



PARKLANDS BULLETIN

12 July - 16 July 2021 : Week 2



Headteacher's message

Dear parents and carers and students,

On Tuesday the Secretary of State for Education, Gavin Williamson, gave an update to the House of Commons following the Prime Minister's announcement the previous day. There will be no changes for the remainder of this academic year, but we now have some information regarding our September return. I shall provide you with more information in our final bulletin, which will be issued next week. This will contain details of our September opening, which will include the on-site lateral flow testing programme we have been asked again to undertake.

As per previous communications, we are due to reopen on Monday, 12th July. Although I shall be discussing this with the governing body on Sunday, we shall have sufficient staff in school as it currently stands.

Lateral flow testing

Please ensure your child takes a lateral flow test on Sunday. Any positive results should be emailed to attendance@parklandsacademy.co.uk. If your child is feeling at all unwell, please do not send them to school, and we would strongly recommend that your child takes a PCR test. With 8 school days left, it is essential that we all adhere to the guidance in order to keep our school community safe.

England v Italy on Sunday evening

There has been some press coverage about Monday 12th July being requested as a Bank Holiday and businesses & schools allowing people to arrive later for work/school. For Parklands it will be business as usual, please.

Uniform

As the weather has cooled, we shall revert to our usual uniform rules, with pupils able to wear PE kit on their PE days only.

Kind regards,
Mr Mitchell



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Year 7 Messages

None this week

Year 8 Messages

HPV vaccinations: We have been informed that Intrahealth will be contacting parents/carers to arrange for their child to be vaccinated for the HPV jab during the summer break at a local facility. Any other catch-ups are now likely to take place in the autumn term unless you hear directly from the immunisation team.

Year 9 Messages

None this week

Year 10 Messages

None this week

Whole School Messages

Perfect 3s

Has your child continued to achieve the perfect 3 since September 2021. There are **145** pupils with the perfect 3 - Well done!

Year 7: 18 pupils

Year 8: 39 pupils

Year 9: 31 pupils

Year 10: 28 students

Year 11: 29 students

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

Weekly Learning Support Board, please click [here](#)

UNIFORM SWAP! SAVE the PLANET

Did you know that 1.4million wearable school uniforms are thrown away each year!

To help keep uniforms out of landfill we are running a Uniform Drop initiative. Chorley Council are supporting this across schools in the Borough.

Bring your unwanted/outgrown uniform to us by Tuesday 20th July by dropping it at reception (FAO Mrs Fairhurst) If you're donating uniform, we request that it is washed and reuseable (no stains/rips) please. Thank you!

It is with sadness that this week we were informed of the passing of Mr Terry Butterworth. Terry taught at Parklands from 1977-1981 and was a member of the Science Department. During his time at Parklands Terry was also Head of Middle School which involved having a responsibility to maintain standards in Years 9 and 10. Terry's son said *'he loved being a teacher at Chorley. ... and he had great memories of the school, staff, pupils and the wider community. In particular he relished the extra-curricular activity and all that this encompassed and led various walking and caving trips during his time here.'*

We would like to pass on our condolences to Mr Butterworth's family from all our staff and pupils, past and present.

<https://www.bigbarn.co.uk/producer/chorley/watch-us-grow-chorley-28688/>

[Watch US Grow Chorley. Chorley. PR7 1EB - Big Barn](#)

About Watch US Grow Chorley. We are a non-profit community organisation. We give out food & drinks to anyone that wants or needs it. Also adult & baby care packs. We have many years of experience in addiction. We're here to help.

This has been recently launched in Chorley and some families have accessed it and enjoyed family days out. It may be worth dropping in and seeing how it may help you.

Mrs Fairhurst - Safeguarding Lead

Careers

Sorry - no Career News magazine this week due to technical issues, but don't worry - all the highlights and links are here!

July Parents' & Carers' Pack from Amazing Apprenticeships

July's issue includes articles on getting work ready, T Levels in Construction, apprenticeships in technology, Post-16 support for students with SEND, the employer perspective with The Open University, life as a laboratory Scientist apprentice and more! Download [here](#).

Also available: '**Get Ahead**' newsletter - Edition 10

The latest edition of the 'Get Ahead' newsletter is now available from Disability Rights UK. This month's edition includes information on Autism and an update about the Disabled Apprentice Network. Download the latest edition [here](#).



Fantastic opportunity for anyone interested in a career in finance...

The application process for the NHS Finance Apprentice Programme is now open for the Lancashire Teaching Hospital opportunity on the link below. Interested candidates should apply through the 'apply now' section which will ask them to create a new account and fill in the application form.

Apprentices will be working towards their Level 3 Assistant Accountant Apprenticeship facilitated by the Skills Development Network and are employed on a fixed-term contract attending training in Manchester or Liverpool studying industry recognised qualifications ie. AAT & Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS).

The closing date for applications is 15th August 2021 with a potential start date around 14th September 2021.

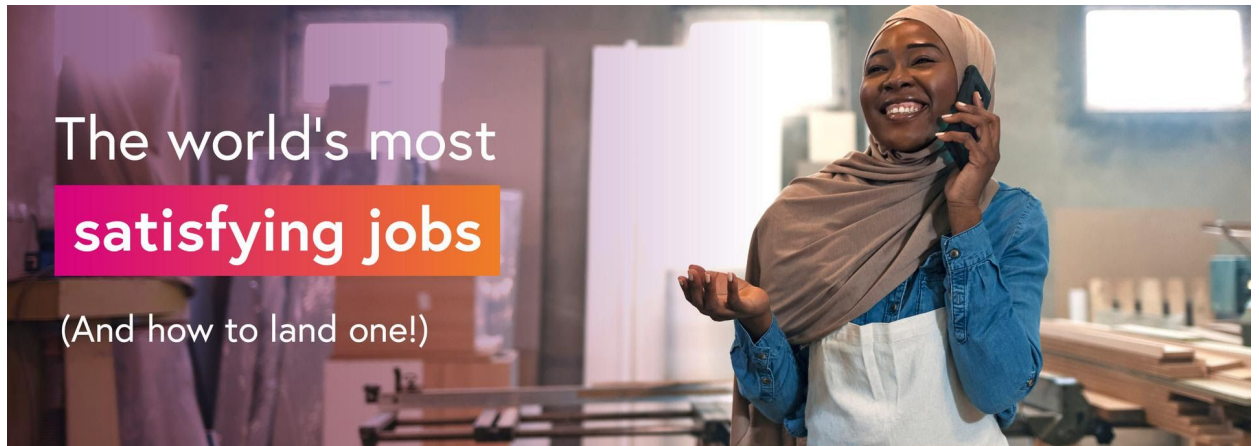
[Accounting Apprentice - Find an apprenticeship \(find apprenticeship.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.apprenticeship.service.gov.uk)

If you have any questions or queries about the Lancashire Teaching Hospital vacancies please email our Finance lead - beth.pidduck@lthtr.nhs.uk

Enrolment at Preston's College

Our enrolment process is already in full swing and again this year will be virtual. All details can be found here <https://www.preston.ac.uk/14-19-school-leavers/enrolment-at-prestons-college/> but every student who has an offer has a full enrolment account that they have accessed and in the next week they will upload a photo for their ID badge and in August upload results. From there we will then send them an induction pack in the post. We are liaising closely with learners to continue our keep warm strategy and last week sent them all their sprint start links to back up the welcome events.

As always, if anyone has any questions about any aspect of careers: colleges, courses, apprenticeships, etc., please get in touch. pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk



The world's most satisfying jobs

(And how to land one!)

What makes a truly [satisfying job](#)? Although everyone would answer that question a little differently, there are certain things that happy professionals have in common. If you're looking for a job that's good for your mental health, productivity, creativity, and overall happiness, [read this post](#) to discover the most satisfying roles in the world.

One of the key things to consider with your job is the enjoyment factor. When the average person spends more than 40 hours a week at work, being satisfied and happy in your job is a really important factor to consider.

Opportunities for students to explore the workplace virtually from Barclays LifeSkills

A lack of face-to-face opportunities doesn't mean students have to miss out on workplace experiences. From taking a virtual tour of an office environment to watching case studies of young people working in different industries, LifeSkills virtual work experience resources can be accessed by students independently over the summer. They can also discover short films featuring Barclays colleagues explaining their career journey and skills they needed to develop, helping students understand the importance of skills in the world of work.

<https://barclayslifeskills.com/virtual-work-experience/>



Over 1000 students have graduated as [Bronze level Industrial Cadets](#) with EDT through [Routes into STEM course](#) this academic year so far. Your students can also have this opportunity!

Our last Routes into STEM course this academic year is starting in a week - help your students to get the most out of their summer holiday to:

- access live sessions with Cambridge, Birmingham, Abertay, Southampton, Kent, Loughborough universities and many more
- participate in an exclusive live Q&A session and hear from **His Royal Highness Prince of Wales Ambassadors** about their career journeys and why they think Industrial Cadets experiences are important
- join our women in STEM panel to hear from inspiring women working in STEM
- hear from Balfour Beatty and chemistry focused employee panel about career options, apprenticeships, and pathways into the industry
- take part in fantastic workshops and a variety of project work to choose from for example:
 - Biopharm challenge by GSK
 - Flight challenge by University of Cambridge
 - Maths Murder Mystery challenge
 - Tempest Cockpit Design challenge by BAE Systems
 - Let's go Fission challenge by Babcock

Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, we are also delighted to be able to offer a number of **FREE places** (usually £60) on our summer courses to students who receive free school meals or would like to attend one of the courses but aren't able to pay for it. Funding is missed out on each year by students who don't even know about it or don't think that they are eligible for it. **Make sure you don't miss out on these opportunities!** See the [flyer](#) here for more details.

BRAND NEW: The Employability Guide

Are you looking to land your first job but not sure how to get started?

Our brand-new Employability Guide is here to help by equipping you with the skills and knowledge you need to enter the job market with confidence. When you reach 16, school assemblies are all about finding work experience, a part-time job and the right university. Considering all these next steps can be both overwhelming and exciting and it's more than likely you have lots of questions...

This Employability Guide is here to provide you with some of the answers. Packed with tips and tricks about building your CV, preparing for interviews, networking and finding work experience. We won't give it all away though... download your free guide now and kickstart your career. [Download your free guide](#)

Careers

Fantastic opportunities for aspiring Medics, Dentists and Vets ...

[Get Into Medicine Virtual Insight and UCAS Conference](#)

Dr. Kennedy and Dr. Siva will again host a virtual conference this Sunday 11th July, concentrating on the UCAS application process for prospective medics. Topics covered include effective C.V building, successful personal statement writing and what to expect from medical school interviews.

[Virtual Medical, Dentistry, and Veterinary Societies](#)

In this week's Senior VMS, students will be discussing the Four Pillars of Medical Ethics, with special consideration for Gillick competence, whilst our Junior VMS will be looking at how communication skills and empathy are used in daily practice.

Our VVS will be investigating animal psychology and the role it plays in animal training; and lastly our VDS will also be following the ethical theme, with a look at the practical application of key responsibilities and values.

[Dentistry Virtual Work Experience](#)

This Saturday 10th July marks the restart of our dental work experience programme. This week will see our team look at both child and adult consultations, safeguarding, and associated echo-legal issues and guidelines within the profession.

If you do have any questions concerning any of these programmes, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the Medic Mentor Education team directly at: education@medicmentorfamily.org

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Shortlisted
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Contribution to local community

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TOP 100 MOST INCLUSIVE WORKPLACES
EQUITY ANALYSIS 2021

Ofsted
Good Provider

APPLY NOW FOR SEPTEMBER 2021 ENTRY: VISIT myerscough.ac.uk

Myerscough College Enrolment Day on Thursday 12th August.

Enrolment Day will be virtual this year and all applicants will be sent full details/joining instructions, in relation to their subject area in the next few weeks. **It is important that they check their emails on a regular basis.**

Although some courses are close to capacity and it will be so close to the start of term, we can still consider applications at this stage and the School Liaison Team will be available on 12th August to take any over the phone course enquiries on 01995 642310, 01995 642167 or 01995 642341.

Enquiries relating to Finance, Accommodation, Travel and Inclusive Learning etc. are still being dealt with throughout summer as usual and Live Chat will still be running on our website for pupils to speak to advisors.

Please see the link below for our full Admissions Guide.

[Further Education Applicants | Myerscough College](#)



EVENT

Secrets to Success: solicitor apprentice edition — with Clyde & Co, CMS, Gowling WLG and ULaw

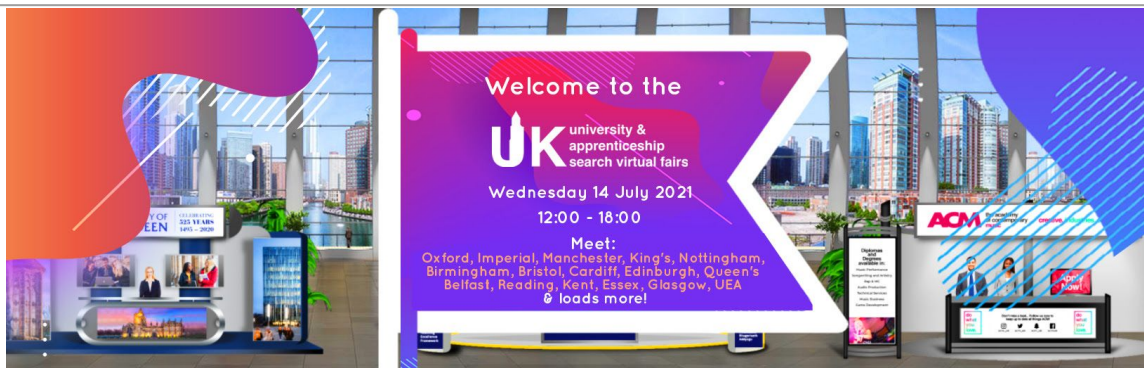
Thursday 15 July, 4pm to 6pm, taking place virtually



Secrets to Success solicitor apprentice edition — with Clyde & Co, CMS, Gowling WLG and ULaw, takes place Thursday 15 July, from 4pm to 6pm. This virtual event is geared specifically towards sixth formers, as well as school leavers looking to enter a career in law via the solicitor apprenticeship route.

The panel discussion, followed by virtual networking, features leading law firms Clyde & Co, CMS and Gowling WLG - all three of which run legal apprenticeship programmes.

The virtual event also features career experts from The University of Law (ULaw) who will answer any questions about the academic side of this route into the legal profession.



Don't forget ... This is just a quick reminder that the **free Virtual UK University & Apprenticeship Search Fair** takes place next Wednesday 14 July. Teachers, parents and students in Years 11 and 10 can join the live event anytime between 12-6pm, where they can chat to over 95 university and apprenticeship exhibitors and take part in vital webinars. You can view a full list of webinars and exhibitors, find out more details and register at: <https://ukunisearch.vfairs.com/>

Apprenticeships

A number of really interesting apprenticeships on offer this week - check out these and many more at <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

Land Based Service Engineer Apprenticeship at One Stop Hire Ltd.
Level 2 (based in Wigan and mainly outdoor working) VAC001732548

Apprentice Warehouse Operative at DVM Pigments & Additives Ltd.
Level 2 - VAC001704881

Apprentice Early Years Educator at Eccleston Primary School (x 2 vacancies)
Level 2 - VAC1000015540

Parts Advisor Apprenticeship at Wilson & Co. Motor Sales Ltd.
Level 2 - VAC001729073

Residential Adult Care Apprentice at Blackrod House Residential Home (possible min. age reqt)
Level 2 - VAC001725928

Service Technician Apprenticeship at Wilson & Co. Ltd. (Car dealership)
Level 3 - VAC001734633

IT Support Apprenticeship at Convene IT Ltd.
Level 3 - VAC001729817

IT Apprenticeship at Albany Learning Trust
Level 3 - VAC001728549

Teaching Assistant Apprenticeship at Moss Side Primary
Level 3 - VAC1000015766

For all these vacancies, go to the website above, create an account and, using the VAC references, go straight to the job you are interested in. You will probably need a CV - email Miss Berry for any help with this.

Don't forget - with an apprenticeship, you are usually in work for four days and at college for just one day a week (some are slightly different: assessment/training can be in-house or you could attend college in a block every few months). Either way, you are paid from day one and you will gain a qualification.