



PARKLANDS BULLETIN

17 May - 21 May 2021: Week 1



Headteacher's message

Dear parents, carers and students,

As you will be aware, on the 10th May the Department for Education updated its guidance to state that "From 17th May, in line with Step 3 of the roadmap, face coverings will no longer be recommended for pupils in classrooms or communal areas in all schools". We shall therefore continue follow the government guidance and remove the need to wear face coverings, but there may be occasions when staff request pupils wear a mask, such as when needing to work closely with someone. Please also be advised that some staff may continue to wear face coverings. It is also worth noting that local restrictions may change due to the Indian variant and it cannot be ruled out that we will be advised to reimpose the requirement to wear face coverings again.

Furthermore, the guidance continues to say that, "children and young people aged 11 and over **must still wear a face covering on public transport**. In accordance with advice from PHE, they **must also wear a face covering when travelling on dedicated transport to secondary school or college**. This does not apply to children and young people who are exempt from wearing face coverings". This guidance can be found via the following link. [Schools coronavirus \(COVID-19\) operational guidance \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/94422/schools_coronavirus_guidance.pdf)

Please could I remind everyone again of the importance of lateral flow testing. These should be done each time you receive a reminder from school. Positive results should be emailed to Mrs Fish at attendance@parklandsacademy.co.uk.

Finally, this week saw the end of Ramadan and the festival Eid. We hope your celebrations with friends and family were filled with peace and joy. Eid Mubarak!

Kind regards,

Mr Mitchell



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Year 7 Messages

Please click [here](#) 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.

From **Monday 17th May** Year 7 pupils should always come to school in their full school uniform, even on PE days.

Year 7 pupils will now be getting changed into PE kit for PE lessons in the changing rooms before and after every lesson. The pupils must now bring their full PE kit (PE top, Parklands PE bottoms, white socks/Parklands football socks and trainers) in their school bag.

Also on a Thursday when Year 7 have extra curricular PE they must go to the changing rooms and get changed at 3pm for football or rounders and then make their way to the field once changed.

Year 8 Messages

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Parents Evening will take place on **Thursday 10th June**. It will be an online event due to COVID restrictions. Further details will be emailed to you soon. Your child's latest tracker will also be issued on 8th June.

Year 9 Messages

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A reminder that the HPV Vaccinations will take place on Tuesday 18th May.

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Parents Evening will take place on **Thursday 27th May**. It will be an online event due to COVID restrictions. Further details will be emailed to you shortly. Your child's latest tracker will also be issued on the same day.

Year 10 Messages

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Thank you for your feedback following last week's Parents Evening. I really appreciate your comments and will take them onboard when planning future events. Mr Mitchell

Half term sports for anyone in Year 10 who might be bored in the holiday! **Blackburn College** are offering a Football Camp and a Netball Camp on Wednesday 2nd June, from 10am - 3pm. Entry is £5. Why not go along and meet new people, gain new skills and have fun! Check out the amazing college facilities at the same time. For more information, contact: sarah.greenwood@blackburn.ac.uk

Year 11 Messages

Leaving date: Year 11s are due to leave on Friday, 28th May assuming COVID does not get in the way. Further details will be emailed soon regarding the final week of term, once the majority of assessments have been completed. We continue to be really proud of this year group, whose grit and determination are admirable!

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2021 Prom is currently still on! Date; Thursday 8th July 2021. Tickets will be priced at £35 and will be on sale from Wednesday 26th May from the main office and online via scopy. Pupils - Keep an eye out for a questionnaire from Mrs Haslam. It's your chance to say what you would like at your Prom! If you have any questions please email haslam@parklandsacademy.co.uk

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Whole School Messages

Perfect 3s

Has your child continued to achieve the perfect 3 since September 2021. There are 159 pupils with the perfect 3 - Well done!

Year 7: 22 pupils
Year 8: 42 pupils
Year 9: 33 students
Year 10: 32 students
Year 11: 30 students

Who had the perfect 3 last week?

Year 7: 121 Pupils
Year 8: 141 Pupils
Year 9: 137 Pupils
Year 10: 134 students
Year 11: 170 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](#)

Normandy Food Tour Easter 2022 - NOW FULLY BOOKED!

However the **GOOD NEWS** is...

I have managed to secure an additional 8 places with the travel company this week and...

...there are just 3 places now remaining!

So booking has been extended until these places are secured with the trip deposit. They will be allocated in order of receipt of the deposit which can be paid via ScoPay.

Following this those expressing an interest to book will be offered the opportunity to remain on a waiting list. Join us - it will be a fantastic trip! All enquiries to Mrs Brookes

sbrookes@parklandsacademy.co.uk



4 days 4th-7th April 2022 - £450

...staying at Chateau Du Baffy near Bayeux, Normandy

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SCOPAY - Please note that SCOPAY will not allow you to add dinner money and trip/event/etc money onto your child's account. Please pay for these items individually. You can for example: pay for two trips and events at the same time, but not dinner money and event.

Wellbeing

Message from Chorley Borough Council

Is there a loved one, friend or relative you worry about when they go out?

The Herbert Protocol is a simple form that carers, family or friends of a vulnerable person can fill out to help police find them if they go missing.

It records useful information such as mobile phone numbers, places previously located, any medication requirements and a recent photograph.

If you are worried about someone you know or would like the assurance of a completed information form in case they go missing, or if you would simply like to find out more, please join us for an online introduction to the Herbert Protocol - in partnership with [Lancashire Police](#).

When: Thursday 20 May (5pm)

Where: Microsoft Teams

To book a place, please email communities@chorley.gov.uk or call 01257 515151

Mental Health - Taking care of your mental health, please see [here](#)

Follow **YoungMindsUK** to look at coping tools and strategies to ease stress, anxiety and low mood.

Provides free, 24/7 text support for young people across the UK experiencing a mental health crisis.

All texts are answered by trained volunteers, with support from experienced clinical supervisors.

Texts are free from EE, O2, Vodafone, 3, Virgin Mobile, BT Mobile, GiffGaff, Tesco Mobile and Telecom Plus.

Texts can be anonymous, but if the volunteer believes you are at immediate risk of harm, they may share your details with people who can provide support.

Text: YM to 85258

Opening times: 24/7

Take this advice from a fellow student.....

Your wellbeing is always the most important thing to take care of, particularly at times like this. It is okay to be upset now but remember that we're all in this together, and there are always going to be people who will listen and who you can talk to!

Careers

There are two really great competitions on offer for arty students - 'Interconnected', a photography challenge from the Royal Society of Biology and 'The Nancy Rothwell Award', a drawing competition from the Royal Veterinary College (University of London). They both have prizes on offer - and entry is now open to anyone from Year 7 - 11. Check 'Career News' for full details.

The **Career Drop-in** sessions are on Friday lunchtimes for Year 11 in A21 (1.20 - 2.00pm)
Coming soon - one to one interviews for Year 10, plus live virtual sampling sessions at Wigan & Leigh College - more details to follow soon ...

Career of the week is Baker (as there is a vacancy for an apprentice baker at the moment!)
Follow the link on the website to read more about this creative and rewarding career: [here](#)

Information and full details of all competitions, quizzes, work experience programmes and much more is available in this week's Career News. Please follow the link within the Year Group Notices.

Apprenticeship Notifications

May Parents' & Carers' Pack from Amazing Apprenticeships - in the [May issue](#) we look at supporting your child's mental health, myth busting traineeships, T Levels in Health, 2 apprentice perspective articles, an overview of apprenticeships in furniture and manufacturing and much more!

UK University and Apprenticeship Search are holding another virtual careers fair on June 16th, with a wide range of universities, colleges and apprenticeship providers attending. You can chat directly with admissions teams, participate in live webinars and view virtual campus tours. Find out more and register [here](#).

Pathways to Health & Nursing Apprenticeships Virtual Event on Wednesday 16th June, from 4-6pm, with parent/carer Q&A to follow. Ideal for Year 10 and 11. Free event - register here: [here](#)

Lots more **apprenticeships** available at www.gov.uk and at Alliance Learning. Full list shared on Google Classroom and in Career News. If you need any help with creating a CV, please drop me an email: pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk or come to the Career Drop-in session on Fridays.