **IMPORTANT UPDATE FROM RUNSHAW COLLEGE re: Year 11 Interviews**

We had hoped to be able to offer interviews in school as in previous years, but sadly, this will not be possible this year. See below for a message from the interview team:

*“Given the circumstances we will instead be offering all students who have applied from Parklands a conditional offer for Runshaw without having to attend an interview. This will hopefully be a relief to both students and parents and means it is one less thing to worry about! Everything else will remain the same, i.e the students will still need to achieve the required grades to go onto the course they want and must attend enrolment in August”.* To explain what this means and to reassure students that they can still get in touch and ask any questions we have put together a couple of short videos, please see below. We are also planning on following this up with an email next week reiterating the same message, as well as a phone call to the students over the next few weeks.

<https://vimeo.com/497994933/e942d092fb> Student video

<https://vimeo.com/498279350/be2bb0f5aa> Parent/Carer video

*Please note: you must have applied and had confirmation of application. A number of students thought they had applied, but had failed to click SUBMIT so the application was unconfirmed.*

## Careers

If anyone missed the RAF Careers webinar this week - but would like to find out more about career opportunities in the RAF, then here's the links:

- Instagram is used for potential candidate engagement (RAF to job seekers / youth) so please make your young people / job seekers aware of us **@RAFCareersNorthWest** .

Direct messaging is supported and we can answer pretty much all questions via this method.

You can also visit RAF Recruitment or download the RAF Recruitment app on your phone or tablet.

### **Attention all aspiring dentists! DR.EAM Dentistry Virtual Conference**

Birmingham Widening Access to Medical Sciences society (BWAMS) is hosting its annual DR.EAM Dentistry Conference on Saturday 20th February. The DR.EAM Dentistry Conference is a free outreach event aimed at Year 10-13 students who are considering a career in Dentistry.

Our aim is to inspire and inform students about a career in Dentistry. We will provide students with an insight into life as both a dental student and dentist, as well as advising on next steps to prepare for an application. The day will consist of inspiring talks, workshops and panels made up of dentists and dental students from around the country. Workshops will include an introduction to clinical skills, Q&A with dental students from different universities and work experience advice.

This is a great opportunity for anyone in Year 10 or 11. This free virtual conference gives students the chance to learn more about a healthcare career and all it has to offer!

- Date: **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2021**
- Time: 9am to 5pm

We believe that this event will be hugely beneficial for students considering studying Dentistry at University. Please encourage students to apply before Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021 using the following link:

<https://bham.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/dream-dentistry-2021-application>

### **Attention all aspiring medics - this is something you will have to do in the future - why not take advantage of this great opportunity now?**

My name is Dr Alex Argyros and I help high school students ace the UCAT - the entry exam for Medicine/Health Science Courses.

Each year UCAT Masterclass hosts the [largest free online mock exam](#) on UCAT Mock Exam Day (MED) which is coming up on 28 February 2021. In 2020, over 2000 students participated in the computer-based exam. I thought some of your students may also be interested to:

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



**UCAT**  
MASTERCLASS

Your students can access the exam by creating a free account [here](#). All they need is an email to register.



We are delighted to announce our "Success Beyond School" events for this term: free-of-charge interactive 'Live Online' seminars designed to help parents supercharge their children's career potential.

[Wednesday 24th February: The Skills Surgery](#)

How to break into careers in medicine, dentistry and veterinary science

[Wednesday 3rd March: The Power of Networks](#)

How your child can build a powerful professional network

These events are for parents of students aged 12-18 and free to attend.

*InvestIN provides students aged 12-18 with immersive work experience in some of the world's most competitive and desirable careers - medicine, law, engineering, psychology, investment banking and more.*

<https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/virtual-tour/>

For anyone considering university, have a look at this great virtual tour of the University of Liverpool, one of the Russell Group universities.

Also on offer: Virtual fair for parents/students: 10 February from 12:00-19:00

Attendees will be able to download information, and take part in live chats throughout the afternoon with staff from all 24 Russell Group universities. There will be twelve live webinars throughout the day.

[Book here.](#)

# Apprenticeship Notifications

## Apprenticeships on offer this week ...

There are a few interesting apprenticeships available at present - you must create an account at [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) to apply for any of these positions. It is never too soon to start applying, as some interview/selection processes take ages! You will also need a CV - I will share a link to a template in the Google drive.

**Doodles Day Nursery** - Nursery Apprenticeship (L2) - VAC001676610

**Busy Bees Childcare** - Childcare Apprenticeship (start date 1st Sept) VAC001677456

**F1 Real Estate Management** - AAT Apprenticeship (accountancy) - VAC001672382 - this is a L3 position, ie. equivalent to A Levels, and is offered through Training 2000

**F R Sharrock** - Apprentice Agricultural Parts Technician - ideal for anyone from a farming background - VAC001660345

Don't forget the great positions on offer from BAE Systems and Leyland Trucks (advertised last week). Email me if you need further details or support with any aspect of apprenticeships or CVs/application forms: [pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

Do we have any budding politicians or the future PM?! In preparation for National Apprenticeship week, here's the Civil Service website with Apprenticeship opportunities and various routes into the Civil Service: <https://www.civil-service-careers.gov.uk/>.

Listen to Andrew from the Cabinet Office talk about his civil service career and the opportunities available. - <https://vimeo.com/449687594>

In addition to the above, Jobcentre Plus will be using Twitter to tweet information and advice around Apprenticeships and the opportunities available **@JCPinLancashire** using hashtags **#BuildTheFuture** **#NAW2021**. Follow us on Twitter to keep up to date on jobs, events, job search and careers advice, 7 days a week.

<https://twitter.com/jcpinlancashire>

It's National Apprenticeship Week (8 - 14 February) Watch our apprenticeship case study film, [The A-Z of female and male apprentices](#), to discover more about real apprentices, their job roles, the companies they work for and their day to day lives!

# Apprenticeship Notifications

**Fantastic opportunity for anyone looking for a Joinery Apprenticeship - see below:**

**Constructing the Future  
1 x Carpentry and Joinery Apprentice  
Chorley area**

**Salary: National Apprenticeship wage for 12 months progressing to National Minimum Wage thereafter**

Calico Enterprise have an exciting opportunity based in the Chorley area, for an Apprentice wanting to pursue a career in joinery through an Apprenticeship. The successful individual must have a desire to hold a future career in the Construction Industry. Initially, you will be working with Mulbury Homes on their site in Euxton, Chorley carrying out first and second fix joinery work.

Any candidates interested in applying for this position should:

1. Register with CITB at [www.bconstructive.co.uk](http://www.bconstructive.co.uk)
2. Complete the application form and email it to [jhoyle@calico.org.uk](mailto:jhoyle@calico.org.uk) before 5pm on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021 (leaflet and application form shared in Google drive)

As part of the selection process, we will put candidates on a 1 day health and safety course in order to prepare you for a CSCS test. The CSCS (Construction Skills Certification Scheme) Test, also known as the health, safety and environment test is designed to give individuals working in the construction industry the required knowledge so that they can identify hazards on site and confidently take steps to prevent dangerous incidents. Apprentices working on Calico construction sites must have passed their CSCS

3. Candidates who pass the CSCS test will then be shortlisted for interview.

For any questions, please contact Joanne on the email address above or by phone on 07976 079735

# Whole School Messages

School is completely closed during half-term (15th - 19th February). No work will be set for students.

## [Weekly Learning Support Board](#)

### **One for parents/carers from Future Learn - free online courses**

Are you looking for professional training or keen to learn something completely new?

Check out this one: [Safeguarding Adults](#) is a go-to choice for healthcare professionals. Learn how to ensure the successful safeguarding of adults with this training course from Health Education England.

### **Message from Lancashire County Council**

Lancashire's top health experts are urging residents to get a Covid-19 test if they are concerned about their health – even if they aren't showing the classic symptoms. Below is the link to their webpage.

[https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/news/details/?id=PR21%2F0015&fbclid=IwAR0tbLd613O25Ljx\\_Gk6bIk7dByA\\_jeLLpGFDunRdBHouCjTQMp2SjnYsUA](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/news/details/?id=PR21%2F0015&fbclid=IwAR0tbLd613O25Ljx_Gk6bIk7dByA_jeLLpGFDunRdBHouCjTQMp2SjnYsUA)

If you do test positive, then we will need to be notified via [attendance@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:attendance@parklandsacademy.co.uk) as we still need to track and trace.



Do you or your child need some tips for organising school work and the school day using Google Classroom? If so, please click [here](#) to watch a 5 minute tips video, or click [here](#) to view a slideshow.

**Reminder:** The English department is currently running a **reviewing** competition on their Instagram page (@ParklandsEnglish). Students were emailed out a template to use by Miss Law ([llaw@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:llaw@parklandsacademy.co.uk)). This will be emailed out again at the start of the week. There is £100 worth of book tokens up for grabs at the end of term for the best reviews. Please see [this document](#) for more details. Good luck!

### **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! Closing date 20th March (first day of spring!).

## Whole School Messages

### Message from the local Police

We have taken possession of two of these in the last week or so from young boys. It mimics a “butterfly knife” or balisong, which are both offensive weapons. The item in the photographs does not have a blade and it is manufactured as a training device to practise “tricks”, intentionally made blunt to avoid injury. It is, however, clearly attractive as it mimics the detail of a butterfly knife/balisong.



From a school perspective, we need all students and parents/carers to know that such items are banned on school premises.