



PARENT BULLETIN

15 July - 19 July 2019: Week 2



Whole School Messages

Learning Challenge Week

Monday marks the start of Learning Challenge Week for pupils in Year 7-9. During the week pupils will be following an alternative timetable which will involve them developing essential skills including: independent learning, learning outside the classroom, collaboration, teamwork, creativity, resilience, resourcefulness etc.

All pupils will have the opportunity to try something new and put themselves outside of their comfort zone.

Year 7 will be working together on the Island Challenge and in Year 8 and 9 challenges include 'The Band', 'Big Art', 'Prehistoric Chorley' and 'Parklands Cafe' to mention just a few. The culmination of LCW is Festival Day where parents and carers are invited into school to have a look in more detail at some of the work pupils have been creating. School is open to visitors on Friday 19th July from 10.00 - 12.30pm.

Information for pupils:

- Year 7 - all pupils should go straight to the Hall Monday morning.
- Year 8 & 9 - pupils should go straight to their home rooms.
- Pupils do not need to bring exercise books with them but may need their pencil case.
- Monday, Tuesday and Thursday are non-uniform. Pupils are asked to wear clothing that is suitable for their challenge. Challenges may involve working outside or painting so it is advisable not to wear 'best' clothes. Pupils are asked to make a donation of £1 to cover the 3 days non-uniform. Money raised will be given to charity.
- Some pupils are out of school on different days for trips. Pupils should already be aware of this and parents/carers should have received a letter outlining arrangements.
- Wednesday is alternative Sports Day; on this day pupils are asked to wear their PE kits.
- On Friday pupils are required to wear full school uniform.

If pupils have any questions about the week they should email me at

hpartington@parklandsacademy.co.uk.

Miss H Partington

A huge THANK YOU goes to the year 9 & 10 dancers, who choreographed and performed a dance for my assembly on Tuesday, 9th July. The theme was *Courage to Change*, looking ahead to next academic year. Their performance was absolutely wonderful! Mr Mitchell

Lily Smith, Maybelle Smith, Lucy Douglass, Amy Jackson, Anna Rankine, Emily Clitherow

A handful of places have become available for the school ski trip to the Aosta Valley in Italy during Easter 2020. The trip is 8 days in length and the students get 6 full days of ski instruction on the mountain. If you are interested in your child attending and would like any further information please contact Miss Marr at gmarr@parklandsacademy.co.uk

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Cards for kindness! A parent has asked me to make you aware of this initiative, which aims to reduce loneliness in older people. Click [here](#) for more details.

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

The latest **ACHIEVEMENT NEWS** can be found [here](#) on our website!

Click [here](#) for details of the vacancy for a lunchtime welfare assistant.

SAVE THE DATE: 25th September we shall be holding an event in school with the renowned Gary Wilson, expert in raising achievement with particular reference to boys. This is a free event but numbers are limited. Click [here](#) for a link to his website. Further details to follow.

May Day Bank Holiday 2020: please be advised that schools are still awaiting official confirmation from the Department for Education regarding the change, as advertised on the Government's website (see link [here](#)).

Our school dog, Maggie, has settled well into her new home and is a little star. She will be in school from the 10th July. Maggie is now 9 weeks old and the aim of the next couple of weeks is to socialise her to the school environment and to ensure she meets lots of different people. Maggie will be based in S13 for the majority of the time and contact will be carefully supervised while she gets used to having different experiences. You can follow Maggie on her Instagram account PHSPuppy.

Don't miss out on our curry, quiz and games night!

Friday 19th July from 6.30-9.30pm

£5 ticket, groups of up to 6 are preferable.

All money raised will be going towards our upcoming Costa Rica expedition where 14 Parklands pupils will be travelling to Central America for 4 weeks. They'll be helping to build classrooms and sanitation facilities as well as working on environmental and conservation projects.

If you require any more information or would like to reserve your place, please contact Mr Hoskins or Miss Flight. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Please can parents be vigilant in regards to an app used by some pupils called **Ome TV** or **Omegle**. **We believe this is a dangerous site for young people with potential for groomers to access.** It works a little like Facetime - they can talk to each other directly and there is even a "skip" button so they can scroll through to someone they would prefer to talk to. It is live and there are people waiting to talk. Vigilance from one of our parents found her daughter talking to an unknown male approximately in his 30s. Thank you.

To ensure that the local authority continue to improve their Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) provision, please complete the POET survey.

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/search/?q=POET+survey>

Please also link to the FIND newsletter, which has an abundance of information on SEND

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/help-for-parents-and-carers/family-information-network-directory/>

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Please download the new school app, Edulink One, which will be used for all school contact from 3rd June 2019. The app is available on [Android](#) and [iOS](#) from your usual app store.

The information can also be accessed via PC or laptop at <https://www.edulinkone.com>

You should have received your log in details during w/c 20/05/19; the school id is **parklands**.

Please email me at lpilkington@parklandsacademy.co.uk if you have any problems.



Please download our new school app

Edulink One is our new school communication system, and allows you to view and monitor your child's:

- Trackers and BfL reports
- Attendance
- Catering balance and purchase history
- Exam entries
- Timetable
- Detentions and sanctions
- Rewards

You will also be able to

- Receive and send messages from staff
- Update contact information
- Complete consent and medical forms
- Report absences

From June 3rd all school communication will be made via the app

Search 'Edulink One' in your app store

School id: parklands

You will receive a log in code via email during w/c 20th May

Download on the App Store | GET IT ON Google Play

You can use the following links to download the app

[Edulink One for PC or laptop https://www.edulinkone.com](https://www.edulinkone.com)

[Edulink One on Google Play](#)

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.overnetdata.edulinkone&hl=en_GB

[Edulink One on iOS https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/edulink-one/id1188809029?mt=8](https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/edulink-one/id1188809029?mt=8)

You should have received login details by email from Edulink. If you have not yet received these, please **check your junk email**. Hotmail in particular seem to be filtering these messages as junk mail. If you still have not received your details, please contact our Network Manager, Alan Dowsing, at adowsing@parklandsacademy.co.uk

Thinkuknow

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

Thinkuknow is an education programme from the National Crime Agency's CEOP Command. Since 2006, Thinkuknow has been keeping children and young people safe by providing education about sexual abuse and sexual exploitation. Thinkuknow is unique. It is underpinned by the latest intelligence about child sex offending from CEOP Command. Thinkuknow aims to ensure that everyone has access to this practical information – children, young people, their parents and carers and the professionals who work with them. Alongside the Thinkuknow website the programme provides educational resources, including films, cartoons and lesson plans, to help professionals raise young people's awareness

Parklands Music
Department Presents
**SUMMER
SHOWCASE**
18th July 2019
@ 7.30pm



Ensembles

GCSE Music
Performances

Musicians

'Glee' Vocal Group



Tickets £5.00 Adult/£3.00 Child available from the school office.
Sweet and savoury refreshments will be available from pupils raising
funds to visit Costa Rica and help build classrooms and homes for poor
communities.

Next week a lot of sports clubs will not be running after school due to Learning Challenge Week. However we will have the new fitness suite open to pupils in Y8 & Y9 though from 3-4pm as a trial with the Y10s being out of school on work experience. We can confirm though that Y7 Dance is still on Wednesday after school. Please ask your child to check with individual staff about other clubs if unsure.

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If you think your child is unhappy or if you are worried about their behaviour, it's easy to be hard on yourself and think you aren't doing a good job. The following tips are for any parent who is worried about their child, or their own parenting skills:

You and Your Child

- Make sure they know you love them and are proud of them. Even when things are busy or stressful, and it feels like you are in survival mode, a word or a hug can reassure them a huge amount. Praise them for what they do well, and encourage them to try new things.
- Be honest about your feelings - you don't have to be perfect. We all get things wrong and shout or say unkind things from time to time. If this happens, say sorry to your child afterwards and explain why it happened, They will learn from you that it's OK to make mistakes and that it doesn't make you a bad person. Be clear about what is and isn't acceptable - and tell them why.
- Children need to know what is OK and what isn't, and what will happen if they cross the line. Follow through on what you say as otherwise they may get confused or stop respecting the boundaries.
- Own your own role - you are the parent, so don't be afraid to take tough decisions. If your child sees you are scared of their reaction and always give in to them, it can make them feel very powerful, which can be frightening. Children need to know that you are there to keep them safe.

For more information click [here](#) for information from Young Minds.

Click [here](#) for information about **staying safe online over the summer**. There are really useful sections on gaming, sharing pictures, under 5s, live streaming and setting up parental controls.



The J8 group have been working together all year to raise money for the Liwonde Secondary School in Malawi, to help provide resources which will aid students there remain in education. Along with their bake sale and coffee enterprise, yesterday they successfully completed a 4 hour walk. Their intention was to gain an understanding of what school life could be like, should they have to walk 2 hours to and from school, like many students in Malawi. They managed to walk 10 miles in the four hours, whilst also realising that the rather wet conditions would be far more bearable than those experienced by their peers in Liwonde. We look forward to now totalling all our sponsorship and enterprise monies so that they can be enjoyed by many in Liwonde. Thank you to everyone who has supported and contributed to their success!

Year 7 Messages

Congratulations go to Harrison Swansbury, who, through an unfortunate administrative error, was not initially included in the group of Perfect 3 pupils on last week's bulletin. Wear your purple badge with pride, Harrison!

Year 8 Messages

SAVE THE DATE. Welcome to Key Stage 4 Evening will take place on Thursday, 5th September at 7pm in the school hall. We will provide important information as your child embarks on their final key stage, with expectations and demands of the GCSE years outlined.

Congratulations go to Natasha Gorvett, who, through an unfortunate administrative error, was also not initially included in the group of Perfect 3 pupils on last week's bulletin. Well done, Natasha!

Year 9 Messages

Review Day will take place on Monday, 22nd July, when your child's final tracker of the year will be issued.

Year 10 Messages

Review Day will take place on Monday, 24th July, when your child's final tracker of the year will be issued.

SAVE THE DATE. Welcome to Year 11 Evening will take place on Thursday, 5th September at 6pm in the school hall. This event will give you information regarding your child's final year with us, what our expectations are, and how we can all work together to ensure your child's ultimate success in summer 2020.

Just a reminder to ensure that all work experience placements are logged on Connect as soon as possible - any issues please let me know as soon as possible. Miss Berry.

D&T.. Please can we please ask parents/carers to encourage pupils to work to Exam coursework deadlines. Thursday Period 6 interventions will continue next year for catch-up, but can we use these as a last resort. Revision guides & pupils work books on sale for £3 each.

Careers

This week's Career of the Week can be found [here](#).