



PARKLANDS BULLETIN

24 May - 28 May 2021: Week 2



Headteacher's message

Dear parents and carers and students,

URGENT UPDATE

We were contacted around 2.15pm by Lancashire County Council Public Health Team with regards to our active Covid 19 cases.

They have advised that, unfortunately, our isolating Year 11 cases must extend their isolation date to midnight of 25th May and will therefore only be unable to return to school on Wednesday 26th May.

They have also advised that all isolating students and household members must get a PCR test from a local test centre as soon as possible. Tests can be booked online using the 'my council has asked me to test' section.

All results must be reported to school. Please note that a negative result DOES NOT end any isolation period. The full 10 days must be completed.

Public Health also stipulated that from Monday 24th May all sickness absences, regardless of symptoms, will need a PCR test completing before returning to school. This is a local government directive, not a Parklands initiative.

Public Health have advised that the new variant is very prominent in the Lancashire area and is showing very different symptoms to previous variants. The vaccination program is now open to anyone aged over 34 years and they strongly advise that people take this opportunity to get one.

Year 11

I have emailed all year 11s and parents/carers regarding next week. Please ensure you read the information carefully and join the Google Meet at 8.40am if you are at all unclear. I know the changes we have had to implement are very sudden, but please rest assured that none of this will have a negative impact on your GCSE grades. We will take all these circumstances into account so that no-one is penalised or disadvantaged due to the current situation.

Kind regards,
Mr Mitchell



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Year 7 Messages

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

Public Health have stipulated that we can no longer use the changing rooms. Please revert back to attending school in your PE kit on your PE days.

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 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

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

You should have received an email containing information about the Parents Evening on Thursday 27th May. Please contact school if you have not received this.

Year 10 Messages

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

DofE Information for the Year 10 group was emailed yesterday - if you require it to be re-sent, please email ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk

Year 11 Messages

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

Teacher Assessed Grades

Click [here](#) to read a brief guide about the awarding of your GCSE grades this summer. This guide is from Ofqual and so it's important you read it.

Whole School Messages

Perfect 3s

Has your child continued to achieve the perfect 3 since September 2021. There are **157** pupils with the perfect 3 - Well done!

Year 7: 22 pupils
Year 8: 41 pupils
Year 9: 33 pupils
Year 10: 32 students
Year 11: 29 students

Who had the perfect 3 last week?

Year 7: 113 pupils
Year 8: 127 pupils
Year 9: 139 pupils
Year 10: 135 students
Year 11: 146 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](#)

Dear valued stakeholder

We are sending you this email in the hope that you can help us to promote our forthcoming Kickstart placements to young people that may be interested.

Paid Traineeships for 16-24 year olds

As part of a collaboration of 200+ social sector employers, we're working with @CharityworksUK and the government's #Kickstart scheme to provide paid jobs and professional development opportunities to those deeply affected by youth unemployment.

We are currently offering a range of paid traineeships for talented young people aged 16-24 who are receiving Universal Credit and looking to kick-start their career. It is an opportunity to gain 6-months of peer coaching, facilitated learning and development to launch a career in the UK charity sector.

Potential candidates should check eligibility and apply through our website <https://www.lancswt.org.uk/jobs> where the process of recruitment is explained. A list of our current vacancies are here too. The roles vary from support at Brockholes Nature Reserve and Visitor Village, MyPlace, Carbon Landscape (based in Wigan), and The Hive (Moss Bank Park) Bolton

Please help us support the next generation of talent to lead social change by sharing these job opportunities.

Many thanks
Daveen Wallis
Director of Nature and Wellbeing
Lancashire Wildlife Trust

Whole School Messages

Due to the very high level of trespassing on the tracks by young people in your local area, Network Rail in partnership with Learn Live are working to help raise awareness to students across the UK educating them about the dangers of the train tracks through interactive digital delivery.

We urgently need you to please share the relevant safety video with your students/parents/carers to show to students and parents who can watch it at home before the Summer break, as we traditionally see an increase in trespassing over this holiday period.

Remember 15 mins can help save lives and provide important safety information to young people.

We have made things easier for you to watch the free safety videos by just entering the email railsafety@learnliveuk.com into the I am registered field when you first watch the videos.

Please click on the link below to view the relevant safety video:

Secondary school version: Age 11-16

<https://learnliveuk.com/network-rail-secondary-school-safety-talk/>

SAFEGUARDING: ONLINE SAFETY

Dear parents and carers,

It has been brought to our attention from the police that the safety of some of our students has been seriously put at risk due to adult males infiltrating social media sites such as Snap-Chat, Instagram, Tik Tok and Facebook. Images of a sexual nature have been sent to our students and invites for students to send explicit photos of themselves have been encouraged. This has opened up investigations spread across the country. Please can I advise that these social sites are monitored closely by yourselves and that you check on your son/daughter's content regularly and know who they are conversing with. Advice is that students should be thirteen years and over to access them should be regarded. Please also encourage your son/daughter to speak to you should strangers send them requests which they know are inappropriate and report to the police straight away.

Mrs Fairhurst Safeguarding Lead

Only 3 remaining places! **Normandy Food Tour Easter Break 2022**

Please contact Mrs Brookes for further details sbrookes@parklandsacademy.co.uk



Barcelona Football Tour



Saturday 28th May - Thursday 2nd June 2022

Pupils in years 7-9 who play and attend school football club are welcome to attend!

Travelling by coach, all meals are included.

2 coaching sessions and festival matches against other schools.
Nou Camp stadium Tour

4* Olympic Park Hotel walking distance to the sports facilities and town centre/beach.

Total Cost estimate £650.

Deposit of £75 required by Friday 4th June 2021

NOW TAKING DEPOSITS VIA SCOPAY



Email ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk for further information.

PGL Watersports is full. If you wish to be added to the waiting list please email accounts@parklandsacademy.co.uk

Parklands Club Links



We are really lucky to have many links in local clubs and communities so pupils can continue with sports they find in school out of school. If you are a member/coach/volunteer of a local sports team and would like us to add it to our links slides please email ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk
Please find some of the fantastic opportunities in sports/physical activity available now [here](#).

Please find a link below to Chorley Family Zone facebook page. There is information about groups, public health messages and activities for families on there. The page is called Chorley & South Ribble Family Zone - <https://www.facebook.com/ChorleyFamilyZone/>

Career News from Parklands - follow the link to read the latest edition

https://files.schudio.com/parklandshighschool/files/documents/Career_News_issue_5.pdf

This week's packed instalment features enrolment information from Wigan & Leigh, Cardinal Newman and Preston's College; the story of Just Bee Honey and their struggle to reinvent their business; virtual work experience opportunities from Sky, Medic Mentor and Allied Healthcare Mentor; all the latest apprenticeship vacancies; career of the week; alumni news; podcasts for parents/carers; tips and advice from globalbridge, Future Learn and HSBC; open days and events at Escape Studios, Leonardo and HS2 as well as a virtual careers expo and an employability skills course. Phew!

If you would like your industry to feature in a future edition, please drop me an email:

pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk

If you think you could offer a work experience placement at some point in the future, please get in touch. Likewise, if you would like to talk to our students about your industry or your career so far - we'd love to hear from you. Thank you to those who have already volunteered their services - it is very much appreciated.

