



PARKLANDS BULLETIN

14 June-18 June 2021: Week 2



Headteacher's message

Dear parents and carers and students,

Click [here](#) to view a letter from the Director of Public Health for Lancashire County Council.

Mass PCR testing for pupils and staff in school on Tuesday 15th June

Due to the extremely high rate of positive Covid-19 cases at our school we have been invited to take part in additional testing as a precautionary measure. We are requesting your support and asking:

- For your child and household members to undertake a PCR test.
- PCR tests will be given out to pupils who have been given parental consent and are in school during form time on **Tuesday 15th June**. The PCR tests should be registered and carried out at home as per the instructions that will be provided with the kits.
- Completed tests should be delivered back to form tutors on **Wednesday 16th June**. These will then be taken to a collection point, to enable the genomic sequencing.

You can do a PCR test even if:

- You have no Covid-19 symptoms.
- You have had one or both Covid-19 vaccinations.
- You previously tested positive for Covid-19 over 90 days ago.

The results of the tests will be sent through to the parent/carer and not the school. If you receive a positive result you **MUST NOT** send your child into school. All positive results should be logged with the school in the normal way to allow track and trace to take place. Parents/carers will have received a text from the school with further information.

The parental consent form will be in the 'Forms' section of Edulink for you to complete electronically. We must have consent for testing and urge you to strongly consider supporting the school community including staff, your children and yourselves to help minimise the risk of spreading Covid-19. Please note the testing is for all household members, you will be asked for the number of tests you require on the consent form.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,
Mr Mitchell



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Year 7 Messages

PE kit: due to the number of positive cases amongst our pupils, the PE department would like pupils to continue to wear PE kit for school on their PE days rather than use the changing rooms. We fully appreciate that this is yet another change, but it seems pragmatic in the current climate.

Please click [here](#) for the Career Newsletter

Parents Evening will take place on **Thursday 24th June**. It will be an online event due to COVID restrictions. Further details will be emailed to you after half-term. Your child's latest tracker will also be issued on 15h June.

Year 8 Messages

Please click [here](#) for the Career Newsletter

Parents Evening. Please could we ask for very brief feedback about last night's event. This will help us decide if future events should also be online. Click [here](#) to complete the very short questionnaire.

Year 9 Messages

Please click [here](#) for the Career Newsletter

Year 10 Messages

Please click [here](#) for the Career Newsletter

STOP PRESS: This arrived too late for the Career News bulletin - but if any Year 10 students would like to look around Blackburn College (in person!) they can do so on Wednesday 16th June at 7.00pm. Check out all the details at : www.blackburn.ac.uk/openfe

Year 11 Messages

Please click [here](#) for the Career Newsletter

Year 11 Messages

[please follow this link to access a range of resources from the colleges.](#) These are designed to keep you busy over the coming months and support you in the transition to your next steps. If you have any concerns about this please do get in touch. We are still here to support you!

Transition Activities for Year 11



Our subject teachers have put together a fantastic range of activities, information and recommended reading/websites for Year 11 students to help them prepare for starting on their chosen course in September. There are resources for all of our A Level and Vocational subjects on the page, as well as our email address if they have any questions.

Follow this link - <https://www.runshaw.ac.uk/study-at-runshaw/exciting-links-for-year-11-students/>

Whole School Messages

Perfect 3s

Has your child continued to achieve the perfect 3 since September 2021. There are **148** pupils with the perfect 3 - Well done!

Year 7: 17 pupils
Year 8: 40 pupils
Year 9: 33 pupils
Year 10: 29 students
Year 11: 29 students

Who had the perfect 3 during the last week of last half-term?

Year 7: 93 pupils
Year 8: 121 pupils
Year 9: 129 pupils
Year 10: 125 students
Year 11: 191 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](#)

SCOPAY - Please note when paying for items on SCOPAY, please pay for dinner money separately and not at the same time as a trip or event. There is an error on the system and only payment for dinner money will be taken from your account.



PARKLANDS SPORTING HEROS



Is your child competing in sport at a county/regional or national level?

It doesn't have to be a sport we do in school!

We would love to know so we can celebrate their success in school!

Please send details to ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk

Whole School Messages

Parklands Club Links - Want to find a club to join and increase your child's physical activity levels, have a look [here](#). Also if you are involved in a club and wish to be added to the list please email ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk



PARKLANDS LOCKDOWN TIER WORKOUTS



AS PART OF YOUR LOCKDOWN, WE WANT YOU TO TAKE PART IN YOUR PE LESSONS.

YOU SHOULD AS A MINIMUM DO 2 WORKOUTS A WEEK (BUT YOU CAN DO MORE).

IF YOU WISH YOU CAN PROVIDE EVIDENCE OF YOUR EXERCISE SUCH AS A FITNESS TRACKERS, SCREENSHOTS/SELFIES.

Whole School Messages

Food Bank Donations

A group of our Y8 pupils have started a project to collect donations for our local food bank. From Monday, pupils will be able to donate during form time. Please see below for more details

Food bank donation!

Hi everyone! There is a donation box in an area for each year!

Year 7 - S02

Year 8 - S20

Year 9 - N11

Year 10 - N26

For foods such as:

- Canned foods,
- Cereal,
- Tea,
- Coffee,
- Biscuits,
- Tinned veg,
- Tinned fruit,
- Pasta,
- Pasta sauce,
- Rice,
- Lentils,
- Beans,
- Tinned meat.



This box will be donated to the Living Waters Church food Bank! By Ella Ashton, Mathew Ramsden, Harry Gibson and Ava Howarth.

We have created this box to support hunger and poverty for our aspire project.

The box will be out after half term and will be taken to the food bank near the end of the year!

Hope you can donate! :)

We at Parklands are currently in the process of applying for the Diabetes UK "Good care in school" award. If you are a parent of a child in school with Type 1 Diabetes you should have received a link to a survey via email this week. Please could you let me know if this isn't the case and I will contact you. robinson@parklandsacademy.co.uk Thanks Ms Robinson



Parents don't ignore the signs of **type 1 diabetes** because of COVID-19

Undiagnosed type 1 diabetes can be fatal.



If parents are concerned about their child they should have their blood glucose (sugar) checked either in the GP surgery or local pharmacy.



DID YOU KNOW?

TYPE 1 DIABETES CANNOT BE PREVENTED

Type 1 diabetes (T1D) is an **autoimmune disease** in which a person's **pancreas stops producing insulin**. T1D has nothing to do with diet or lifestyle and it **cannot be prevented or cured**.



Careers

Lots of useful stuff in the week's Career News! Virtual careers fairs, work experience opportunities, competitions, exhibitions, apprenticeships galore, courses for students and parents/carers, open days, LMI for Lancashire and a blog from Daniel, who despite having cerebral palsy, is forging ahead with his career as a lawyer.

Click the link here:

https://files.schudio.com/parklandshighschool/files/documents/Career_News_issue_7.pdf

If anyone would like their business/industry to feature in a future edition, please get in touch (pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

PEARSON BUSINESS SCHOOL
VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE
DATES: July 7th - 8th
BOOK NOW

If you are considering a career in business - have a look at this ...
You're invited to our Virtual Work Experience! We all know about the Catch 22 surrounding work experience. To get experience you need a job but you need a job to get experience.
Don't miss out!
Dates: 7th - 8th
Location: Live
Time: 12pm

Wigan & Leigh College
YEAR 11 YOUR STEPS TO SUCCESS

STEP 11 ENROLMENT
STEP 10 Important information for your course
STEP 9 New Student Day
STEP 8 Transition Activities
STEP 7 Introduction for College
STEP 6 Apply to Wigan & Leigh College
STEP 5 Virtual Open Evening
STEP 4 Virtual Open Evening
STEP 3 Career Advice
STEP 2 Selection Activities

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

Welcome to another edition of Career News. There are lots of really great virtual work experience opportunities on offer, so don't miss out. Although never quite the same as in-person work experience, nevertheless, it's well worth getting involved - any experience looks great on a CV and gives students something to talk about in interviews for college, university, apprenticeships or jobs.

Speaking of apprenticeships - check out the range of vacancies this week. There's an additional list from Bolton College (with far more available on their website - see inside for details).

Hopefully, Year 11s have got their college or apprenticeship places sorted out - all places accepted, interviews done and dusted (or at least booked!) and everything organised for enrolment day. Everyone should have a Plan B - just in case. It's not too late to apply to most colleges, but don't leave it till the very last minute - or the popular courses will be full.

Lots of exciting events coming up for Year 10 students, including their live virtual sampling day with Wigan & Leigh College, and an actual visit to Runshaw College (fingers crossed!) There's also a World of Work Day being organised with Inspira (Careers & Enterprise Company) and the local EBP - more details to follow as we get them.

Year 7, 8 and 9 are not forgotten - there'll be lots for them to get involved with soon. Keep an eye on the Google Classroom Careers areas for news, competitions and so on. In particular - the Parklands Safety Group will be launching soon. Our previous team won the National Safety Groups UK award and were presented with their trophy at a prestigious location in London. Now we have to defend that title - so if anyone in Year 5 or 6 would like to get involved, let me know! After the half term holiday, there will be a Safety Groups assembly when you can officially sign up for a position on the team.

PARKLANDS SAFETY GROUP
YOU

We are currently testing a new careers site for students, which will allow them to record all their career-related lessons, interventions, meetings with employers and so on - so writing a CV in Year 11 will be a piece of cake! More details to follow in future newsletters.

If you would like your industry or business to feature in a future issue, please get in touch (pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk). Have a great half term and see you soon!

Half term - 31 May - 4 June 2021

PATHWAY CTM
Upcoming events

NHS
NHS Virtual Taster Session - Non Clinical Roles
Tuesday, 8 June from 5pm - 6pm
Dive straight into the various roles available at the NHS (non-clinical). The many non-clinical roles in the NHS cover the functions needed to keep things clean and efficient and the organisation running smoothly. Roles such as receptionists, porters, IT specialists, cleaners, engineers, pharmacists, there is a role to suit all interests and ambitions. Come along to find out more!
SIGN UP HERE

RWE
RWE Work Experience Day - Career Insights in Engineering & More!
Wednesday, 23 June between 10am - 3:15pm
Learn more about landing an engineering role at one of the largest companies in renewable energy! During the session we will have a series of breakout rooms where you will have the chance to stand out and participate in group activities. Write speaking directly with employers!
The day will also include a five tour around one of their sites AND you will receive a certificate for your CV for attending the day!
SIGN UP HERE
We look forward to seeing you there!

Siemens
Siemens experts to help with digitalisation, safety and inclusion. Siemens across the company Siemens You'll also have a clear picture of what the 'Apply Now' link.

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