



PARENT BULLETIN

30 Sept - 4 Oct 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

Congratulations to Ethan (on the left) who has been awarded Junior Gymnastics Coach of the year. Ethan was over the moon to be presented his award by Nile Wilson, who won a Bronze Olympic medal in the 2016 summer Olympics!

Well done from everyone at Parklands, Ethan!



Congratulations also go to Edward in Year 11, whose very proud mum sent us this photo of him being awarded GOLD at the Brazilian Jujitsu European Championships. Edward is now the European Champion for his division.

Well done from everyone at Parklands, Edward!

CLIMATE STRIKE. Please click [here](#) to watch a brief video of our students' protest in Chorley last Friday. They were fantastic ambassadors for our school who gave the local MP a really good grilling!
#ProudToBeParklands

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Please could parents and carers check our app Edulink and make sure we have the correct details of your telephone number, address, your child's medical conditions and current Health Centre. If you have changed your workplace, we also need your new phone number so we can contact you quickly in case of an emergency. Details can be updated in the app itself.

Parents evening for the **Andalucía** trip is on Tuesday 1st October at 6pm in the hall. Please bring your child's passport and EHIC as a matter of urgency if they haven't brought it in already. Many thanks.

KS4 Drama pupils who are going on the **RSC Lowry** trip next Thursday, the 3rd October, should meet at school at 6pm in non-uniform. We will return to school at approximately 10.45pm. Please ensure your child knows how they are getting home at this time.

For those who have pupils travelling to **Naples** during Oct half term...please remember it is the **Naples Food Tour Parent/Carer Meeting next Monday 30th September 6pm** in the school hall. It is essential you attend with your son/daughter as we will be providing important information. Looking forward to meeting you, Mrs Brookes

2020 Normandy Food Tour Years 7-10



- Boulangerie – bread making
- Goats Cheese Farm
- Oyster Farm
- Visit to Bayeux Market and shopping
- Sweet Making Factory
- Apple Juice & Cider Farm
- Arromanches 360 Cinema – D-Day Landing
- beaches and WWII history
- Halloween Party
- Ten Pin Bowling Evening
- Local Market and shopping at Deauville
- ...and more!

Please see Mrs Brookes or Miss Flight in S16 or S17 for a letter

Staying at Chateau du Baffy for 3 nights full board

4 days October 2020 - £430

Places are now becoming booked for the **Normandy Food Tour October 2020** if interested please send your son/daughter to see Mrs Brookes in S16/17 for a letter with further details or this is available via this link: [Normandy 2020 Food Tour Letter](#)

The final payment for the trip to see **Skyfall** in London at The Royal Albert Hall is due on Monday 30th September. Please email pwillsher@parklandsacademy.co.uk if you have any questions regarding the trip.

A polite reminder to parents of pupils on the **Battlefields trip** that the next payment is due 4th October 2019. Please look at your child's payment card for reference. There are also a few places left on the Battlefields trip for this academic year. Although places are initially open to pupils who have opted to take History, for **one year only** we can now offer the trip to those pupils who haven't opted for History GCSE if their application is outstanding. Therefore if any parents know that their son/daughter would be interested in the trip and **they are in year 10** please could you email rcrabtree@parklandsacademy.co.uk. Thank you.

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PE Notices

Tuesday - Y7 & 8 Rugby Tournament at St Michael's.

Wednesday - GCSE Netball Exam at Parklands.

Thursday - All years district cross country event at Albany

Friday - Y7 boys 7 a-side football tournament against St Michael's at Parklands.

Friday - KS3 Girls football match at Holy Cross

Perfect 3s

Year 7: 115 pupils

42% of all Parklands pupils have the perfect 3!

Year 8: 71 pupils

Year 9: 93 pupils

Check your child's BfL scores in the Edulink app

Year 10: 91 students

Year 11: 89 students



Huge thank you for all of us here at Parklands for your support - we've raised about £1,800! Today's Coffee Morning event was really well attended by parents, carers, grandparents and members of the community. We had a large array of cakes for sale, prizes for auction including cakes baked by students and staff and a hamper.

Author Rose Edwards will be visiting school to talk to a select group of Year 7, 8 and 9 in the LRC on Wednesday morning. Her book will be available to buy for £6.99. Titled The Harm Tree, the book is a fantasy novel about a country recovering from a war and about to enter into another one. Thrown into the middle of this are two friends, Torny and Ebba, who end up on opposing sides of the war. Her book has been described as "unputdownable", "Brilliantly written" and "absolutely amazing".

Cultural Capital Week

Monday 30th September marks the start of Cultural Capital Focus Week. During this week, all pupils will be involved in activities during form and secure time aimed at advancing their Cultural Capital and Literacy, with the ultimate goal of providing pupils with experiences that allow them to expand their horizons. Year 7s will be learning about notable people from around the world in a house competition, Years 8 to 10 will be completing their Cultural Capital and Leadership Passports, giving them a chance to reflect on the experiences they have already had, and Year 11 will be thinking about the employability skills they developed during Work Experience in preparation for writing their college personal statements.

Year 7 Messages

Review evening with your child's Form Tutor takes place on **Thursday, 17th October**. Please book your review in the Parents Evening section of the Edulink app. Click [here](#) for instructions.

Parklands Plus Cooking Club will be starting on the 14th of October. It will run every other week from 3pm till 4,30pm. There are only 15 places and if your child is interested they should come to S13 to put their name down. Ms Mulligan

Year 8 Messages

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Year 9 Messages

None this week

Year 10 Messages

Students should all have activated their GCSEPod accounts. If you are having any problems logging in, please e-mail Mr Martin (tmartin@parklandscademy.co.uk)

Year 11 Messages

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Lots more college open events and drop in sessions coming up in the next week or so.

- Preston's College have their open evening on Tuesday 1st October, from 4.00 -7.30pm - they also have a lunchtime drop-in here in school on Thursday 3rd October.
- Blackburn College have open evenings on Thursday 3rd and Tuesday 8th October, from 4.30 - 8.00pm.
- Wigan & Leigh College have a lunchtime drop in on Friday 4th October - followed by their first open evening on Monday 7th October, from 4.30 - 7.30pm.
- Myerscough College have an advice morning on Saturday 5th October, from 9.45am - 12.30pm

Try to get to as many of these events as you can, in order to make an informed choice about your future study. All the colleges offer different options - find out which is right for you.

You can apply for work experience with the NHS during holidays - nothing available until February 2020 currently, but get your applications in now for half terms next year! For anyone considering a medical career, this is invaluable and looks great on uni applications. You won't be allowed clinical experience, but there are lots of different areas available, all of which will help you decide whether you are suited to a medical career. Email: workexperience@lthtr.nhs.uk and they will send you the application forms.

Careers

This week's Career of the Week can be found [here](#). Following the recent twists and turns in Parliament, this week we are looking at legal careers in Career of the Week. Check out the website to find out more about becoming a Crown Prosecutor.

Click [here](#) to read the latest edition of Careermag, a magazine for parents.

Apprenticeship Notifications

Miss Berry normally starts to receive these from January onwards.