

# PARENT BULLETIN 2 Dec - 6 Dec 2019: Week 2



### 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

School Office

Please note that we do not keep cash in school and therefore find it hard to change £20 notes. Please could you use the online system to top up dinner money accounts therefore reducing the risk of us not being able to change large notes.

#### Lost Property

We have a box full of spectacles, watches, jewellery, pencil cases, purses. Having had these items for more than 3 months we are now going to donate them to charity. Please ask your child to come to the main office in reception if they have lost any items and hopefully we will be able to reunite them with their property. When we return in January we will be taking these to a charity shop in Chorley.

It's that time of year! Year 7s and 8s Christmas Party on Friday 13th December 6pm until 8pm. The tickets are £1 and are available from the HALs' office. All funds raised on the evening will go to the Costa Rica trip.

Furthermore, for the first time ever we are having a sleepover for **YEAR 7s ONLY** on the same night. The cost of this is £5 which includes the Christmas Party ticket too! Please ask your child to collect a letter from the HALs Office and return the money to secure a sleepover place!

Any questions please speak to Miss Burrill or Mr Swift





#### Perfect 3s

Has your child continued to achieve the perfect 3 since September? There are 233 in total so far!

Year 7: 56 pupils	Who had the perfect 3 in the last week (Mon - Fri)?
Year 8: 36 pupils	Year 7: 146 pupils
Year 9: 43 pupils	Year 8: 129 pupils
Year 10: 48 students	Year 9: 109 pupils
Year 11: 50 students	Year 10: 136 students
	Year 11: 132 students

#### PE MESSAGES

Monday

KS3 Badminton competition for boys at St Michael's

#### Tuesday

KS4 Badminton competition for boys at Albany

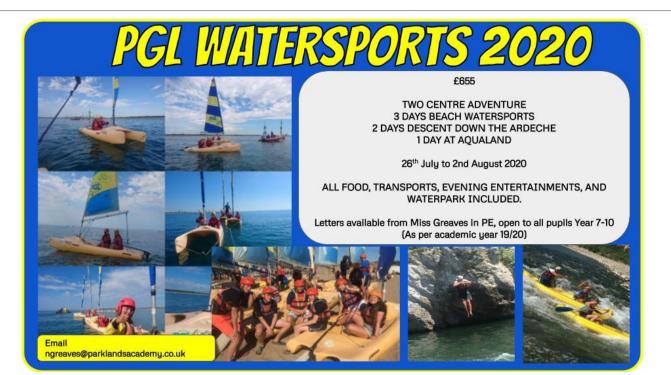
#### Wednesday

KS3 Badminton competition for girls at Bishops

#### Thursday

KS4 Badminton competition for girls at Bishops

Staff and Pupils would like to thank Tesco Chorley for donating 2 Christmas Trees to the school. The hall is now looking very festive and we are ready for the many Christmas themed events taking place over the next few weeks



There are a couple of places available for Watersports 2020, this departs on the 26th July returning on the 2nd of August. Please see Miss Greaves if interested!



Normandy Food Tour 2020 - extended booking deadline until Friday 13th December however places are filling up fast! 4 days 3 nights staying at Chateau du Baffy near Bayeaux. Open to year groups 7-10 however proving very popular with our Year 7s - it's a great first school residential trip abroad! See letter below for more details. <u>Parent/Carer Normandy Food Trip Letter</u>

To safeguard our pupils we have requested support from the Police Community Team due to concerns we have in Astley Park of known and unknown youths who have been waiting at the school gates at the end of the school day. There will be a presence of PCSOs which should disperse them. We are unsure of their intention. Please do not be alarmed, but be assured that the welfare of our students at the start and end of the day is paramount to us

Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility



The focus on Anti-Bullying has continued in form time SECURE this week. We would advise all parents and carers to check our website for our Anti-Bullying policy- something our students did this week. We will be working with our Student Council to create a student friendly version. The Parent Forum also focused on Anti-Bullying this week and we are appreciative of their input and positive feedback. We would welcome any feedback or suggestions from all our parents and carers. Attached is a link to some useful <u>Anti-Bullying tips</u> for our young people. Parents and carers may also find this useful in supporting their children.

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#### **SEND**

Please click <u>here</u> for the FIND newsletter, which has an abundance of information on SEND. And lcik <u>here</u> for the Lancashire Local Offer.

On Monday, we took a group of students from the Eco Club to Bagnell & Morris on the Wirral. They remove all our rubbish here at school. They pride themselves on being a family run carbon neutral business. The students spent time learning about what could happen in the future if we do not change our habits (this included seeing Euxton under water). They also played interactive games regarding recycling. The most important point that came through was, we all need to REDUCE!

If you want to get a selfie with the UEFA Champions League trophy, then don't miss the amazing football-filled experience on Tuesday 3rd December (until 6pm) at Preston Nissan, Strand Road, Preston. Prizes for the most skillful footballer at the ProPilot Challenge event.

Grateful thanks to staff from Eric Wright Construction, Ameon and Preston's College for their 'Build a Bridge' activity today during the Year 7 Respect Day. Students found out all about the varied careers in construction and got the chance to construct a bridge across the River Ribble - in Lego!

The annual **Careers Fair** here at school is on Friday 6th March 2020. If anyone would like to take part, from any sort of business at all, then please get in touch. It is important to showcase a variety of careers and jobs to students, from practical trades to chief executives and everything in between. Thank you to the parents who have already offered their support - we have plenty of space for more! Email: <u>pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk</u> for more details.

None this week

### Year 8 Messages

None this week

### Year 9 Messages

None this week.

### Year 10 Messages

Year 10 should have had their emails from Changing Education this week. Please follow the link, install the Connect Placement Manager app and input details. Please note, this app is to track your placement, not to find you a placement - that is up to you. I will distribute some useful booklets next week on how to find a work experience placement - but in the meantime, make sure you ask relatives or neighbours or start looking for businesses you think you might be interested in. Any issues at all, see Miss Berry (top office).

### Year 11 Messages

## GOOD LUCK IN YOUR MOCKS!

<u>Please follow this link for a copy of the Y11 mock exam timetable</u>, students will be issued with personal timetables and seating information. Subject teachers have provided guidance on what students should be doing in preparation for these exams.

English - Year 11 - English Literature revision guides are available for *Macbeth*, *Blood Brothers*, *A Christmas Carol* and the *Poetry Anthology*. They are **£3** each and can be purchased from your child's English teacher at any time. The revision guides are the CGP Text Guides. Click <u>here</u> for the link.

This week's Career of the Week can be found <u>here</u> - this week it's Finance Officer. For the past few weeks we have heard about how much money the various political parties are going to spend or borrow - just imagine how many financial wizards they will need! Every organisation, large or small needs someone to keep an eye on how much they are spending.

Airbus Apprentice Open Day is this Saturday (30th November) from 13:30 - 16:00 at the Airbus Wing Assembly Factory - not close, but could be well worth a visit! For more information: <a href="http://www.airbus.com/careers">www.airbus.com/careers</a>

The postcode for SatNav is CH4 0DQ. 70% of Airbus senior managers started as apprentices - and you can follow various paths: Supply Chain, Procurement, Digital & Technology as well as Engineering - with all degree costs covered

### **Apprenticeship Notifications**

None this week