



PARKLANDS BULLETIN

6 - 10 September 2021 : Week 2



Headteacher's message

Dear parents and carers and students,

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a lovely, enjoyable and relaxing summer break. We returned this week with just year 7s and year 11s in school, which I hope will have made the transition to our school much easier for our newest pupils. Our first impressions of the year 7s are very positive indeed and I was delighted to receive fantastic feedback about the year 7s who attended summer school.

Thank you for all your support with the lateral flow testing this week. I hope this is the final time we will be asked by the government to conduct these in school. I have been asked a few times this week about the COVID vaccinations for our pupils; at this moment in time I have no news to share, despite the recent news reports. As soon as I receive any information from the Department for Education, I will let you know.

On Monday we welcome back our pupils in years 8, 9 and 10. Your child can find their new timetable in the Edulink app so they know where to go for registration on Monday morning. We have reverted back to vertical tutoring as part of our drive to return to normal, and we expect our older students to support our younger ones during form time and answer any questions which may arise. This will be new also to our Year 8 pupils, who so far have had no experience of vertical tutoring.

As part of our return to normality, we need to ensure our school rules are followed to ensure our school community is safe and calm. Please remind your child that jewellery is not allowed, and that mobile phones are only allowed to be used outside the building, otherwise they will be confiscated and handed back at the end of the school day. The PE changing rooms can be used again, so pupils must not arrive to school in their PE kit. We have removed the year-group bubbles, so we expect lots of pupils to get lost next week, but staff will be on hand to help direct our younger pupils to their classrooms. At break and lunch times food will only be served in the dining room, the Refectory and the Pod in the pupil social area.

We will, of course, continue with certain measures in school to help minimise transmission of the virus, and your child is welcome to continue wearing a face covering if they so wish. We also have plenty of hand sanitiser in school and will be keeping windows open as much as possible.

Kind regards,

Mr Mitchell
Headteacher



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Year 7 Messages

There has been some confusion over the different style of ties available for year 7s. Some have our new circular logo on them, so have the old logo. It does not matter which tie you have been sold - as long as it has a blue stripe on it, it's fine. The new ties will only be available from our uniform suppliers from next year.

EduLink: this is our school app. If you have not received information about the app or have any questions, please contact Mr Dowsing, Network Manager, via email (adowsing@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

Year 8 Messages

None this week

Year 9 Messages

None this week

Year 10 Messages

English. Please remember to purchase the GCSE English texts. They can be purchased via the school's SCOPay system. An email was sent to you detailing the exact copies of the texts that are required. The deadline to purchase the texts is 1st October 2021. If you have any questions regarding the purchasing of the texts, please contact Mr Banks via email: dbanks@parklandsacademy.co.uk.

Year 11 Messages

An assembly was held for Year 11 on Friday 3rd September outlining the year ahead and giving information on how we will support them in the year ahead. The slides from the assembly are attached [here](#)

Hi!

We'd like to say a massive welcome to the new year 7s! Many staff members and older students have commented on the politeness and positive attitude of the year group as a whole so well done - and keep it up!

We also want to let you know that we are always happy to help with anything you need, whether big or small, especially if you're nervous to speak to a teacher or would rather talk to a student. I promise we're friendly!! Please email us, or chat to us if you see us around school. We will have fully purple ties on so hopefully you should be able to spot us!

Becca, Jack, Eadie and Milly



Whole School Messages

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

Extra Curricular PE

All sports except Dance and Cheer start on Monday 6th September. Dance and Cheer starts 13th September.

No sign up required just get changed and go to your space

EXTRA CURRICULAR AFTER SCHOOL TIMETABLE

	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
GYM		KS3 Cheerleading (HM & SOK)		KS4 Cheerleading (GM)	
SPORTS HALL	Year 7 Netball (NG/CS)	Year 10/11 Netball (NG/CS)	Year 8/9 Netball (NG/CS)	GCSE Fixtures/Practise Sports TBC	GCSE Fixtures/Practise Sports TBC
MAIN HALL	Y8 & 9 Dance Club (LR)		Y7 Dance Club (LR)		
ASTRO	Year 7 Football	Year 8 Football	Year 9 Football	Girls Football (All years) NG/AC/AS	Year 10/11 Football
FIELD	Running club with Mr Willsher and Mr McAvoy (All pupils all years)			Rugby - All years	
PAVILION					Y10 & 11 Dance Club (GM)

Running Club starts on Monday after school for **anyone** who enjoys running, wants to run more or get started. You might want to train for your first 5k, go further or go faster so if you run or want to run, come and join us outside W04 to get warmed up. Don't forget your kit!

All Instrumental/Vocal Tuition starts next week for all instruments. If you have signed up for lessons, please come and see Mr Willsher on Monday morning to see where and when your lesson will be. If you would like to learn a musical instrument or continue tuition from Primary School, come and have a chat. Vocal Tuition and Violin Tuition to also start this half term.

All timetables will continue to be emailed out each morning to students but will also be displayed in the Music Department outside the Music Office.

Monday - Piano Lessons (starting on Monday 13th)

Tuesday - Guitar & Drum Kit

Wednesday Guitar & Drum Kit

Thursday - Brass

Friday - Woodwind

Whole School Messages

On Saturday 18th September the G7 Speakers' and Presiding Officers' Conference will be taking place at Astley Hall. Sir Lindsay Hoyle, Speaker of the House of Commons and MP for Chorley will welcome representatives from the USA, France, Italy, Germany, Canada, Japan and the EU Parliament.

Sir Lindsay has written to us to invite schoolchildren, their teachers and their parents/guardians to come to Astley Park to line the driveway as the Speakers of the G7 drive into the park and arrive at Astley Hall on this very special occasion for Chorley.

- Please arrive at the park by **8.45am** to see the arrival party.
- You will need to enter the park via the entrance on Park Road. The Hall Gate car park will be closed.
- This event is free and anyone is welcome to come along.

You are welcome to make or bring flags to wave along the route, and you will be allowed to take photographs.

We look forward to seeing lots of you there to welcome the Speaker's guests to Chorley from across the world.

Polite Notice

Please could parents who collect their child by car that there is limited parking space around school. Please drive slowly past the school, as many students have to cross the street to make their way home.

Careers

Careers News - each week there will be a careers newsletter available on the website. It will include news from colleges and training providers, useful information and advice, blogs, apprenticeship and job vacancies, volunteering opportunities and spotlights on different career paths, amongst many other things! Look out for the link on next week's bulletin.

<https://www.parklandsacademy.co.uk/students/career-of-the-week>

Over 1.7Mb of new data is created every second for every person on planet Earth! So if you like maths, have a logical mind and want a future-proof career - **data analyst statistician** might be the job for you. Check out the link and find out more ...