



# PARENT BULLETIN

## 7 Oct - 11 Oct 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

Operation Encompass. Click [here](#) to read about this initiative involving Lancashire Police, local schools and community health agencies.

Places are now becoming booked up for the **Normandy Food Tour October 2020**. If you are 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](#)

If you work in a Science related industry and would be interested in attending our Careers Fair to talk to our students about your career please email Miss Hummerston. My email address is [mhummerston@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:mhummerston@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

#### Behaviour

You are hopefully aware that our new Edulink app allows you to see any behavioural issues which your child has had during the day in their lessons. We need your support to address these issues, please, so that other pupils are not disadvantaged. It is however really pleasing that the vast majority of our students are respectful in the classroom, allowing teachers to teach and pupils to learn. So, with this in mind, here are the figures regarding our students who are still on the perfect 3!

Year 7: 98 pupils

Year 8: 59 pupils

Year 9: 85 pupils

Year 10: 77 students

Year 11: 78 students

**To be on a perfect 3 means your child has attended 115 lessons since we started in September and been awarded a BfL of 3 each and every time!**

[Trip to London to see Skyfall in Concert at the Royal Albert Hall](#) - The coach will be leaving at 8am from the school tomorrow morning (Saturday 5th October) and returning at approx. 10pm. Please ensure you have plenty of food/drink/money and also suitable clothing. We don't want anybody getting cold and drenched. See you tomorrow! Mr Willsher

[Career of the week](#), found on the last page of this bulletin with a link to our website, is updated each week. Please take a look - it may just spark an interest in your child!

## Whole School Messages

The consultation responses on the local authority's proposal to cease Lancashire Break Time indicated that we need to look at the whole Short Breaks Offer provided by Lancashire County Council alongside Lancashire Break Time. As a result, on 8 August 2019 Cabinet agreed to the review and redesign the whole Short Breaks Offer, in partnership with parents, carers, young people and providers.

Therefore, the next step is to ask for the views of parent/carers of children with special educational needs and/or disabilities who, through the Short Breaks Offer, have used a short break service from April 2018 onwards.

### [Complete the Short Breaks survey](#)

This survey will take about 15 minutes to complete and must be submitted by Monday 21 October 2019. Please ring 01772 532509 or email [Find@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:Find@lancashire.gov.uk) if you would prefer a printed questionnaire.

In partnership with parents, we will be following the survey with face to face meetings and workshops and will also be gathering the views of children, young people and short breaks providers.

Lancashire Break Time will continue in its current form until the review and redesign of the Short Breaks Offer is completed.

A report setting out the proposal for the future delivery of short breaks will be presented to Cabinet in March 2020.

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/search/?q=POET+survey>

In addition to this please also help the Lancashire SEND Partnership improve services for children and young people with additional needs by completing a POET survey. The survey takes less than 10 minutes to

complete and has the potential to significantly shape the future of SEND services across Lancashire. You do not need to give any personal details and there will be no way of identifying individuals.

Click here for the link. We will use the results to identify where we can make further improvements to our services. The information you give us will also be used in a national report to help improve service in other areas of England. The SEND Partnership Board will publish the results and our action plan on the Local Offer later this year.

Thank you for helping us in this very important piece of work.

If you would like to subscribe to the FIND newsletter, which has an abundance of information on SEND

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/help-for-parents-and-carers/family-information-network-directory/>

# Whole School Messages

**Creative writing competition.** To mark the screening of the new film 'Abominable' there is a writing competition open to all years to win 'Abominable' related goodies. It is just a postcard so not a massive piece of writing so it's definitely worth a go. I will also be awarding a prize for the best entry in each year group. Students have been informed via the bulletin and they can get the entry forms from me in S13. Ms Mulligan



## PE Fixtures

Year 7-9 Girls Football match on Friday 11th October @ Holy Cross, Team TBC.  
Year 10/11 Girls Netball Tournament on Wednesday 9th October @ Albany Team TBC  
Year 7 Boys football tournament on Friday 11th October @ Bishop Rawstorne.  
Year 8 Boys football Lancashire Cup 1st round game vs All Hallows @ Parklands on Tuesday  
Year 8 Boys football match on Wednesday 9th  
Year 9 Boys Football Chorley Cup Semi Final @ Bishops on Monday  
Year 9 Boys Rugby District tournament on Tuesday 8th @ St Michaels  
Year 11 Boys football match @ Holy Cross on Tuesday  
Year 11 GCSE Boys Football moderation on Thursday 10th October @ Bishop Rawstorne  
Y11 GCSE Boys Handball moderation on Friday 11th October @ Parklands

**WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY** takes place next Thursday, 10th October. We would like to support this very worthy cause by allowing students to wear a yellow T-shirt or shirt and we shall ask for donations during form time, break & lunch. Our community was shaken last year when a former student of ours died whilst she was at Runshaw college, so this is a cause very close to our hearts. Any monies donated will go to the charity Young Minds. Click [here](#) for some more information.

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## Year 7 Messages

Year 7 school photographs. The deadline for payments/returns is Friday 11th October. If you have any queries regarding your child's picture please call the Tempest Customer number of 01736 751555

## Year 8 Messages

None this week.

## Year 9 Messages

Click [here](#) to view information about the health questionnaire students will be completing.

## Year 10 Messages

### **For one year only - Battlefields Trip open to non-history students in year 10**

There is still some places left on the Battlefields Trip for this academic year. Therefore if you feel your child would like to go on this trip, and can show a genuine enthusiasm for what we seek to highlight to pupils on the trip then please contact [rcrabtree@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:rcrabtree@parklandsacademy.co.uk) for more information.

Thank you.

## Year 11 Messages

Year 11 school photographs. The deadline for payments/returns is Friday 11th October. If you have any queries regarding your child's picture please call the Tempest Customer number of 01736 751555

A couple of lunchtime drop-ins next week: Cardinal Newman are in school on Wednesday 9th and Wigan & Leigh are in school on Thursday 10th. Make sure you visit the stands to speak to staff - find out what courses you can do and what sort of careers these can lead to. (Concourse - by the LRC door)

Various open events at colleges next week as well. Starting this Saturday 5th, Myerscough College have an advice morning, from 9.45am - 12.30pm. On Monday 7th, Wigan & Leigh College have an open evening from 4.30-7.30pm (parents should have had a letter about this, as there are pre-bookable talks to attend).

Also on Monday, Bolton College have a Futures4Me event from 3.30-7.00pm.

On Tuesday 8th Blackburn College have their open evening from 4.30-8.00pm and finally, on Thursday 10th Runshaw College have an open evening from 4.00-8.00pm. Pupils should try to get to as many of these events as possible, as every college offers something different.

Year 11 have their Mock Interviews in November. If any parent would like to be involved in these, please let me know. We would like to have a wide range of industries represented if possible.

[pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

## Careers

This week's Career of the Week can be found [here](#). You may not be aware that it is National Rail Week 7-13 October, so in celebration of that, Career of the Week is Rail Engineering Technician! Check out the link for details of all the careers associated with the rail industry - big news at present with HS2 and the Northern Powerhouse link from Manchester to Leeds being discussed.

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

## Apprenticeship Notifications

BAE Systems are holding a series of open events to showcase their apprenticeships. You need to register to attend any of these - you can't just turn up. Go to:

[www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/BAESystemsOpenEvening](http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/BAESystemsOpenEvening) to register.

The first of the events is Monday 4th November, 5.30-8.30pm at the Academy for Skills and Knowledge, Samlesbury BB2 7FT, with a second on Saturday 23rd November, 9.00-11.30am.

The apprenticeship window opens on 1st November 2019 until 28th February 2020. You can pre-register your interest and apply online at: [www.baesystems.com/apprenticeships](http://www.baesystems.com/apprenticeships). Do not leave it until the last minute!