



PARKLANDS BULLETIN

27 Sept - 1 Oct 2021 : Week 1



Headteacher's message

Dear parents and carers and students,

Extra-Curricular Activities

Click [here](#) for a comprehensive listing of all our extra-curricular activities. Please get involved - there is so much to choose from! After such a turbulent past 18 months, we would encourage all students to participate in at least one club.

COVID vaccinations

You will be aware that these are taking place on Monday for those students for whom we have consent. Students with consent must wear a short-sleeved shirt or their PE top.

Children for whom we do not have consent will not be given the vaccination, even if they wish to give consent themselves. The immunisation team will discuss this with the students, as Parklands staff will not be getting involved in any stage of the process whatsoever. School is simply providing the venue, nothing more.

Face coverings

Thank you for your continued support with face coverings/masks. As advised last weekend, we are seeing a rapid increase in the number of students testing positive on PCR tests, many of whom tested negative on the lateral flows. Whilst the wearing of face coverings is not mandatory, we are encouraging their use in order to help limit the spread of the virus. This will be reviewed next week, when we have a further follow-up with Lancashire's Director of Public Health.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mr Mitchell
Headteacher



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Year 7 Messages

Welcome to Parklands Evening: as we were unable to offer this in the summer term, we would like to invite the parents/carers and pupils in Year 7 into school, to meet with Mr Mitchell, Headteacher, your child's Houseleader, and your child's Form Tutor. We believe this is an important part of the transition process from primary school. There is no need to confirm your attendance, and details of the event are as follows:

ASIA House: Monday, 27th September at 5pm

AUSTRALASIA House: Tuesday, 28th September at 5pm

The Year 7 photograph proofs are being given to pupils over the next couple of days. Please check bags for them! The deadline for payments is October 15th. Many thanks, Mrs Haslam

Mr Willsher is looking for all Yr 7 musicians that play any of the following instruments to come and join the School Band which rehearses on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school.

Flute
Clarinet
Saxophone
Trumpet/Cornet
Tenor Horn/Baritone
Tuba/Bass

There are no auditions, simply come along and join in. Our older musicians will be there to help you get settled and playing in no time.

Y7 Nasal Flu Vaccine- Today you will have received a link via Edulink to give your consent/non-consent for the nasal flu vaccine that will take place on Monday 29th November when the Immunisation team will be in school. Please complete this form at your earliest. If you have any questions please refer to the information sheet or ring the Immunisation team on 03333 583397. Many thanks, Mrs Dewhurst. Click [here](#) for further information.

Year 8 Messages

Welcome to Parklands Evening: we would like to invite the parents/carers and pupils in Year 8 into school, to meet with Mr Mitchell, Headteacher, your child's Houseleader, and your child's Form Tutor. Due to COVID we know that many families have never stepped foot inside our school as usual transition activities could not take place. There is no need to confirm your attendance, and details of the event are as follows:

ASIA House: Monday, 27th September at 5pm

AUSTRALASIA House: Tuesday, 28th September at 5pm

Year 9 Messages

None this week

Year 10 Messages

None this week

Year 11 Messages

Year 11 Blood Brothers Trip

When? Thursday 24th February
We will be meeting at school at 6pm

Where? The Palace Theatre,
Manchester

How much? £23.50 (payable via ScoPay)

Why? Because it is a gripping, emotional performance that will help you to gain a deeper understanding of the characters, relationships and stagecraft of the play, in preparation for your English Literature GCSE



See/email
Miss Law for
more
information

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Head Students Page

Last week on the 18th september, Mr Martin and I attended the G7 World Speakers' Conference in Astley Park. There were speakers from Italy, France, Canada and America!

We got to meet some of the world speakers, and Mr Martin even got recognised by Chorley's own Sir Lindsay Hoyle.

It was a great experience to see the world speakers in person and witness them plant trees in our local park.

After the tree planting ceremony, all of the local primary and high schools gathered together at the front of Astley Hall to take pictures with the world speakers and to watch the Red Arrows fly past.

Astley Park was packed full of people who had come to see the world speakers (mainly Nancy Pelosi,) and to witness them visiting Chorley.

It was a very exciting day, and I am very grateful that I got to represent our school!

Thank you for reading,
Eadie Gosling



Whole School Messages

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

Perfect 3s

Excellent Behaviour for Learning goes hand in hand with achievement. It is an excellent indicator of how your child is performing in lessons. Who's had the Perfect 3 since we've been back?

Year 7: 156 pupils
Year 8: 82 pupils
Year 9: 106 pupils
Year 10: 97 students
Year 11: 112 students

How had the Perfect 3 last week?

Years 7: 194 pupils
Year 8: 134 pupils
Year 9: 147 pupils
Year 10: 146 students
Year 11: 148 students

Please congratulate your child if they have the Perfect 3. All BfL scores can be seen in the Edulink app.

The Children's Commissioner's The Big Ask...and The Big Answer

Earlier this year, The Children's Commissioner asked all children in England to complete a survey, to show the true voice of this generation. The results are in and The Children's Commissioner would like to say thank you. Over half a million children responded, the largest survey of its kind in history, and at a landmark moment for young people growing up in this country.

At a critical time, as we emerge from the pandemic, children have told us how the past year has affected them and what needs to happen now to put them at the heart of the recovery. Despite the sacrifices they have made, the majority of children say they are happy.

Children were united – they told us they want to get back to school, to get on, and do well. To have fulfilling lives. Children cared deeply about their family, their communities, their wellbeing and are an ambitious, excited generation. They want to make a contribution to a better world, a greener world, rooted in fairness of opportunity for everyone. The Children's Commissioner is now making sure children are being heard.

You can read the full report [here](#).

Covid Vaccines

Click [here](#) for information from Public Health England about the vaccines for children.

[Parklands Club Links](#)

If your child has enjoyed a sport during PE - get them down to a local club!



Whole School Messages

Mini-Marathon in PE lessons

Miss Greaves and Mrs Ardern are both running the London Marathon on 3rd October - This year we want as many pupils as possible to get involved and take part in the London Marathon Mini-Marathon. Year 7-9 during PE lessons will run, jog, walk 2.6 miles.

If you feel you could donate to the Teenage Cancer Trust please follow the link [here](#). This is to Miss Greaves' charity page. She is running for the charity in memory of Sally Cornes, a pupil who recently passed away and was supported greatly by the charity.



Years 7- 9 will take part in the mini marathon (2.6 miles) as part of their PE lesson.

Certificates will be given to all the pupils who participate.

Tuesday 28th September P2/3- Year 8

Wednesday 29th September P1/2-
Year 7

Thursday 30th September P1/2- Year
9

You can walk, run or jog! If you can bring any donations to **Teenage Cancer Trust** that would be amazing! Or use the QR code to donate.

We are hosting a taster session of the Wellness and Recovery Workshops at Adlington Library on Friday 8th October from 2pm-4pm.

These workshops are ideal for those people with poor mental health or wellbeing and are ready to start their recovery journey.

To book on you'll need to contact the library directly – more information on this in the link below:
https://events.lancashire.gov.uk/search/event_details.asp?eventid=10069

This is open to the whole community so please share it with those people you feel would benefit from it.

Lucy Jones

Support Time Recovery Worker

Community Asset Development Team

Community Prevention & Engagement Team

Lancashire & South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust

Whole School Messages

Normandy Food Tour April 2021 - Years 8, 9 & 10 - 2 Places Available

2 places have become available on our Food Tour to France during the school Easter Break 2022 - please see the links below for further details. A £50 deposit is required in the first instance to secure the place and you'll appreciate others are now part way through the payment plan detailed - we have 46 pupils already travelling with us and a great team of Parklands Staff!

[Normandy Food Tour Pupil Letter](#)

[Normandy Food Tour 2022 Booking Form](#)

2022 Normandy Food Tour Years 8,9 &10



- Boulangerie – bread making
- Goats Cheese Farm
- Oyster Farm
- Visit to Bayeaux Market and shopping
- Sweet Making Factory
- Apple Juice & Cider Farm
- Arromanches 360 Cinema – D-Day
- Landing beaches and WWII history.
- Food Tour Party and Campfire
- Local Market and shopping at Deauville
- ... and more!



Staying
at
Chateau
Du Baffy



Click here for video link...
**Please check your
child's email for a letter
and booking form.**
Thanks, Mrs Brookes



4 days 4th-7th April 2022 - £450

Any Parklands Hoodies that have been ordered with Nu Uniform are now available for collection.
Thanks Mrs Haslam

Lockers are still available to purchase. £20 for Years 7 & 8 and £15 for years 9, 10 & 11. £5 is refunded at the end of Year 11 as long as the original locker key is returned to the office.
Please purchase via SCOPAY and email accounts@parklandsacademy.co.uk

SCOPAY - a reminder that when paying for dinner money, please do not pay for any other items, eg trips or music fees. Only the dinner money will be purchased. Two separate transactions are needed.

Whole School Messages



This week has been Eco Focus Week here at Parklands. During the week in form, we have discussed various topics as we build up to Britain hosting COP 26 in Glasgow at the end of the month. We have looked at Food Production, Fossil Fuels, Biodiversity and Climate Justice. Today and Monday, on the back of these discussions, forms will be producing a message that will then be combined into a school wide submission to send to COP 26.

It has been heartwarming to see so many young people take an interest in the future of our precious planet. Things have to change and if the decision makers merely keep talking about it, then action is the only way forward.

Eco club runs every Thursday lunchtime from 1.30pm in W01 and for the next 3 Wednesdays 3-4pm we will be running an Eco Litter Pick in the community, starting in Astley Park, all years welcome.



Whole School Messages

Parklands Sports Results

- Year 11 Boys Football 3-4 St Michaels
- Year 7 Boys Football 1-14 Bishops - Chorley Cup QF
- Year 8 Boys Football 4-8 Southlands - Hospital Cup QF
- Year 8 Boys Football 0-5 Albany
- Year 11 Boys Rugby 4 - 24 Holy Cross
- Year 10 Boys Football 5-0 Southlands Chorley Cup QF
- Year 8/9 Girls Football 4-0 Bishops
- Year 11 Boys Football 1-0 Albany

This Weeks Fixtures

Monday 27th

- Year 11 boys football v St Bedes at home in Lancashire Cup

Tuesday 28th

- Year 10 vs Y11 Netball Match - GCSE Fixture
- Year 7 girls football festival @ West way
- Year 9 boys football @ Holy Cross Chorley Cup QF

Wednesday 29th

- Year 7 boys 5 aside at Salford
- Cross country @ Holy Cross for all years

Thursday 30th

- Y11 football v Holy cross @ home
- Y8 football v Holy Cross @ home Chorley Cup Semi final
- Year 10 Rugby District competition @ St Mics

Friday 1st Oct

- Year 8/9 netball @ Bishops

CAREER NEWS

VIRTUAL EVENT
Meet and hear from 15 of the best apprenticeship employers in the UK
20th & 21st October 2021
SPACES ARE LIMITED!

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

More exciting events for students in this issue of Career News... If you are interested in a career in allied healthcare, there is a virtual work experience opportunity from Medic Mentor. If construction is more your thing, then ISG Construction have offered our school a limited number of places on their prestigious virtual work experience scheme. Don't miss out on these amazing offers - you will receive a certificate of completion and a written reference to show to future employers or colleges - as well as discovering a whole lot more about your chosen career area! Look inside for more details and see Miss Berry in the Top Office for application forms (or email: pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

Also in this issue: the latest edition of Careermag for students and parents/carers, news about open events at various colleges, online events from Young Professionals and RateMyApprenticeship, university news, free courses for students and parents/carers and, of course, Career of the Week!

A number of ex-students have kindly offered to come back to Parklands to talk about their careers since leaving school - more details to follow on assemblies, talks, etc. In the meantime, if there is anyone who would like to share their career journeys with students, please get in touch. It really does inspire students to see what jobs there are out in the real world!

Finally, we are re-starting our school Safety Group shortly, so I need a team of Year 8 students to take part. This will involve meetings with a local employer, site visits, making videos, writing reports and working alongside other local high schools. The previous group covered topics such as road safety and mental health at work - and won a national award for their work!

Keep an eye on the bulletin for more information - and have a great weekend!

VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE WEEK WITH ISG CONSTRUCTION - Deadline for applications is October 1st - don't miss out!

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Find the Right Path for You
Our latest issue of Careermag for School Leavers is out now!
In our latest edition, you'll find more expert guides, tips and advice to help you get inspired and find the right career path for you!
Featuring four more Sector Spotlight Guides.

In this issue
How To Make the Most of Your Final Year at School
UCAS 2022: The Application Process
Top Tips for Getting Work Experience
Earn and Learn Apprenticeship Guide
And More...

Explore our Sector Spotlights
Digital
Hospitality
Insurance
Sports & Fitness

Lots of exciting and important career-related news this week - [follow the link for Career News](#), issue 3 ****

Various virtual work experience opportunities in the fields of healthcare, construction, law, STEM and fashion - amongst others (including a very limited number of places on a live virtual WEX week during half term with ISG Construction - deadline for applications is October 1st!)

Also inside you will find college open event dates, university news, apprenticeship news and events, the latest issue of Careermag to download, blogs, free courses for students and parents/carers and of course, Career of the Week! This week we are looking at the growth (no pun intended!) in green or environmental careers - find out where you might fit in (<https://www.parklandsacademy.co.uk/students/career-of-the-week>)

There is also a Careers Calendar on the school website:

(https://files.schudio.com/parklandshighschool/files/documents/Careers_calendar_21-22.pdf) showing all the open event dates for all the local colleges. Year 11s in particular should try to attend as many as possible in order to make an informed choice post-16. As with anything at present, all dates/events are subject to change, so check college websites before travelling (all links on the calendar). Even those intending to take up an apprenticeship position or a career in the Armed Forces should have a full-time college place as a back-up option.