



# PARENT BULLETIN

## 23 Nov - 27 Nov 2020: Week 1



Dear parents and carers,

You are hopefully aware of the stranger-danger incident I alerted you all to earlier this week, which today was followed by a separate incident involving a pupil from Albany Academy in Chorley. Thankfully, all pupils are safe, but both incidents highlight the importance of talking to your child about being safe on the way to and from school especially as the nights draw in and mornings are dark. We have put messages in the pupil bulletin too and had discussions with pupils, but the last thing we want to do is cause anxiety and alarm. It is important to be aware of such dangers, but in my 11 years here at Parklands such incidents have been incredibly rare. If your child is worried or anxious, please don't hesitate to contact their Houseleader and we can provide additional support if required.

You will see in this week's bulletin the advertising of trips. These come on the back of the very positive news in the national media regarding a Covid vaccine. I am sure that we are all desperate to get back to normality, and I personally cannot wait to start offering our pupils the vast array of extra-curricular opportunities we are known for. The trips we are running are all insured and no-one should lose any money if a trip cannot go ahead due to the pandemic.

A big thank you is required for the parents and carers of pupils in year 9. Your support with the self-isolation is very much appreciated, but we hope the mix of online Google Meet lessons and work set on Google Classroom is keeping your child engaged during the day. We look forward to welcoming them back into school next Thursday.

Kind regards,

Mr S Mitchell  
Headteacher



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### Year 7 Messages

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### Year 8 Messages

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### Year 9 Messages

Pupils should return to school following self-isolation on Thursday, 26th November. We look forward to seeing you all then!

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### Year 10 Messages

None this week

### Year 11 Messages

A reminder about college applications: please make sure you apply to at least TWO colleges, so you have a back up option. When it asks for predicted grades, put what you think you are capable of achieving in the summer (be honest!) and for the section about personal statements, you can write 'I will bring this to interview'. You do not have to specify what subjects either - just write 'Vocational' or 'A Level'. At this stage colleges just need numbers so they know how many interviewers to allocate to schools

[Please follow this link for a copy of the email sent to](#) **Year 11 regarding the Science mock examinations in January**

## Careers

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

**Preston's College** are offering a series of live Zoom classes. These start on Tuesday 24th November with a live commercial/jazz dance class and a musical theatre class in action. You can also take the opportunity to video chat with one of the college tutors. The classes take place from 5-6pm or 6-7pm - you can drop in anytime, there is no need to stay for the full hour. To book a place, email [delliott@preston.ac.uk](mailto:delliott@preston.ac.uk). Future classes to watch out for include a live theatrical make-up workshop and an acting masterclass - keep an eye on the bulletin for further details!

<https://www.wigan-leigh.ac.uk/16-18-full-time-courses/year-11-applicants>

Year 11 students watched a video assembly from **Wigan & Leigh College** earlier this week - the link above is to the Year 11 portal - a step by step guide to the process of applying, choosing a course, preparing for interview and so on. W&L now offer T-Levels and the opportunity to continue your educational journey right through to degree level in health-related subjects, following the purchase of the former Wigan UTC building and a partnership with Wigan Council, the local NHS Trust and Edge Hill University. This would mean no accommodation costs and a guaranteed work placement. For any further information on this (or any career/college/apprenticeship query), please email: [pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

Don't forget to check out the Virtual Open Events at **Bolton College**. Offering everything from applied science to travel and tourism, see if there is a course that suits you. Register for an event by visiting: [www.boltoncollege.ac.uk/register-open-events](http://www.boltoncollege.ac.uk/register-open-events) You can even win an iPad when you register for an event!

Year 11 - Careers Drop In sessions - Friday lunchtime in A21. Please come along for a chat!

<https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/parents/videos-parents>

The University of Sheffield have created a series of really good video presentations covering applying to uni, finance and support. It's never too soon to start checking out future options.

If you are interested in studying a T-Level qualification at **Cardinal Newman College**, the course tutors are holding two virtual Q&A sessions on:

**Tuesday 24th November** at 4.30pm and **Tuesday 1st December** at 4.30pm

This is a great opportunity to ask any questions, see the equipment you will be using and discuss any queries you may have.

To register for this event, please email: [digital@cardinalnewman.ac.uk](mailto:digital@cardinalnewman.ac.uk) with your name and which date you would like to join and the college will be in touch with all the information you will need prior to the session.

Newman will be offering three new T-Level courses from September, in their brand new building: **Digital Production, Design & Development; Digital Support Services** and **Digital Business Services**.

You will be placed with a local employer for your industrial placement (45 days) gaining invaluable skills for your future career.



**Oxford Scholastica Academy** have two exciting online conferences coming up: Business and Economics (BizCon 2020) from 12-13 December on the theme: 'Disrupted: How 2020 will change business forever' and a Law conference (LawCon 2020) on the theme: 'Breaking the rules: Everything you never knew about law' running over 19-20 December. These are interactive lectures, panel discussions and workshops with a variety of inspiring speakers. They are not particularly cheap, but as a partner high school, Parklands' students can claim a **15% discount** (with bursaries also available - details on request). If anyone is seriously considering studying law, business or economics, these conferences will leave students well-informed about contemporary issues and the range of careers available - as well as being a fantastic talking point on a CV or Uni application form



<https://youtu.be/TG8WDtCGA-s> Check out this really inspirational video from **Winstanley College**. It's a very different way of looking at your future options - it's not just another virtual tour or presentation about the courses and facilities on offer.

## Apprenticeship Notifications

### November Parents' & Carers' Pack - Amazing Apprenticeships

In the [November issue](#) we look at the regional Apprenticeship Awards, WorldSkills UK Live, Top 100 Apprenticeship Employers, a Traineeship case study, apprenticeships in traditional trade areas and more! Anyone interested in an apprenticeship is advised to register now on <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship> - create an account, click to receive notifications of new vacancies and start thinking about what to put on a CV (more to follow on CVs - don't panic!) Don't forget that applications are now being accepted for BAE Systems - don't leave it too late to apply. Contact Miss Berry for any support/advice.

# Whole School Messages

## Perfect 3s

Has your child continued to achieve the perfect 3 since the start of term? There are **234** pupils with the perfect 3!

Year 7: 35 pupils  
Year 8: 63 pupils  
Year 9: 52 pupils  
Year 10: 45 students  
Year 11: 39 students

### Who had the perfect 3 last week?

Year 7: 122 pupils  
Year 8: 139 pupils  
Year 9: 106 pupils  
Year 10: 117 students  
Year 11: 122 students

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

## Children in Need

We are ecstatic to announce that Parklands raised £1051.56 last Friday and that was without the Year 9 pupils in school. Thank you to everyone who contributed!

## [Weekly Learning Support Board](#)

During November there have been efforts around school to raise money for the Movember Foundation Charity. Movember aims to raise awareness of issues with men's mental health and male related cancer. Men are asked to grow a mustache to raise awareness of these issues and to raise money for men who are affected. Mr Brennand has been raising money throughout the month and is proud of what the students have donated so far. Any donations would be appreciated and can be handed in to Mr Brennand.



## Reading House Competition



- Read the article sent to you by email each week by Mrs Donohue
  - Complete the quiz
  - Earn points for your house!
- Improve your reading skills and Cultural Capital



## PGL WATERSPORTS 2021



Email [ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

**£ 675**

TWO CENTRE ADVENTURE  
3 DAYS BEACH WATERSPORTS @ BEACH  
2 DAYS DESCENT DOWN THE ARDECHE  
1 DAY AT AQUALAND

8th August - 15th August 2021  
ALL FOOD, TRANSPORTS, EVENING ENTERTAINMENTS, AND  
WATERPARK INCLUDED.

Letters have been emailed from Miss Greaves to parents  
via edulink app.



### PGL WATERSPORTS 2021

Places are available but are being snapped up quickly!

Letter have been emailed to all parents/carers with pupils in years 7-10. Letter is available [here](#).

## PARKLANDS HIGH SCHOOL SKI TRIP

- 6 full days with ski instruction
- Ski or snowboard hire
- Boot hire
- All meals provided including breakfast on the outbound and inbound journey
- Full area ski lift pass
- Apres ski programme including bowling, pizza, ice cream & disco
- Trip hoody
- Helmet hire
- Comprehensive winter sports insurance.

**2nd April 2022**  
**8 days**  
**Total cost: £950**  
**Deposit: £100**



Email Miss Marr for a  
letter or more  
information  
[gmarr@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:gmarr@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

Letter is available [here](#)

## Andalucia Trip October half term 2021

Email [jdonoehue@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:jdonoehue@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  
Approx. £720 all food, hotel accommodation and travel included  
We are still planning for this trip to go ahead, Covid-dependent

Letter is available [here](#)

## 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



Thank you so much for your donations so far, every item is really appreciated. I would like to give a shoutout to our year 7 parents in particular, your generosity has been overwhelming. Please continue to send in your donations. Thank you so much.



**ANXIOUS? STRESSED?  
STRUGGLING?**  
IT'S OK TO ASK  
FOR HELP

**STOP.  
BREATHE.  
THINK.**

TEXT  
**BREATHE  
TO 85258**

For free and  
confidential  
support.

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NATIONAL YOUTH CHARITY

[WWW.STOPBREATHETHINK.CO.UK](http://WWW.STOPBREATHETHINK.CO.UK)





### Lancashire Positive Minds Parent/Carer Support Group

Anxiety / Obsessions and Compulsions / Depression / Self Harm  
Eating Disorders / Psychosis / Suicidal Thoughts / Autism  
Low Mood / Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder/  
Borderline Personality Disorders / Self Esteem and confidence issues  
and more.

You are not alone! Supporting a young person with Mental Health difficulties can be really challenging, isolating, emotionally, physically and mentally exhausting.

Come along to the group, meet with other likeminded Parents/Carers in similar situations and get both peer and professional support in a confidential, safe environment. The Group is very much parent led but professionally supported by Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) and experienced people who can provide support, advice, guidance, practical tips and strategies, topic discussions and guest speakers all whilst you can have some time for you and have a cup of tea/coffee!

\*During current Covid Pandemic, face to face meetings for group members have been put on hold.\*

Leyland Group - First Monday of the month from 6.30 –8.30pm

Preston Group – Third Monday of the month from 6.30- 8.30pm

Email: [Lancashirepositiveminds@gmail.com](mailto:Lancashirepositiveminds@gmail.com)

Parent Founder: Susie Marsden – 07713 337182

Facebook Closed Group: Lancashire Positive Minds

Twitter: [@Lancashirepositiveminds](https://twitter.com/Lancashirepositiveminds)