



PARENT BULLETIN

16 Sept - 20 Sept 2019: Week 1



Whole School Messages

The Achievement Team which consists of the House Achievement Leaders, SENCO, Attendance Officer etc offer a drop-in service every Wednesday from 11:30-12:30 at the Asda cafe in Chorley. This is for parents who do not wish to come into school and or would prefer a more informal meeting. If you have a concern or query, please pop along and have a chat.

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

It is lovely to see so many students cycling to school. Could we please ask parents of cyclists to discuss safety, such as being aware of pedestrians and cars, and wearing a helmet. We have also discovered some students are cycling on bikes **with no brakes**. Would parents please ensure that such bikes are not used. Thank you.



ADVANCE NOTICE: school will close on Thursday, 19th September at 1pm due to Open Evening. The bus company has been notified of this.

MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY 2020: We have finally received official notification of the change to the Bank Holiday from Monday 4th May to Friday 8th May 2020.

Year 7 and Year 8 Language Learners

I am emailing to inform you that this year KS3 language pupils will be sitting weekly vocabulary tests to ensure vocabulary learning. We feel strongly that this essential to their language learning success.

All test scores are recorded and we monitor them to tackle underachievement and implement intervention where necessary. As we recognise the importance of parental support in vocabulary learning, you will be able to request your son/daughter's test scores by emailing the class teacher.

Additional information will follow regarding a session to develop vocabulary learning revision strategies and activities.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs R Wilkinson
Curriculum Leader for Modern Foreign Languages

From Monday we will be restarting our **Word of the Week** initiative to increase vocabulary and assist with access to the language of exam papers. Next week's word is **AMBIGUOUS**, meaning something that has more than one possible interpretation. Please support us by encouraging your child to use the word where appropriate in their work and in conversation.

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Parklands says NO to BULLYING! Unfortunately, in every walk of life, in schools, colleges, offices etc bullying goes on up and down the country. No school is immune to bullying, but it is the approach schools take which can make all the difference. It is vital that pupils or parents report cases of bullying to school as soon as possible, but it is essential that names are provided to us so that swift action can take place. Without the perpetrators' names, it is almost impossible to investigate. Your support with this, however difficult the circumstances are, is appreciated.

Andalucia trip

- 1) Please return any final requests for hoodies. Please email jcree@parklandsacademy.co.uk
- 2) Please email the above address with a photo of your child's photo page in their passport
- 3) Please confirm if your child has any dietary requirements

Thank you to everybody who has completed all of this already

A PARENTS' MEETING TO DISCUSS ITINERARY ETC WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE SCHOOL HALL AT **6PM ON TUESDAY 6TH OCTOBER**. We hope to see you all there. Please bring your child's passport and EHIC card to this meeting.

Help the Lancashire SEND Partnership improve services for children and young people with additional needs by completing a POET survey (click [here](#)). The survey takes less than 10 minutes to complete and has the potential to significantly shape the future of SEND services across Lancashire. You do not need to give any personal details and there will be no way of identifying individuals. Click here for the link. We will use the results to identify where we can make further improvements to our services. The information you give us will also be used in a national report to help improve service in other areas of England. The SEND Partnership Board will publish the results and our action plan on the Local Offer later this year.

Thank you for helping us in this very important piece of work.

Kind regards

Gareth Jenkins

Engagement Lead

Lancashire SEND Partnership

The link to the FIND newsletter is [here](#); it has an abundance of information on SEND.

'School Strike For Climate' Please be advised that Parklands is supporting those students who wish to take part in the international protest on **Friday 20th September**. If you or your child would like more information please email Mrs Dewhurst kdewhurst@parklandsacademy.co.uk. Deadline for participation with parental permission is Tuesday 16th September.

'Macmillan Coffee Morning' is taking place on **Friday 27th September** in the Main Hall. The school will be open to parents, carers and friends of Parklands from 10am who wish to support this annual whole school event. As well as all the cakes on offer there will be complimentary tea/coffee/juice. There is a Star Baker competition open to all. These cakes are then auctioned on stage to the highest bidder. There is also a raffle, any prizes would be greatly appreciated. Please support this fabulous cause by either donating or attending on the day.

'Have Your Cake and Eat it Fun Run' To offset all the cakes eaten on the Friday morning we will be holding a 5k fun run/walk on **Thursday 26th September** after school. The route is through Astley Park and was a great success last year. Entry open to all. Staff/Parents £5, Students £1. If you require any information please contact school on 01257 264596 or contact Mrs Dewhurst kdewhurst@parklandsacademy.co.uk

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Years 7,8,9,&10 - next week Food Department will be promoting their 2020 **Food Tour to Normandy** and making letters available with further details of this October half-term 2020 visit. The total cost of this fully inclusive trip is £430 with payments being able to be spread across this academic year. This is a fantastic educational visit and it will be the 3rd time we have stayed at Chateau du Baffy near Bayeux. It is an ideal first residential foreign visit for our Year 7s, who...remember will be in Year 8 when we travel! More information next week, Mrs Brookes, Curriculum Leader Food.

Watersports 2020 - Over half the places are now gone! Please get your money in ASAP. Deposit of £50 non-refundable. Information poster [here](#). If your child wants a letter see Miss Greaves or email her and she will send you one.

Ski trip 2020 - 5 places have become available on the school ski trip which is taking place during the Easter holidays. If your child would like to attend or you have any questions about the trip please contact Miss Marr at gmarr@parklandsacademy.co.uk for more information.



The United Nations: Working to save the biosphere and our future

a talk by **Richard A Shirres** MSc (App.EnvSc), MICE, C Eng.

Bolton School Girls' Division Great Hall,

Wednesday 18th September at 7.00pm



Leading with the founding and early decades of the United Nations and its subsequent developing role in championing global ecological stewardship, this talk will describe the synergy between the UN's work and the 1960s rise in environmental awareness, along with the UN's inherent consensual and scientific ethic.

Humankind must now ponder an existential threat, a climate crisis, which only compounds global impacts to our degraded biosphere and threatens the UN's sustainable development goals. An overview of recent UN work, the real climate change threats and possible solutions will help to examine whether we actually face a 'climate emergency'.

Richard is a retired chartered engineer with a second degree in applied environmental science and a member of the United Nations Association. His experience in the last few decades relates to urban and landscape-scale climate adaptation.



**This free event is open to the public.
Refreshments served from 6.30pm.**

**Parking available in the Girls' Division Quad
(signposted on the night).**



Bolton School, Chorley New Road, Bolton, BL1 4PB
www.boltonschool.org

Event Contact: Mr B Ickringill
bickringill@boltonschool.org

A fabulous Science presentation, free for any interested parents or pupils.

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Perfect 3s!

We are now two weeks into the new school term. Whilst parents can see their child's BfL scores in the Edulink app, here are the perfect 3s per year group.

Year 7 = 191 pupils

Year 8 = 111 pupils

Year 9 = 140 pupils

Year 10 = 139 pupils

Year 11 = 123 pupils

704 pupils in total is 63% of our pupils.

Achieving the perfect 3 is really difficult, so it's incredibly pleasing that so many pupils have made such a brilliantly positive start to the year.

Year 7 Messages

Year 7 boys football fixture. The year 7 team are playing St.Michael's High School next Wednesday 18th September. Kick off will be 3:45pm on the Parklands school fields. The pupils will find out the team on Monday at the year 7 training session.

Y7 have their first football match against St Michael's on Wednesday in the Chorley Cup.

Year 8 Messages

PE Department - Lots of fixtures next week for the boys football teams and we wish them the best of luck. Y10 and Y8 boys football team play a friendly at Holy Cross on Monday

Y8 football: the boys play against Albany on Friday in the Chorley Cup.

Year 9 Messages

Any parents or carers who were unable to attend the 'Welcome to Key Stage 4' evening last week can find the full presentation on our website. You will find it under Key Stage 4 in the Parent section.

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award - Year 9 and 10

All year 9 have been emailed about the DofE award and attended an assembly last week about it. You can view the presentation [here](#). If you require any further information please see Miss Greaves or email her directly. Deadline for Bronze is Friday 27th September 2019.

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Year 10 Messages

Runshaw College: See message below in Y11 section. Why not go along and check out the college and the fantastic facilities they offer - it's never too soon to start looking around!

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Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award Year 10-11

If your child has completed the silver and would be interested in doing Silver they MUST see Miss Greaves ASAP.

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Year 11 Messages

Runshaw College are holding their first open event for this year on Saturday 21st September, from 11am - 3pm. This is a great opportunity for Year 11s to look around and ask questions about courses, grade requirements and so on, as they will be applying for colleges by Christmas time.



Next Open Event

Saturday 21 September 11am – 3pm

“Runshaw is in a different league”
Ofsted

Design & Technology: It will be mandatory that any year 11 D&T pupils who miss the coursework deadline tomorrow must attend lunchtime intervention everyday until the work is complete. It is essential that all pupils stick to the mini deadlines set to ensure that they complete their entire NEA by the final deadline. Also, there are still lots of pupils who have not yet purchased their revision textbook: these can be purchased for £3 each from the D&T staff. Mr McAvoy, Curriculum Leader

Any parents or carers who were unable to attend the ‘Welcome to Year 11’ evening last week can find the full presentation on our website. You will find it under Key Stage 4 in the Parent section.

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Careers

This week’s Career of the Week can be found [here](#). This week it’s a Biochemist - Biochemists investigate the chemical processes that take place inside all living things, from viruses and bacteria to people. This is an industry that is predicted to grow in the future, so for anyone who enjoys science - why not consider a job like this? There are lots of routes into this career - check the website for much more information.

Apprenticeship Notifications

Miss Berry normally starts to receive these from January onwards.