



PARENT BULLETIN

2 Mar - 6 Mar 2020: Week 2



Year 7 Messages

None this week

Year 8 Messages

SAVE THE DATE: Monday, 9th March is GCSE Options Evening at 7pm in the school hall. Information regarding Y8 options can be found on the school website. We will be using a paperless system this year so students and carers will need to access the information and make their choices. Click this [link](#) to take you there.

We have completed the first week of Future's Fortnight. Next Tuesday will be Careers and Options Respect Day. The options booklet, key dates and further information in the run up to options are available on the website. Click [here](#)

Andalucia trip 2021

Click [here](#) to view details of next year's trip, open to students who will be taking Spanish as an option.

Year 9 Messages

Review Day is on Wednesday, when your child's latest tracker will be issued.

Our annual Careers Fair is taking place on Friday. Students will spend an hour visiting over 60 stalls and speaking with representatives from Higher Education and the world of work.

Year 10 Messages

BfL reports will be issued on Thursday.

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Geography - All medical forms and money for the forthcoming Salford and River Wyre field trips are due by next Friday (6th March). Please ensure these are completed and handed in to the main office ASAP. Should any parent/carer want to discuss the payment of £20, then please do not hesitate to contact myself or your child's class teacher. This trip is compulsory for all students studying Geography as it will be examined on Paper 3. Thank you, Mrs Ward.

Geography fieldtrips

The money and medical forms for the forthcoming fieldtrips are due by the 6th March and must be returned to the main office. A reminder that these trips are a mandatory part of the GCSE Geography course. If you have any issues regarding payment of this trip then please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mrs Eastham. Regards, Mrs Ward.

Year 11 Messages



YEARBOOK



Parents and carers.

Please send your 'baby' photos and 1st day of year 7 photos to the email address below!

Please ensure that we can tell it is your child so no newborn photos please.



Deadline to pay 29/03/2020



yearbook@parklandsacademy.co.uk

SAVE THE DATE: This year's **prom** is taking place on **Thursday, 9th July**. Prom is a privilege, not an automatic right. Year 11s are well aware of our expectations of behaviour in order to receive an invite.

Y11 Parents Evening- Please be advised that it is the final Y11 Parents Evening on Thursday, 5th March. Any issues please contact houseleaders@parklandsacademy.co.uk

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Year 11 Messages

Final open evening of the year for Runshaw College is Wednesday 4th March, from 4pm - 8pm. Gillian Cahill from Runshaw held an assembly for the Year 11s this week, talking about making choices and having options - students really need to have a back up plan in mind, just in case. A lot can change between now and GCSE results day: offers of employment can be withdrawn, courses can be cancelled, results can be far better than expected. Apply to at least two colleges, accept all places and make the final decision in August!

Runshaw College are interviewing in school on 16th and 17th March, so get those last minute applications in (there are a number of students who have started an application online and not clicked 'submit'). If you are worried about the section that asks about a personal statement, write 'I will bring to interview'.

Wigan & Leigh College are in school for the second set of interviews on Monday 2nd March. If students have not yet applied, but would like an interview, please let me know (pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

When do GCSE exams finish? This is question we are regularly asked by both students and parents as this may be your first opportunity in years to take advantage of a holiday in term time! The exams regulator advises all GCSE candidates to not take a holiday until 25th June; this is just in case there is a national issue with an exam and it has to be rescheduled.

Careers

Career of the Week: There could only be one choice for Career of the Week this week: Health & Safety Adviser! Every single person deserves a safe working environment, whether on a building site or in an office - and there are very good careers in this sector.

Careers Fair

Don't forget the Careers Fair is next Friday (6th March). There will be companies representing engineering, construction, the armed forces, health, animal care, sport, business, forensics and lots more, as well as all the local colleges, various universities and training providers (apprenticeships). Students will get a full list early next week and need to start thinking about what questions they could ask - are there options to do work experience or work shadowing? What subjects would be most useful to get into a particular career? Is there an apprenticeship in the field of work I am interested in? Parents are very welcome to attend. The event is for Year 9, 10 and 11 and runs from 9am - 1pm, in our sports hall and gym.

Apprenticeship Notifications

Some interesting apprenticeship opportunities available this week on www.gov.uk - including hairdressing, business admin, marketing, catering and automotive. Of particular interest is a Childcare apprenticeship at BusyBees in Chorley. They run their own apprenticeship scheme (so no college - you are assessed on the job!) and have nurseries around the country, so progression into senior positions is good.

Also, Barratt and David Wilson Homes are advertising for Carpentry/Joinery and Bricklaying apprentices. Training is undertaken in blocks, away from home (all costs covered) so be aware of that. Starting salary is just over £10k, so one to check out! Be aware you will still need good grades in Maths and English.

February Parents' Pack - Apprenticeship News

The new February [Parents Pack](#) includes: When and where to look for apprenticeships, Parent perspective, apprenticeships in advanced cell and gene therapy, Life as an RSA Group apprentice, What's coming up for National Careers Week, current vacancies and much more!

Whole School Messages

Click [here](#) to access a poster of the latest information for schools regarding the **CORONAVIRUS**. I also sent an email to parents on Thursday evening with this [link](#). We have no cases reported to us at the moment. The ITV evening news advised last night that the best way to prevent the spreading of this virus is thorough handwashing plus coughing/sneezing into tissues/handkerchiefs. I will keep you updated as and when I receive any further information from the Department for Education or Public Health England.

PE Messages

New Extra Curricular timetable for next half term is available to view [here](#).

Tuesday

The Y7 & Y8 Table Tennis team are playing at Southlands in the Chorley District Competition. Selected GCSE Netballers will have their moderation at Tarleton Academy after school.

Wednesday

Y7 Girls Basketball competition at Southlands

Thursday

GCSE Tennis moderation after school - venue to be arranged.

Wigan Warriors coaches are in to work with pupils wanting to learn and play rugby after school.

Friday

Y10 & 11 Netballers are at Albany for a tournament.

U15s girls football team are playing at home against Bishop Rawstorne

World Book Day is on *Thursday 5th March* and to celebrate this there will be a number of competitions running in school. The 'Accelerated Reader' house competition is still running (in which students can gather house points for quizzing on their reading books), the 'Design a Door' competition will be returning in form and there is also a 'Design a Bookmark' competition running, in which students can design a bookmark that will ultimately be copied and handed out in the library, should it win

STANDARDS

We are finding an increasing number of students who have either piercings or false eyelashes. These are not allowed and those students who are found to be wearing them will be asked to remove them or further sanctions will be applied. Further guidance on uniform standards can be found on our website.

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A number of Year 8 students visited the new Strawberry Fields Digital Hub this week, where they met staff from various digital and creative companies, including Lancashire Police Cybercrime Unit, Lancashire NHS Teaching Hospital, DXC and ThuleMedia. Students were able to try out VR headsets and see 3D printing, drones and a whole host of futuristic kit!

A small team of Year 9 students visited Runshaw College this week for a History Masterclass, covering a thought-provoking topic: Genocide.

Perfect 3s

Has your child continued to achieve the perfect 3 since September? There are **132** in total so far!

Who had the perfect 3 in the last week (Mon - Fri)?

Year 7: 29 pupils
Year 8: 20 pupils
Year 9: 32 pupils
Year 10: 21 students
Year 11: 30 students

Year 7: 137 pupils
Year 8: 109 pupils
Year 9: 111 pupils
Year 10: 112 students
Year 11: 100 students

Please congratulate your child if they are one of the perfect 3s!

Musicians from The Band of The Grenadier Guards Concert - Thank you to the musicians from **The Band of The Grenadier Guards** for their visit to us yesterday. They gave our GCSE Music students an insight into a career as a military musician, rehearsed with our Band Musicians, including students from Years 8-11, and students from Euxton Primrose Hill Primary School, and performed an exciting assembly to Year 7 assembly, which also included pupils from Euxton Primrose Hill Primary School. The day culminated in an amazing concert featuring Parklands and Primrose Hill Primary School Musicians playing alongside The Grenadier Guards as they performed to a packed audience. The audience were then treated to an amazing set from the Grenadiers. Thank you to all those who attended the evening and supported the pupils. Everyone was amazing! We'll keep you posted on their next visit. Mr Willsher



Unclaimed raffle prize ticket: Orange 136-140

Whole School Messages

SEND

We have received a letter from the Local Authority - click [here](#) - regarding their upcoming Ofsted inspection.

Click [here](#) for the link to the Lancashire SEND Partnership homepage.

For the SEND Local Offer, click [here](#)

The **drop-in service** is offered to parents who wish to meet with a member of the Achievement Team outside of school. Should you have a query or concern please feel free to drop in. The service is offered every Wednesday from 11:30-12:30 at the Asda cafe in Chorley. (N.B. THIS SERVICE WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE 4th MARCH.)

School Nurse Drop-In available every Thursday 1.00 pm - 2.30 pm. Please see Mrs Fairhurst for appointment slips.

The student J8 development group have more Fair Trade ground coffee available for you to buy for £4.60 per bag. This coffee has come straight from Malawi where the growers work in the community of Liwonde, where the secondary school is for whom we are raising funds. The proceeds from the sale of this coffee go straight back to the school we are working with, to help buy resources to keep more children in school. Please do what you can to support the group and purchase your coffee here. If you would like to make a purchase you can provide your child with the money and the coffee is available from myself in S14. Thanks from the J8 group - Mrs Ward

Sandcastle Waterpark Reward trip

When: Thursday 2nd April

Leaving school: 4.30pm

Returning to school: 8.30pm

Cost: £ 24.00 - this is for private hire of the venue

Pupils may wear shorts and t-shirts over their costume if they wish

Parents must reply online

Deadline Friday 20th March 2020-

You must have;

95%attendance or above - check with your form tutor

Not been on monitoring report, 3 referrals to a HAL or any have had any exclusions or periods in Isolation

The Science department are offering pupils the opportunity to attend The Big Bang Fair in Birmingham on Thursday 12th March. Please click [here](#) to see details of the event. There are 20 places left on the trip and pupils in year 10 now have the opportunity to attend as well as pupils in year 9. Places on the trip are subject to good behaviour and attendance. If your child is interested in going on this trip they will need to collect a letter from Miss Hummerston. If you have any questions please email mhummerston@parklandscacademy.co.uk

Whole School Messages

On Monday Ms Berry and I accompanied Jack, Talya, Myles and Rebecca to a national awards ceremony in Whitehall, London. They had been nominated against national and international organisations within the realm of Health & Safety. They were treated to a 3 course meal in The Gladstone Library and later on to an afternoon tea. During the ceremony our students gave a presentation in front of over 100 adults, many of whom ran companies or were responsible for health and safety within their company. There were also a couple of members of the House of Lords in attendance. Our students (the only students there!) stood out head and shoulders above all other (adult) presenters and they even got a standing ovation after their presentation. And we are delighted that they won TWO awards and were overall **FIRST PRIZE** winners. They could not have done us more proud! Mr Mitchell





Don't miss it!



Tickets available from Miss Marr
in the Pavilion office.

£5 adults £3 U-18s/Concessions

American Spirit Dance Production

Wed 11th - Friday 13th March @ 7pm

Tickets £5 adults / £3 concessions available from Mrs Robinson in the hall at break times.

Friday 13th March is now sold out.

Dress Rehearsals for the production are 3pm-6pm on the 9th and 10th of March all pupils involved must attend.

Whole School Messages

Job vacancy with Mellors Catering: Catering Assistant at Parklands

Hours: 17.5 (Mon-Fri)

Basic Hourly Rate: £8.21, equated.

Contract: Permanent

Contract Start Date: ASAP

Accountable To: Catering Manager

Required to wear uniform as per company guidelines.

Responsibilities:

- Maintaining high standards and ensuring all kitchen surfaces (including walls and floors) and equipment are kept clean to minimise the risk of accidents
- Ensuring that all waste (dry and wet) is disposed of safely and in line with legislation and policy and procedures
- Putting away all deliveries promptly and ensuring the stockroom is clean and accessible
- Basic preparation of food and simple cooking
- Serving meals ensuring correct portion control
- Serving customers in a polite and friendly manner
- General kitchen duties e.g. washing up
- Using the equipment as directed by unit manager
- Preparation of dining area
- Ensuring food hygiene and health & safety regulations are adhered to at all times
- Adhere to existing and new working practices, methods, procedures and respond positively to new and alternative systems
- Ad hoc activities as directed by the Catering Manager

Skills:

- Ability to work as part of a team
- Ability to promote a welcoming environment to our customers, polite and friendly
- Catering experience is desirable
- Punctual and work well under pressure
- Basic understanding of food hygiene would be advantageous
- Experience of working with food previously is desirable
- Neat and tidy in appearance
- A 'can do' attitude, prepared to assist the rest of the team

It will be necessary for the company to apply for a DBS check at commencement of employment.
CVs to the Catering Manager at 1019@mcs-unit.co.uk