



PARENT BULLETIN

10 Feb - 14 Feb 2020: Week 2



Year 7 Messages

None this week.

Year 8 Messages

SAVE THE DATE: Monday, 9th March is GCSE Options Evening at 7pm in the school hall.

Year 8 had their careers assembly this week, when we introduced Indigo, our careers program. They will all receive their individual usernames in form on Monday, allowing them to log in and create an account. They can use Indigo on a phone, tablet or PC, at home or at school. Parents/carers - why not take a look? There are hundreds of career ideas, videos, case studies and more to help with choosing a career.

After half term **Year 8** students will begin a series of activities to support them in making choices about which subjects they will continue into their gateway year to GCSEs. Further information will be posted on the school website next week.

Year 9 Messages

Message for parents/guardians of pupils on the Battlefields trip

Just a reminder message to make you aware that the Battlefields parents evening will be **Wednesday 26th February 6-7pm**. Please could I ask (provided pupils will not need these before they go on the trip) that all passports and EHIC cards are brought into school that evening. Thank you very much. Miss Crabtree

Year 10 Messages

Handball Success - Our year 10 girls are through to the final of the Chorley Handball competition. They will be playing Holy Cross at some point this term.

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Y10 Battlefields - Hoodies

Please choose whether your child wants a traditional or zip front variety. Adult sizes S,M, L or XL
Deadline for payment Friday 28th February, cost: £27.49. Please bring money to the school office, cash or cheque or pay online. But please make sure we have the details of your selection. Thanks.
Mrs Brown



YEARBOOK



Parents and carers.
Please send your 'baby' photos and 1st
day of year 7 photos to the email
address below!
Please ensure that we can tell it is your
child so no newborn photos please.



Deadline to pay 29/03/2020



yearbook@parklandsacademy.co.uk

SAVE THE DATE: This year's **prom** is taking place on **Thursday, 9th July**. Prom is a privilege, not an automatic right. Year 11s are well aware of our expectations of behaviour in order to receive an invite.

When do GCSE exams finish? This is question we are regularly asked by both students and parents as this may be your first opportunity in years to take advantage of a holiday in term time! The exams regulator advises all GCSE candidates to not take a holiday until 25th June; this is just in case there is a national issue with an exam and it has to be rescheduled.

FOOD & NUTRITION: the GCSE practicals will be taking place next week on Monday through til Thursday. Each student knows on which day their practical is scheduled.

GCSE Dance: the choreography practicals are scheduled for Thursday. Students know their allocated times.

There are a number of students in Year 11 who have yet to make an application to college. Students are advised to apply to at least TWO colleges, even if only as a safety net. Between now and GCSE results day, a lot of things can change, including colleges cancelling courses, job or apprenticeship offers being withdrawn or results being better (or worse) than expected. College deadlines are rapidly approaching - many interviews have already taken place and courses will be filling up. Don't miss out! See Miss Berry if you need any help or advice.

Grateful thanks to Adrian Wood of The Euxton Mortgage Market for an engaging and informative assembly to our Year 11s this week, covering all aspects of finance: credit scores and credit files, good debt v bad debt, bank accounts and credit cards - all vital information for young people to have.

Year 11 Messages

Thanks also to James Davies of Alliance Learning and Nathalie Payne of NowSkills for their advice session on apprenticeships to Year 11s. Students were given support in creating accounts and completing applications. For any further help with any aspects of apprenticeships (or if you missed the session!) see Miss Berry - Top office.

At the end of this half-term we will be moving into the final stage of Elevate, our year 11 study skills programme. The aim of the year long programme is to develop proven skills that equip and enable our students to access different methods of revision and prepare for their forthcoming examinations. By this point, we have created a wealth of revision resources for every subject and students are encouraged to take responsibility for their revision and develop independence. After the half-term break subject revision sessions will cease in their current format and we will be providing a study space every night from 3-4pm where students can complete private, independent study; this will be in addition to those students who are expected to attend period 6. There is the possibility that subject specific intervention sessions will be offered for targeted students in identified areas but parents will be contacted directly if this is required. You can find a link to the Elevate programme's FAQ parent section for some helpful tips on supporting your child

<https://uk.elevateeducation.com/frequently-asked-questions?type=parents>

Design & Technology:- All NEA work must be completed by Thursday 13th February.

Careers

Slightly different approach for Career of the Week this time - as it is National Apprenticeship Week (3-9 Feb) we are looking at the different levels of apprenticeship and talking to some famous faces who started their working life as an apprentice, including Sir Alex Ferguson and Ringo Starr - as well as some names that the younger students may recognise! (Joe Sugg, Vlogger and George Clarke from TV's 'Amazing Spaces')

The Careers Fair is on Friday 6th March - at the end of National Careers Week. If you would like to be involved in the fair please let me know. (pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk) It will be attended by all our Year 9, 10 and 11 students. Thanks to all the companies and individuals who have already agreed to take part.



Myerscough College

Course Advice Mornings

9.45am-12.30pm



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Apprenticeship Notifications



101 Apprenticeships open now

There is a range of amazing apprenticeships on offer at the moment, so we've rounded up a range of these on your behalf in our latest article. It's a celebration of all the great apprenticeships out there and the wide range of disciplines that are now available. We hope you enjoy it

Whole School Messages

School is CLOSED on Friday, 14th February for an INSET day. We re-open on Monday, 24th February.

SEND

Click [here](#) for the link to the Lancashire SEND Partnership homepage.

Latest news : In this edition, we share the SEND Partnership Ways of Working document that was agreed by the SEND Partnership Board to set out our shared understanding about working together. There's an item about the Lancashire Parent Carer Forum (LPCF) One Year On Event and a questionnaire for young people on the redesign of the [Short Breaks Offer](#).

We continue to promote the Personal Outcomes Evaluation Tool (POET) survey by [In-Control](#) which is part of a national pilot to help local areas understand the impact of the SEND reforms and help improve services in the local area. For the SEND Local Offer, click [here](#)

Witherslack Group offer a variety of SEND specific events for professionals. For more information click [here](#) to visit the website and see the full list of events.

The **drop-in service** is once again being offered to parents who wish to meet with a member of the Achievement Team outside of school. Should you have a query or concern please feel free to drop in. The service is offered every Wednesday from 11:30-12:30 at the Asda cafe in Chorley

School Nurse Drop-In available every Thursday 1.00 pm - 2.30 pm. Please see Mrs Fairhurst for appointment slip.

The student J8 development group have more Fair Trade ground coffee available for you to buy for £4.60 per bag. This coffee has come straight from Malawi where the growers work in the community of Liwonde, where the secondary school is for whom we are raising funds. The proceeds from the sale of this coffee go straight back to the school we are working with, to help buy resources to keep more children in school. Please do what you can to support the group and purchase your coffee here. If you would like to make a purchase you can provide your child with the money and the coffee is available from myself in S14. Thanks from the J8 group - Mrs Ward

CORONAVIRUS - Information from the Department for Education

Advice for parents/guardians

You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your children catching the Coronavirus. There is no reason why your children should not continue to attend their early years, school or further education setting as normal. We recognise that some families or children may be planning to travel to China during the forthcoming half term period. If so, please refer to the FCO's latest travel advice via the link above.

What action you can take

A UK wide campaign has been launched to provide clear advice on how to slow the spread of Coronavirus.

Please help to support the campaign which promotes basic hygiene practices, such as regularly washing hands and always sneezing into a tissue, to stem the spread of viruses.

- <https://twitter.com/DHSCgovuk/status/1223888531262726144>
- <https://www.facebook.com/DHSCgovuk/videos/194227541968649/>
- https://www.linkedin.com/posts/dhsc_coronavirus-coronavirusoutbreak-coronavirusuk-activity-6629655670331318273-Djpu



HM Government



CORONAVIRUS: PUBLIC INFORMATION

The Government and NHS are well prepared to deal with this virus.

You can help too.

Germs can live on some surfaces for hours.

To protect yourself and others:

- Always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.
- Bin the tissue, and to kill the germs, wash your hands with soap and water, or use a sanitiser gel.
- If you have arrived back from China within 14 days follow the specific advice for returning travellers.

This is the best way to slow the spread of almost any germs, including Coronavirus.

Find out more at gov.uk/coronavirus

Perfect 3s

Has your child continued to achieve the perfect 3 since September? There are **151** in total so far!

Year 7: 30 pupils
Year 8: 24 pupils
Year 9: 34 pupils
Year 10: 30 students
Year 11: 33 students

Please congratulate your child if they are one of the perfect 3s!

Who had the perfect 3 in the last week (Mon - Fri)?

Year 7: 133 pupils
Year 8: 118 pupils
Year 9: 123 pupils
Year 10: 147 students
Year 11: 112 students

A huge well done and thank you to the following pupils for their interview with the visitor on Friday representing the RS department. The lady was blown away by how impressive you all were! Chloe Swales-Jennion, Rufus Ponde, Jack Lewis McDermott, Sophie Gunn, Rebecca Walker, David Hart, Courtney Smith, Hannah Lane and Eadie Gosling. Miss Rhodes



Runshaw College invited pupils to their gifted and talented Mock Trial competition. Four very keen Parklands students attended and competed against Tarleton High School in a fast-paced litigation process! Our students were to prove beyond all reasonable doubt that the fictitious Mr Myles was guilty of drug offences! The team did a sterling job and took the defense to town with their sharp questioning skills and cut throat examination assassination. On arrival students were given an information pack and were told that they had the role of prosecuting the offender. The team set to and scrutinized all of the case studies, pulling it apart to prepare their case. Usually college students have weeks to prepare for mock trial competitions, whereas these students just had a couple of hours and it has to be said they did Parklands proud! Congratulations must go to Hana whose prosecution skills earned her the title of best prosecutor! The team enjoyed themselves so much that they have already started to plan a Parklands mock trial for the year 9s! Well done!



Don't miss it!



Tickets available from Miss Marr
in the Pavilion office.

£5 adults £3 U-18s/Concessions

Parklands High School presents musicians from

The Band of The Grenadier Guards

on Thursday 27th February 2020 at 6.30pm.



The evening will feature musicians from
The Band of The Grenadier Guards
The School Band
and
Euxton Primrose Hill Primary School

It is a great opportunity for our school stakeholders and the general public to hear musicians from this amazing band live in concert. Due to limited seating available in the school hall the concert will be ticket only.

Free tickets are available from the school office or by emailing cslater@parklandsacademy.co.uk

AT URPotential WE ARE VERY PROUD TO PRESENT OUR FOURTH

LGB&T YOUTH FEST 2020

FREE EVENT

LGBT FEST 2020 is an event organised by young people, for young people aged 12-18yrs. We will be spending the day together having fun in a safe, friendly environment to celebrate who we are.

Date-

Saturday 22nd February 2020

Time-

9:00am Snacks, Drinks & Registration
10am Start - Event Finishes at 4.30pm

Venue-

The Oracle, St Anne's Rd, Blackpool
FY4 2AP

Networking Opportunities

Entertainment

Workshop Choices

Food & Drinks
Provided

Information Stalls

Guest Speakers



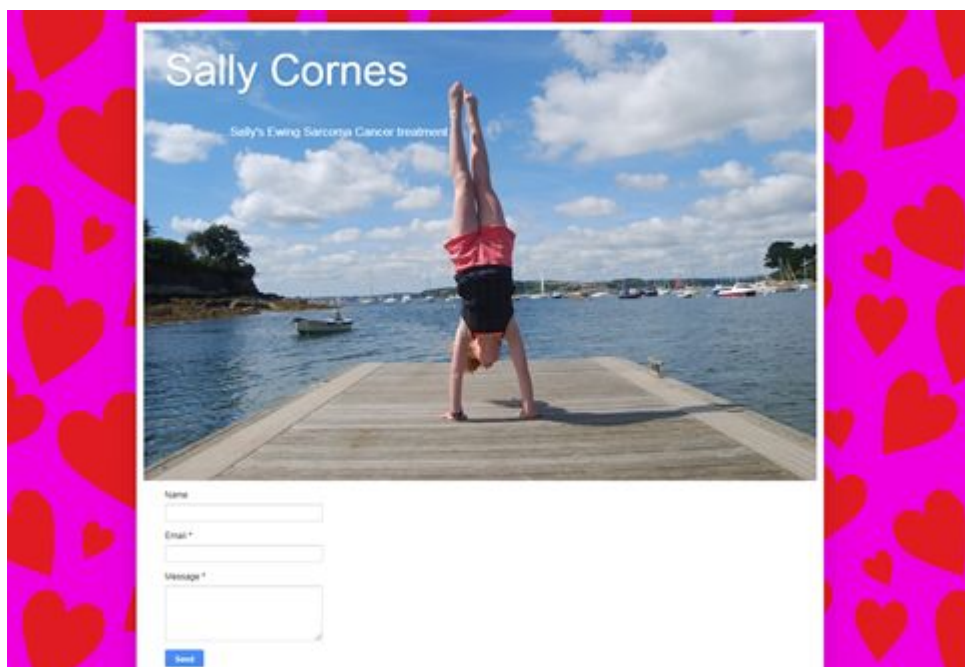
Contact Ben at URPotential - Tel: 01253 344398
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Sally Cornes (Y8) has asked me to let you all know that her cancer has returned. It is the same cancer as before- Ewings Sarcoma and it is situated in her neck at the 2nd vertebrae. Sally has already started with chemo which should take about 18 weeks. Sally, her older sister Milly (Y11), her parents and all her family and friends are fighting this every step of the way and we are with them every step of the way also! If you would like to support Sally, she has asked that you follow her blog. She started this way back in 2017, it is Sally's story written by her. Much love Sally from Mrs Dewhurst, NZL, ANZ & Parklands xx

COMPETITION : CREATE A FLAG FOR THE HALL

Following the departure of the UK from the EU, we find ourselves in a position of needing to replace the EU flag in the school hall. We are currently applying for reaccreditation of the Equality and Diversity Award, which recognises the work we do to promote equality for all. I would love one of our students to design a flag which represents our school and our attitudes to equality and diversity. Click [here](#) to read our school's vision, which may help inspire you. Please submit your design to me via Google Slides. The winning design can then be printed and turned into a flag to hang from our school hall ceiling. Mr Mitchell

Paracetamol - you can send your child to school with 1 paracetamol to keep in their pocket. They can administer this themselves if they are unwell. We have given out over 200 paracetamol with parental permission this year and we do not keep a stock in school. Mrs Crow

Lost Property - will be available on the concourse next Monday 10th - Thursday 13th February. Please note: any items remaining after Thursday will be sent to a local charity shop.

Language learning magazines for students to boost skills and grades

At Parklands, 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.

We are therefore happy to recommend Mary Glasgow Magazines for students learning French or 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:

Year 7 French - Allons-y!
Year 7 Spanish - Qué Tal
Year 8 Spanish - Qué Tal
Year 9 French - Ca va
Year 10 Spanish - Ahora
Year 11 Spanish - El Sol
Year 11 French - Ca va

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 13th February. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,
Mrs Wilkinson

PE Fixtures

Monday - U15s Girls Cricket competition at Southlands High School
Tuesday - Y10 Boys football Lancashire Cup quarter final at home to Queen of Peace High School
Tuesday - Chorley Schools Indoor Athletics competition for Y7 and Y8 pupils
Thursday - Y11 Boys Handball away to Carr Hill, Kirkham

Swimming Team

If you are in years 7-11 and swim outside of school for a club please come and see Miss Greaves and let her know your best two events.



Our girls Year 7 & 8 cricket team came second in the girls indoor cricket competition.

Our U12 girls football team are through to the semi-finals of the Lancashire Cup: they beat Our Lady's 7-1.

Our U16 girls football team unfortunately lost to St Wilfrids 2-1 in a closely contested match. A superb second half by Parklands and some incredible performances by our girls.

U14 girls have their next match in the cup on Wednesday 12th February, kicking off at 4pm at home. Girls must attend training to be eligible to play.

Duke of Edinburgh Sponsors

We would like to say thank you to the following companies who have donated funds towards our whole year Duke of Edinburgh scheme. We are getting closer to our target. If you think your business could help please email ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk

Thank you to [Perfect Recruitment](#) who have donated £100 to our fund!

Thank you to [Johnson Matthey](#) who have offered support for 25 pupils!

Thank you to [Eckersley Construction](#) who have offered support for 10 pupils!

Thank you also to the number of parents and carers who have got in touch who want to be involved in enriching our Duke of Edinburgh programme. I will be in touch very soon to discuss our options.

