



PARENT BULLETIN

6 May - 10 May 2019: Week 1

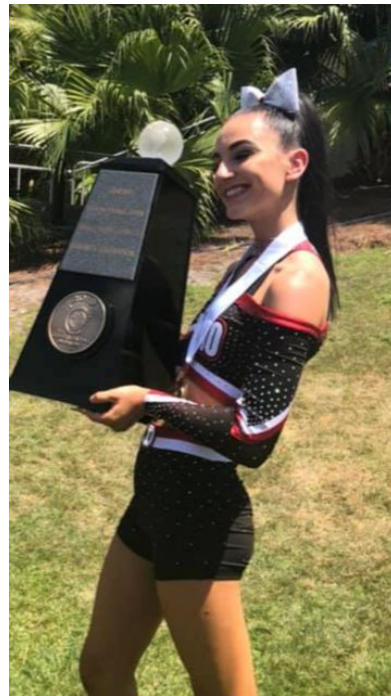
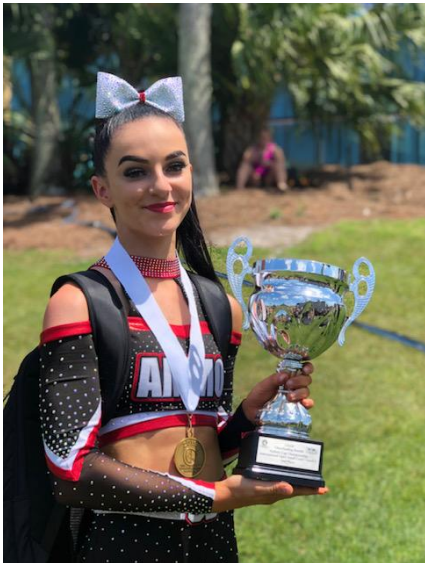


Whole School Messages

Every Wednesday the Achievement team offer a drop in service at the Asda cafe in Chorley. Please feel free to pop in to meet with one of us, should you have a concern or worry you may wish to discuss.

School is closed on Monday for the Bank Holiday.

Further to last week's message about Hannah Skyner competing in the World Cheerleading Championships in Florida, her extremely proud mum is happy to report that Hannah and her team achieved third place! This is a phenomenal achievement and so well deserved for all the hard work and effort that went into all the routines.



Operation Encompass - please read the letter [here](#) about how Parklands is involved with this.

Safeguarding: the school takes the security of its pupils and staff very seriously. This is simply a reminder that any visitors to school must report to reception.

School Nurse Drop-In available every Thursday 1.00 pm - 2.30 pm.

Music tuition timetables for May can be found on the school website or by following [this link](#).

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Click [here](#) for flier about the *Poppy Quest*. Poppy Quest Liverpool is the perfect way to discover the past and present of this historic city. The 10km sponsored walk is suitable for all ages and abilities. You can walk solo, with your dog or with family and friends - it's completely up to you. On setting off from the Williamson Square, you'll be armed with a map to navigate our trail and a set of questions to answer en route which will get you to explore the city's rich history. For the children, they'll be given a stamp collection card so when they get to each question spot, they'll be encouraged to speak to one of the volunteers to find out more and receive their stamp reward. If you're walking on your own, you can meet up with fellow solo walkers at their Meet Up point at the start. It's a great opportunity to make new friends and get your heads together to take on this unique challenge. They are asking each adult to fundraise £50, if there are any children in your team they've also got some fun ways for them to get involved in the fundraising. If you reach £100 in sponsorship you'll also receive a special prize for you or your team. The vital funds you raise will mean we're able to support veterans and their families. For more information: <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/fundraise/poppy-quest-liverpool/>

2nd STEM Returners programme for returning Engineers with BAE Systems Air in Lancashire. Have you taken a career break from an engineering or a technical sector and wish to return? Are you working below your experience in a different sector? Do you have an engineering or technical degree that you aren't using? Do you just wish to transfer sectors but don't have any experience? If so this could be the opportunity for you! After the unprecedented success of the first programme where 100% of returners were offered permanent roles, we are currently sourcing candidates for the 2nd BAE Systems 'STEM Returners' programme, a 13 week, fully paid and supported return to work programme starting in September 2019 in Warton. All candidates will also have the opportunity to obtain a permanent role at the end of the programme. No career break is too long, register to return to STEM today! For more information please visit www.stemreturners.com or email hello@stemreturners.com. More information on the programme is also available here: <https://www.stemreturners.com/2019/03/26/bae-systems-air-sector-runs-pilot-stem-returners-programme-100-maritime-returners-offered-permanent-jobs/>

The cricket season is here and next week we have three cricket games all in the Lancashire Cup. On Tuesday the U14 team are playing Bluecoats School at Euxton Cricket Club. We have two games taking place on Wednesday, the U15s are playing against Birkdale at Euxton CC while the U12s are playing away against Archbishop Temple High School (Preston). All pupils will be notified of their involvement.

Sports Dinner 2019 payment deadline is Tuesday 7th May. Please let Mrs Robinson know of any specific dietary requirements. Thank you

Please be aware that Parklands will be holding their first Eco Focus week. It will be w/c 13th May. The school will be focussing on all things Eco. School will be using natural light where possible, there will be 'Meat Free Monday' (an initiative we would like to run every month - see the menu [here](#)), carbon neutral lessons, litter picking sessions, Eco Form Focus and Eco house comps, including designing an Eco mascot/logo. We are also trying to return the canteen to a more environmentally friendly area, using more plates and metal cutlery instead of disposable items. Our Eco champions will also be making our school more aware during the week with their own Eco stall on the Thursday. I know many of you will have concerns about the current plight of the world we live in. If you are able, please have conversations with your child regarding the climate emergency both locally and worldwide and how we can help reduce our emissions and the impact we have on our planet.



PARKLANDS CHILLI AND QUIZ!



Parents, carers and friends of Parklands High School come and

Take part in the Parklands vs Parents curry and quiz night
in aid of Alder Hey Hospital.

Friday 24th May 2019 7.30 - 10pm

We have a vegetarian option available too.

It is £5 a person with a cash prize for the winning team and who will win overall on
the night Parklands or Parents?

Get a team of **no more than 6** together and send in your reply slip. If you are
happy to put into a random team just bring back your reply slip and we will ensure
you are added to a team.

On this evening you can also bring your own refreshments, this includes
alcohol/non alcoholic drinks and snacks.



Please email ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk if you are interested in entering a team.

Year 7 Messages

Language learning magazines for students to boost skills and grades

Dear Year 7 parents,

At **Parklands High School**, we always find that students learning languages engage more and perform more strongly in exams when they study topics that they want to watch, listen to or talk and write about. Next year your son/daughter will continue to learn Spanish in Year 8.

We are therefore happy to recommend Mary Glasgow Magazines for students learning **Spanish**. Packed with great vocabulary, comprehension and grammar tips, Mary Glasgow Magazines are vibrant, colourful and will engage teens at the exact level of the language they are learning, with topics that they'll love including school life, technology, friends, culture, sport, music, the environment and much more.

An annual subscription to Mary Glasgow Magazines costs just **£9.50** and includes five printed issues (delivered to the school throughout the year) plus unlimited access to video, audio and online activities.

We recommend the following magazines for your child:

- **Spanish:** ¿Qué Tal?

If you wish to place an order, please visit www.maryglasgowplus.com/orders. Search for our school and then the group order name **Mrs Wilkinson** and you'll be able to browse magazines and pay online for your subscriptions.

Please note that the closing date for ordering is **1st June, 2019**.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Wilkinson

Year 8 Messages

Options

Letters have gone out via form tutors to year 8 students confirming their option choices. Thank you for your patience, we have made a number of changes to option blocks in order to ensure all students could have their first choices. Students should see Mrs Ardern if they have any queries.

Year 9 Messages

Congratulations to the following pupils for continuing to achieve a perfect 3 on their latest tracker: Eleanor Armstrong, Anna Rankine, Sophie Jolly, Victoria Edge, Emily Lavery
We are also delighted with the 63 other year 9s who have improved their BfL to achieve the perfect 3 this time. This is truly fantastic and is hopefully a brilliant indication of how well they will start the next academic year!

English: If you son/daughter has not yet purchased a copy of 'A Christmas Carol', this is now a matter of urgency as the teaching of this topic has already begun and any students without their own copy of the text will struggle to make notes effectively. The ISBN of the book required is:
1407143646

Year 9 & 10. If you were unable to attend the Costa Rica parents evening last Tuesday and your child is interested in going, please do not hesitate to get in touch with either Mr Hoskins or Miss Flight. We also have information packs and letters available in school. If your child wishes to go on the expedition, please ensure they secure their place by filling out the online application form. As soon as they are booked on, they'll have access to their traveller gateway where they'll find lots of information about the expedition as well as fundraising resources.
<https://gateway.campsinternational.com/application-form/> : Booking code is 5996.
Our next meeting with pupils will be on Tuesday 7th May in N29 at lunch.

All parents of KS4 Drama pupils should have received a letter giving details about the introduction of a Drama kit. Please can pupils return these as soon as possible so the kits can be ordered.

Year 10 Messages

Year 10s had an assembly with Natalie from Leyland Playscheme earlier this week. She emphasised the importance of volunteering, as one of the things employers, colleges and universities look for. To get involved go to: www.playscheme.org/volunteer and make a difference!

Use the Bank Holiday weekend to talk to family and friends about possible work experience placements. Work experience week is 15-19 July and everything must be submitted via the Connect app.

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Geography: River Wyre fieldtrips 13th to 15th May. Your child has been shared into a Google document which tells them what day they will be attending their fieldtrip. They must bring warm clothing (possibly suncream if a nice forecast); lunch (no visiting shops on this trip) and wellies/old trainers that they can go into the river with. Please remind them to bring any inhalers/medicines etc that they may need. Mrs Eastham

Year 11 Messages

Year 11 Revision Room - is now open every evening from 3-4pm. It is a quiet, supervised space where students can work on any subject with access to computers, equipment etc. Revision sessions for all subjects, this year, require that students come prepared having attempted practice questions or specific tasks in advance. This is a perfect time and place in which to complete this work.

MFL Speaking exams start on Tuesday.

Today we held our Proud Assembly, during which students received their *proud* letters from their parents. This was an emotional event, with many tears shed by our students. It is always humbling to be part of this, and we hope this event will spur our students on and encourage them to aim high during the next few crucial weeks of GCSE exams.

Careers

There are a couple of careers events coming up - both on Tuesday May 7th - take your pick! Bolton College are holding an Open Evening from 5pm - 7pm at their Deane Road Campus and the NHS have an event at Royal Preston Hospital from 3pm - 6pm. Both will have lots of information available and the chance to talk to staff about possible career paths. No need to book - just turn up.

Apprenticeship Notifications