



# PARENT BULLETIN

## 9 Sept - 13 Sept 2019: Week 2



### Whole School Messages

The Achievement team offer a drop-in service, which is held on a Wednesday at the Asda cafe from 11:30-12:30. If you have a question or concern that you would like to discuss, pop in and join us for a coffee.

School Nurse Drop-In available every Thursday 1.00 pm - 2.30 pm

**GCSE SUCCESS!** Further to Results Day in August, we are delighted to announce that our former Year 11s achieved wonderful GCSE grades which were an increase on the previous year's results. Their hard work, dedication and commitment to their studies were truly commendable, and they have been rewarded with excellent results which have enabled them to successfully embark on their next stage. There were some incredible achievements, with students gaining a clean sweep of grade 9s, but progress was also excellent for the majority of our students. Further details of our results can be found on our website under School Information/GCSE Results.

We are really proud of Parklands Year 11 student Josh Boyden. For the past four years he has regularly played District and County level cricket during the summer term. This summer he was selected to play for the North of England team, which is a massive achievement. He is seen here being presented with his cap from England star Alistair Cooke. Well done Josh! Proud to be Parklands!!



PGL Watersports letters are available now for Summer 2020. It is a fantastic, action packed trip in the South of France. Check out the PE Instagram @peparklands to see some of the footage from the trip. Great reviews from parents and pupils! Please contact Miss Greaves [ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

For anybody going on the trip to Andalucia, please return hoodies letters to Miss Cree/ office. Payment is possible on the SCOPAY system. If you have any queries, please email [jcree@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:jcree@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

All our **PE extra curricular clubs** start next week and also the new Boys Autumn Chorley Football Cup competition will take place this half term for all years. We wish all our teams good luck. Please check out the timetable by clicking [here](#). Also in PE this year we have appointed official team captains for all our teams. All the pupils selected for these roles show great leadership, attitude and ability in their sport and we wish them luck in their new role.

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SCOPAY App - Please note this service is now available to be downloaded on your mobile device so that you can pay for school dinner money and school trips. Or you can access it through the Edulink app in the Links section.



Online Payments



Google Classroom



GCSE Pod



EPraise

We are delighted to have been awarded the British Council's prestigious International School Award in recognition of our work to bring the world into the classroom. We were commended on providing our students with a wealth of opportunities to learn languages, find out about the cultures of different countries and an exceptional awareness of global issues. Sir Ciarán Devane, CEO of the British Council, said: 'The school's fantastic international work has rightfully earned it this prestigious award. The International School Award is a great chance for schools to demonstrate the important work they're doing to bring the world into their classrooms. Embedding an international dimension in children's education ensures that they are truly global citizens and helps prepare them for successful lives and careers in an increasingly global economy.' Mr Stalker would like to say a huge thanks to all of our fantastic staff and pupils who helped to achieve this impressive accreditation.



### **BfL Reports**

This year we are moving the reports for BfL and progress to the start of each term. Historically we have reported at the end of each term just as we close for a break. By moving the reports and review days to the start of term this means we can begin each term with a renewed focus and a plan for how to best to maintain or improve. As a result of this you will receive your child's first report at the start of autumn term 2. Mrs Aspinall.

## Year 7 Messages

I have been incredibly impressed all week with our new Year 7s. I do a break & lunchtime duty each day and I have loved chatting to our new pupils and asking them about their day. I have been extremely pleased to hear their enthusiastic comments about Parklands, their teachers and the clubs they want to join. A lot of them have said today how tired they are and they can't wait for a lie-in tomorrow morning! They have had an early lunch all week, in order to familiarise themselves with the canteen but it's back to normal next week, with lunch for them starting at 1.20pm. I hope they have been filling you in on all the new exciting things they've been doing, and I look forward to seeing how this wonderful year group develop. Mr Mitchell

Year 7 have settled well and are coping well with the adjustment to being part of Team Parklands. We do set students based on the KS2 information we receive but over the coming weeks we will be using our professional judgement to establish whether students are in the most suitable group for them. The number of students moving groups is usually quite small, but it is important that we establish this as early as possible in order that all students make rapid and sustained progress with us, and students should not see this as any reflection on them if we change their groups in the coming weeks.

## Year 8 Messages

None this week

## Year 9 Messages

The presentation from the Welcome to Key Stage 4 Evening is available on the school's website under Parents/Key Stage 4.

## Year 10 Messages

None this week

## Year 11 Messages

Myerscough College have a Course Advice Morning this Saturday, 7th September from 9.45am - 12.30pm. Great opportunity for Year 11s to have a look around and ask questions - and there are still places available if anyone who left this summer feels they have made the wrong choice of college or have not chosen one at all! They offer a wide range of courses from agriculture to veterinary studies, basketball to tree surgery - go along and find out more.

The presentation from the Welcome to Year 11 Evening is available on the school's website under Parents/Key Stage 4.

## Careers

This week's Career of the Week can be found [here](#). Career of the Week, for those new to the school, is a feature published each week on the school's website, highlighting a different career that students may not have thought of before. As we have just come back from the summer holidays, this week we are looking at careers in Visitor Attraction Management - zoos, theme parks, museums and so on. Imagine being in charge of Chester Zoo or even Disneyland! Check out the website for more details on this varied, interesting and well paid career.

## Apprenticeship Notifications

Miss Berry normally starts to receive these from January onwards.