



# PARENT BULLETIN

## 16 Nov - 20 Nov 2020: Week 2



Dear parents and carers,

Many of you may already be aware that since our return from half-term we have seen an increase in the number of pupils displaying COVID symptoms in school. We have acted as soon as possible, from isolating pupils in school until they could be collected to sending a large number of year 9 pupils home due to having been identified as close contacts of positive cases. Last night we were informed of another positive case in year 9, and we immediately informed parents to ensure their child remained at home today. Thank you to all involved for your immediate understanding of the situation. This morning Mrs Batson and Mrs Fish spent a considerable amount of time contacting the Local Authority, Public Health England and the North West Public Health Team to determine our next course of action.

Due to the number of recent cases in year 9 we have been advised to isolate the whole year group for 14 days. Parents and carers should have received an email from school with further details. Whilst this is regrettable, it is essential that we follow all advice and guidance to safeguard our school community. We have been very fortunate as a school so far in that this is the first instance of us needing to isolate a year group. Thankfully, due to our use of Google Classroom and our experience with Google Meet and other technologies, we are fully able to move immediately to blended learning, a mix of online lessons supplemented with additional work.

It is however incumbent on all of us to ensure we adhere to the guidelines regarding necessary actions when pupils display symptoms, however mild. Please ensure you do not send your child to school if they are displaying any of the 3 main symptoms: a new continuous cough, a temperature or loss of taste or sense of smell. We are frequently sending pupils home before 10am, but we recognise that many of you may have already left for work before your children get up. This is the case in my own household, so please ensure your children are able to contact you if they believe they may have symptoms. This will protect everyone else in school and help us to ensure we can keep school open to as many pupils as possible for as long as possible.

Mr S Mitchell  
Headteacher



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### Year 7 Messages

None this week

### Year 8 Messages

None this week

### Year 9 Messages



You still have the chance to sign up for the Duke of Edinburgh award (Expedition) which will allow you to fully achieve the Bronze. You can pay on SCOPAY or email [ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk) if you require a new letter. All pupils with a login need to complete the eDofE set up. Instructions are [here](#). Please complete ASAP. The slides show a step by step guide. If unsure of login details please email Miss Greaves as above

Andalucia trip: see further details later on in this bulletin.

### Year 10 Messages

None this week

### Year 11 Messages

None this week

## Careers

Don't forget that there is a Parklands Careers Twitter account - @PHSCareers1

Bolton College's open event is online from Monday 16th November. Each subject area has a separate event, so register now for the area you are interested in and get into career mode!

[www.boltoncollege.ac.uk/register-open-events](http://www.boltoncollege.ac.uk/register-open-events)

Myerscough College is holding an online course advice evening on Tuesday 17th November, from 7-8pm. Staff from all subject areas will be online throughout the evening, along with staff from Admissions, Finance, Accommodation, Apprenticeships and Inclusive Learning.

<https://www.myerscough.ac.uk/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J1StkpQql8s&t=8s> This is a link to a short step by step video about applying to Myerscough online. Well worth a watch

This week's Career of the Week is Psychologist <https://careeroftheweek.wordpress.com/>

It is one of the most popular courses taken by students at college - however, it is important to realise that a degree does not make you a qualified psychologist - there are a number of steps to take before full qualification is achieved and thus only about a quarter of psychology graduates end up working within the field. However it can be a stepping stone into other careers - make sure you do some research before you choose your post-16 options. Also take a look at Indigo:

<https://indigo.trotman.co.uk/default/> - email Miss Berry if you have lost or forgotten your Indigo log-in

On Tuesday 17th November, Runshaw College has an online open event from 3.0pm - 7.30pm. This is registration only, so book your place now on [www.runshaw.ac.uk/openevent](http://www.runshaw.ac.uk/openevent)

Applications to colleges should be in by Christmas if possible - any queries, please let me know:

[pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

I have been sent some very useful little booklets from *LawCareers.net*: 'The Law - Apprenticeships Guide 2021' and 'The Beginners Guide to a Career in Law 2021' - if anyone would like one, drop me an email (Miss Berry).

Year 11 watched a short presentation on T-Levels earlier this week. These are the latest qualifications available in colleges and sixth forms, which bridge the gap between academic and practical skills. Students spend 80% of the course in the classroom and 20% on the job training with an employer (315 hours). They are a Level 3 qualification, meaning they are directly equivalent to A Levels. Three subjects were introduced in 2020 with a further seven to be launched in 2021, including: Building services engineering, Digital business services, Digital support and services, Health, Healthcare science, Onsite construction and Science, with another fourteen to be offered in 2022/23. Please note that A Levels and BTECs are still available - these are an alternative. Email Miss Berry for more information.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=doW5-SUpUN0> - a very short guide to T-Levels

## Apprenticeship Notifications

For anyone interested in an apprenticeship, now is the time to start looking. You can register at <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>. Complete the registration page and click to receive notifications (anytime a relevant vacancy appears). Some companies take months to get through applications and some close their application windows just after Christmas, so don't hang about! BAE Systems, MBDA and others are already accepting applications - a last minute application is unlikely to be successful.

You should always apply for a full time college course as well, just in case (even if you have a firm offer of an apprenticeship. As we have seen this year, things can change very quickly).

## Whole School Messages

### Perfect 3s

Has your child continued to achieve the perfect 3 since the start of term? There are **265** pupils with the perfect 3!

Year 7: 44 pupils  
Year 8: 66 pupils  
Year 9: 52 pupils  
Year 10: 51 students  
Year 11: 52 students

#### Who had the perfect 3 last week?

Year 7: 142 pupils  
Year 8: 127 pupils  
Year 9: 143 pupils  
Year 10: 119 students  
Year 11: 126 students

Please congratulate your child if they are one of the perfect 3s! All BfL scores can be found in the Edulink app.



We're nearly at 1000 likes on our Facebook page and to push us over the line we are we are running a competition to :  
**`Design a Face Mask`**

1st prize £100 gift card  
2nd prize £50 gift card  
3rd prize £25 gift card

5 runners up will receive a £10 gift card

To enter follow our page, like and share this post, send a photo of your entry to:

[claire.helme-fawcett@wearewithyou.org.uk](mailto:claire.helme-fawcett@wearewithyou.org.uk)



**we are  
withyou**  
in Lancashire

### Weekly Learning Support Board

Message received by Mrs Fairhurst - Designated Safeguarding Lead

My name is Sue Boulton. I am the Debt Centre Manager for Chorley's new Christians Against Poverty Debt Centre, based at St. Laurence's Church.

It is a free, confidential service, open to all faiths and none, giving debt advice and debt plans, from fully trained debt advisors.

In this unprecedented time of uncertainty and isolation, confusion and fear, we offer a support service to help people manage their debts appropriately so they lead a fulfilled and debt free life in their future, offering more security for their children, as well as themselves. If you feel you may benefit from our service, please click [here](#) for the leaflet. Thank you



# Whole School Messages

## Remembrance Day

Events to mark Remembrance Day have been taking place in school this week. Poppies have been on sale daily and on Tuesday all pupils watched a pre-recorded assembly which included a focus on D-Day. The assembly featured the moving story of Mrs Bond's grandfather and twin brother who were both involved in fighting in the Normandy region in 1944. In addition to this Mr Cunningham, accompanied by Year 11 students, took a wreath to the Cenotaph in Chorley and laid this on behalf of the staff and pupils at school.



Within the school grounds a small ceremony took place at 11am on the 11th November. Mr Wilsher was joined by Harry (Yr 8) who played the Last Post and a wreath was laid in the Remembrance Garden by Nathan, one of our Year 7 students. Every year we do our best to ensure the students understand the importance of Remembrance Day which we were determined to do this year despite the challenges we all currently face. Miss Partington.



## Andalucia Trip October half term 2021

Email [jdenohue@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:jdenohue@parklandsacademy.co.uk) for a letter

- Amazing opportunity to:
- Visit the incredible Alhambra World Heritage Site
  - Explore the Great Mosque and Synagogue in Cordoba
    - See art exhibitions
  - Relax on Malaga Beach
  - Taste traditional tapas
  - And much more!



Five days  
Open to current year 9 students  
studying GCSE Spanish.

Approx. £720  
We are still planning for this trip to go ahead,  
Covid-dependent

## Christmas Hamper Appeal!

Many people struggle at Christmas and often can't afford to heat their homes and eat well. Due to COVID many will not see their loved ones! Imagine if these were your loved ones. You can make a real difference and help give somebody else an amazing Christmas!

Please bring in your items and drop them off at the Food drop off zones



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| 1 Tins of vegetables              | 16 Miniature bottle of spirits        |
| 2 Tins of fruit                   | 17 Bottle of cordial                  |
| 3 Tin of ham or any other meat    | 18 Tinned Soup                        |
| 4 Tin of tuna or salmon           | 19 Sweets                             |
| 5 Tin or rice or sponge pudding   | 20 Bag of sugar                       |
| 6 Tin of custard                  | 21 Tea or coffee or Hot Chocolate     |
| 7 Bottle of salad cream           | 22 Chocolates or bar of chocolate     |
| 8 Jar of jam or marmalade         | 23 Packet of biscuits                 |
| 9 Jar of pickles                  | 24 Packets of cereal or porridge oats |
| 10 Jar of honey                   | 25 Jellies                            |
| 11 Jars of paste (salmon or beef) | 26 Small Christmas pudding            |
| 12 Jar of marmite or Bovril       | 27 Christmas cake                     |
| 13 Bottle of wine                 | 28 Christmas mince pies               |
| 14 Bottle of sauce                | 29 Crisps or snacks                   |
| 15 Bottle of beer or stout        | 30 Nuts                               |

This is only a suggested list. Please make your hampers as attractive as possible. Please stick to food items.