



PARENT BULLETIN

17 June - 21 June 2019: Week 2



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

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.



Edulink One

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

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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

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

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Sports day last week was a success in the morning until the poor weather struck. We will definitely complete the event once the weather improves and will keep pupils informed. The events that need completing are 100m and 200m alongside the whole Y9 events. Also next Wednesday 19th June is the Chorley District Sports day at Robin Park. The Parklands Athletics team is getting finalised and letters will be given to the pupils selected on Friday with all information needed. The Cricket season has taken a hit with the weather but we still have the U12s and U14s in the County Cup and games will be rearranged for next week that were cancelled this week.

The latest news from the Lancashire SEND partnership can be read [here](#).

ADVANCE NOTICE: We are awaiting confirmation from the Local Authority regarding a change to May Day next year. Read the brief BBC News article [here](#) about this. Once we have confirmation of the change within Lancashire, we shall let you know.

Your child will probably tell you about our plans to have a school dog. There is a lot of research to support the role of having a pet dog in schools, helping with both emotional and academic development. Our dog will be based in the Intervention room under the care of Ms Mulligan at all times; she will not be roaming around the school building. Children who are not comfortable with dogs have no need to interact with her at all, and if such a child needs to go into Intervention, then we will remove the dog from the room. She will be used in one-to-one sessions by Ms Mulligan and her role will develop as she is trained and grows. We have selected a poodle as our therapy dog. This breed is very sociable, intelligent and loves to be around people. Poodles are also the most hypoallergenic dog you can own as they do not lose their fur. If you or your child has any questions at all please do contact us at school.

Our end of year reward trip to **Blackpool Pleasure Beach** will be sent out via the app. To ensure you receive all the information you need and to authorise your child's attendance on the trip should they wish to go, you must have access to the app.

Blackburn College are holding their creative arts show: "Making the Future" on Saturday and Sunday 15th and 16th June from 10am - 4pm in the Beacon Centre, during The National Festival of Making. For more details and full exhibition programme: www.blackburn.ac.uk/art-show

Winners of the Easter attendance reward for free places to Blackpool Pleasure Beach in the summer were won by:

Year 7 - Ellie Taylor EUR & Tom Peers SAM
Year 8 - Eve Pedley ASA & Leon Singleton ASA
Year 9 - Ruby Stronton EUR & Gab Ind SAM
Year 10 - Stacey Mortimer AFR & Summer Zhao ANZ

Congratulations to all the students who achieved 100% attendance with no lates for the whole of the half term after the Easter break.

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Mock Exams 2019 - Please follow this link for a timetable of mock exams. All exams will take place in the Sports Hall. Some additional exams may take place in lesson time, subject teachers will advise students of these.

https://www.parklandsacademy.co.uk/files/documents/Year_7_-_10_Exam_Timetable_-_Final.pdf

There is a free conference for students in Years 9-11 at UCLan's Westleigh Campus in Preston on Saturday 13 July from 10.00 - 15.15. The theme is 'Future Aspirations' and aims to encourage young people to reach their potential regardless of any challenges they may face. There are speakers from the Army Cadets and Police, as well as a PNE footballer talking about sporting careers and others talking about careers in gaming and medicine. Students need to register to attend:

<http://bit.ly/CadetFest2019>

Further details will be sent to those who register - or see Miss Berry for more information.

On a weekly basis we are highlighting the 'The Five Ways to Wellbeing' and relating them to the relationships you have with your child. This week we are asking you to:

Take Notice

Reminding yourself to 'take notice' can strengthen and broaden awareness and recognise what your child is doing.

Studies have shown that being aware of what is taking place in the present directly enhances your well-being and savouring 'the moment' can help to reaffirm your life priorities.

Heightened awareness also enhances your self-understanding and allows you to make positive choices based on your own values and motivations.

Take some time to enjoy the moment and the environment around you. Here are a few ideas:

- Get a plant for your home collaboratively with your child
- Have a 'clear the clutter' day
- Take notice of how your child or partner is feeling or acting
- Take a different route on your journey to or from work
- Visit a new place for lunch

If you have any questions then please contact Mr John Pilling (Emotional Health & Wellbeing Coordinator) at: jpilling@parklandsacademy.co.uk

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Huge congratulations go to Ethan Ashcroft in year 9, who has been awarded Senior Gymnast of the Year! This is a truly well-deserved achievement, as Ethan has worked incredibly hard on his gymnastics without any impact on his school work. Well done, Ethan!



Year 7 Messages

None this week

Year 8 Messages

Pupils will have a Water Safety Assembly on Thursday in order to raise awareness around drowning prevention.

Our Industrial Cadets in Year 8 had a really interesting visit to Recycling Lives in Preston earlier this week, where they saw what happens to waste materials, from cars to TVs, cans to computers. They also saw the charitable side of the business, as they work with prisoners to get them ready for work after their sentence, thereby reducing the reoffending rate. Our Cadets are now getting ready to present their project to judges at a graduation ceremony in July - look out for more details closer to the event!

HPV Immunisation Reminder- Y8 girls will have the second of their HPV vaccinations on 28th June in the Pavilion. Please make sure where possible that your daughter wears a short sleeve shirt and has breakfast that morning.

There are a number of engineering residential courses available over the summer provided by Lancaster University. There is a cost involved, but they include all food, accommodation and training. There is a Year 8 BAE Systems Engineering Experience starting 24 July (3 days, 2 nights). Contact Miss Berry for more details.

If your child is in Year 8 and taking GCSE French, they have the opportunity to go on a trip to Nice when they are in Year 10. For more details, they can see Mr Stalker in the Languages Department to collect a letter. For those students who have letters already for the trip, the deadline for returning the reply slips is Friday 21st June.

English Year 8 exam: Thursday 27th June. 40 minutes. Pupils will be asked to write about **one** of the poems they have studied in their poetry anthology.

On Thursday 20th June Year 8 and 9 will watch 60 seconds of Summer which is a play promoting water safety and is based upon the real life stories of two local boys. It is hard hitting and was developed with the help of the boys' families. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's HAL or Mrs Haslam.

Year 9 Messages

Pupils will have a Water Safety Assembly on Thursday in order to raise awareness around drowning prevention.

Year 9 English - All students should have purchased the following books: A Christmas Carol (ISBN: 1407143646) £3.59 from school , Blood Brothers (ISBN: 0413767701) £8.11 from school and Macbeth (ISBN: 1841461202) £3 from school. Students need these books for their GCSE English Literature course.

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Year 10 Messages

Work Experience is now about 5 weeks away. A number of Year 10s have not chosen a placement or been to see me yet - the WEX company need time to conduct risk assessments and check that everything is in order before a pupil can go on work experience. If your child is struggling to find a placement - they MUST let me know. If they have a placement sorted but have not yet submitted the details on Connect, please remind them to do this as soon as possible.

Taster Days to two colleges are coming up soon for Year 10s. They have chosen their subjects and will be given their timetables before they go. These visits are free of charge and lunch and transport will be provided. More details to follow in the next few weeks.

There are a number of engineering residential courses available over the summer provided by Lancaster University. There is a cost involved, but they include all food, accommodation and training. There is a Year 10/11 Nuclear Engineering Experience on 19 August (4 days, 3 nights). Contact Miss Berry for more details.

English Year 10 exam: Friday 28th June. 1 hour. English Language Component 2. All pupils will be asked to complete two transactional writing tasks. Possible tasks include: Formal/informal letters, articles/blogs, speeches, reports, reviews, leaflets.

Revision guides are available for GCSE English. They are £3 each. The following revision guides can be purchased from your child's English teacher at school any time between now and the exams:

Macbeth text guide

A Christmas Carol text guide

Blood Brothers text guide

Poetry anthology revision guide

Year 11 Messages

GCSE Presentation Evening will be on **Thursday, 21st November** starting at 7pm in the school hall. Please save this date! GCSE certificates will be handed out at this event too.

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Careers

This week's Career of the Week can be found [here](#). This week it's Food Scientist/Technologist. Perfect for anyone who loves food but may not want to be a chef! Lots of different entry routes into this career - check out the website for more details.

Anyone interested in becoming a pilot? **Pilot Careers Live**, Europe's largest independent pilot career exhibition is back in Manchester on July 6th - the first step towards a career in aviation.

Students can view a video about the event at bit.ly/pilotcareerslive18

For full details and discounted student tickets, please visit www.pilotcareernews.com/live/north/

Apprenticeship Notifications

Lots more apprenticeships available this week: RCJ Motors, Arnold Clark, Da Techs (NW) Ltd, Matthew Marsden Furniture Ltd, Telent Ltd, Kwik-Fit GB Ltd, Small World, Nature Trails Nursery, NIS Ltd, NSG Ltd ... Some fantastic companies offering everything from engineering to early years education. See Miss Berry for the full list and more details on how to apply..