



PARKLANDS BULLETIN

06 Feb - 10 Feb 2023: Week 1



Headteacher's Message

Dear parents, carers and students,

Aspirational Futures Multi-Academy Trust

I am pleased to report that our new Trust went live on Wednesday this week. The website is available to view [here](#) although it is a work in progress and will be updated at regular intervals. Currently, Parklands is the only school in the Trust but both Balshaw Lane and Highfield Community primary schools can now proceed with their applications, as the new name is now registered with Companies House. We hope they will be fully onboard by September at the latest, although we have already started to work with them much more closely.

Strike Day

Whilst we fully acknowledge the disruption that the strike day brought to many families, closing Parklands for the day was a necessity due to the huge number of staff who decided to strike. As regards the planned future strikes, I will endeavour to give you as much notice as possible if we find ourselves in the same position as this Wednesday.

Half-Term

Please note that school closes for half-term on Friday, 10th February. We re-open on Monday, 20th February.

Uniform

Please could we ask for any donations of uniform that no longer fits your child. Please contact Mrs Haslam if you wish to pop into school for a uniform swap (shaslam@parklandsacademy.co.uk).

Have a lovely weekend,
Mr Mitchell



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Year 7 Messages

No messages this week.

Year 8 Messages

No messages this week.

Year 9 Messages

Progress Evening (Parents Evening) is on Wednesday, 8th February in school from 4.15pm to 7pm. Click to access all relevant information - <https://parklandsacademy.co.uk/students/options>

Year 9 Respect Day Tuesday 7th February. The day will give support and advice to help to choose specialism courses for GCSE study. Sessions will include workshops from subjects not studied at KS3, a chance to question current year 10s about what their subjects are really like, reflection time to help make decisions and how to log on to the online portal where the choices are recorded. This will mean pupils have plenty of time to consider their next move before Progress evening on Wednesday where decisions can be discussed with teachers.

Year 10 Messages

Please ensure that the work experience consent letters are returned as soon as possible (to the Top Office or via your form tutor). The paperwork is available should anyone have a placement already organised and there is a handy booklet with hints and tips on the WEX Google Classroom. A number of Year 10s have already joined - please encourage your child to accept the invitation and make use of the resources.

Year 11 Messages

College interviews are approaching rapidly, so if any Year 11 students have not yet applied to a college, please do so as soon as possible. Some colleges have already closed their application windows, so don't leave it too late!

Hello,

I hope you have all enjoyed your week. As you know we were only in school for 4 days due to the teachers strike that took place on Wednesday. For those of you that don't already know, one of the reasons for this strike was teachers were offered a pay rise, however schools are expected to fund this increase within current budgets. This would mean a decrease in the school budget for resources beneficial to our education. As you know our teachers don't only educate us academically but I believe the success of any student can be attributed to the support and encouragement provided in school at this vital stage in our lives.

It is thanks to all teachers that I am able to write this to you, and you are able to read it.

So the next time we are reading on social media, working out costs to make a purchase or doing physical activity, I want you to take a minute to appreciate those who have helped me and you to achieve even the smallest unconscious practices in life.

Kind regards

Your newly appointed head pupil Ebony! 😊

Whole School Messages

Perfect 3s

Excellent Behaviour for Learning goes hand in hand with achievement. It is an excellent indicator of how your child is performing in lessons. Who's had the Perfect 3 since we've been back?

Year 7: 44 pupils since September
Year 8: 38 pupils since September
Year 9: 25 pupils since September
Year 10: 53 students since September
Year 11: 38 students since September

How many had the perfect 3 in the previous week?

Year 7: 172 pupils
Year 8: 153 pupils
Year 9: 113 pupils
Year 10: 160 students
Year 11: 127 students

Please congratulate your child if they have the Perfect 3. All BfL scores can be seen in the Edulink app.

Please note that we are having a huge drive on punctuality to lessons at the moment, which ties in with the new guidelines issued by the Department for Education regarding attendance. The figures below show the number of pupils who have received very few 2s since September.

How many pupils have a BfL score of 2.99 - 3?

Year 7: 132 pupils
Year 8: 94 pupils
Year 9: 59 pupils
Year 10: 118 students
Year 11: 90 students

Students, please click the link to see what clubs, trips and activities are happening in school
[Parklands Bulletin](#)

Attendance matters!

Overall school attendance since September 92.2%

Overall school attendance for the week 93.4%

National Average as at 23rd January 91.1 %

Attendance by House since September:

South America 93.1%

Europe 93%

Africa 92.4%

Australasia 92%

Asia 92%

Attendance by House since last week:

South America 95.1%

Africa 94.1%

Europe 93.8%

Asia 93.5%

Australasia 92%

Highest form attendance per House for the week:

Africa - Botswana 99.1%

Asia - Nepal 98.1%

South America - Ecuador 97%

Australasia - New Zealand 96.7%

Europe - Norway 96.5%

Whole School Messages

Year 9 mathematicians have been working hard on their entries for the Edge Hill Maths Competition. Each team was given a problem they had to solve and then present when they found their solution. Each of the 6 teams have worked incredibly hard and produced some amazing videos and posters. Hopefully we will have some teams through to the next round, where they will get to go and compete at Edge Hill!!!



Whole School Messages

Weekly discussion questions from the RS department. If your child is in Key Stage 3, here are some questions to ask your child.

(Year 7)

Current Unit - Judaism

Enquiry Question - What does it mean to be a Jew in the 21st century?

1. What term is used to describe the commandments of Judaism?
2. How does the pomegranate link to Judaism?
3. Can you name two different branches of Judaism?
4. How might different branches observe the 613 Mitzvah?

(Year 8)

Current Unit - The History of Christianity

Enquiry Question - Who was the real Jesus?

1. Why was a 'Messiah' necessary for the Jewish community (Israelites)?
2. What were the 10 plagues of Egypt?
3. What is a Christian? What does it mean to be a Christian?
4. What did the Roman historian Tacitus write about?

(Year 9)

Current Unit - The History of Christianity

Enquiry Question - Was the European Reformation the most significant event in the history of Christianity?

1. What is meant by the term 'Messiah'?
2. Why couldn't Jesus have been a Christian?
3. What other names are used by Christians to describe Jesus?
4. Why were there 4 Gospels writing about Jesus?

Weekly Learning Support Board - click [here](#)

Learning Support Board
Week Commencing
6th February 2023

Have You Heard the News?
Only one more week of school before the half-term break. There are two important events for Year 9 this week. On Tuesday, it's Option Choices Request Day and on Wednesday it's Progress Evening. All and SCL (invitation only) will be open again as normal. Come to N9 if you need to see a member of staff.
Learningsupport@parklandsacademy.co.uk

A good laugh and a long sleep are the best cures in the doctor's book.
AN OLD IRISH PROVERB

Joke of the Week
Where's the best place to find out what's going on in February?
The WINTER NET!

#SLEEP RECHARGES YOU
PERFORM BEST
FEEL GREAT
LEARN MORE
LOOK BETTER
SLEEP 8-10 HOURS NIGHT

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Local Offer in Lancashire

Useful Links

- ADDitude Magazine
- Autism Eye
- Autism Parenting Magazine
- British Dyslexia Association
- The Communication Trust
- FIND Newsletter
- GOV.UK Covid-19 Information
- Headspace (Meditation & Sleep)
- Kooth Mental Health Support
- Local Offer
- NHS Urgent Mental Health Helpline
- Witherlack Group

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Whole School Messages

Dear Parklands community,

This year (June 22nd) marks 75 years since the arrival of the passengers on board the Empire Windrush. During our Learning Challenge week in 2023 we will be working with a group of pupils who have an interest in, or links to the Windrush Generation. The objective of this unique group will be to celebrate the contributions and achievements of this generation, and their descendants.

We are keen to hear from you too. If you have any links to the Windrush and would be willing to help mark this huge occasion, please get in touch.

Miss Rhodes

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Congratulations to Alex W Year 8.
Alex had the highest number of
Achievement Points in school this week



As we approach the half way point in our school year I would like to congratulate every pupil who has been receiving Achievement Points both inside and outside of lessons. One more week to collect before Bronze Achievement Certificates will be awarded.



LEARN RESPECT ASPIRE **ACHIEVE**

Whole School Messages



Last night we took our swimmers and Aqua Splash pupils to the district swimming gala. We struggled for a full team of 'race' swimmers but had some absolute stand out performers.

Well done to all involved, we are so proud of you all!!!

Whole School Messages

Chorley Council and Inspire Youth Zone, along with lots of partner organisations have teamed up to run a fantastic, free event for families this half term. (Friday 17th February).

Click [here](#) for more information and to book on.



The poster features the logos for **INSPIRE** (An OnSide Youth Zone) and **Chorley Council** in the top left. The main title **WINTER PLAYDAY** is written in large, bubbly letters, with 'WINTER' in yellow and 'PLAYDAY' in pink. Below this, the date **17TH FEBRUARY** is displayed in orange. A green circular badge on the right contains the text **11-1PM OR 1-3PM**. Two photographs are included: one of two children smiling and another of a girl with a gold tinsel headband. The photos are styled as film negatives, with 'FILM NEGATIVE' written vertically on the right edge of each. The background is a light yellow with a subtle pattern of white snowflakes.

Careers

As always, lots of exciting events in Career News. There are some amazing opportunities from the team at Young Professionals, in conjunction with some of the UK's top employers; Pathway CTM are hosting an online event with BT; InvestIN Education are showcasing their summer career experiences in Law and Finance and the Medic Mentor family are holding a number of free conferences for aspiring medics and dentists.

There are also various events to celebrate National Apprenticeship Week - Blackburn College, Bolton College and Wigan & Leigh College all have apprenticeship sessions and meet the employer evenings coming up next week.

Check out all this and more in Career News [here](#):

Career News

February 2023

CLICK HERE!

Enter Apprenticeships
Gold Standard T Levels
Adam Corbally from BBC TV's The Apprentice
How to secure an Apprenticeship

To celebrate next week's National Apprenticeship Week, we've created a range of resources to help support pupils as they make important decisions about their future.

Visit www.bit.ly/naw-23 to access an interactive Apprenticeship e-magazine, a step-by-step guide to securing an Apprenticeship, information about our 42 Apprenticeship programmes and vacancies, details about the Gold Standard T Level programmes we offer, and finally, a link to register for our Open Event next Wednesday, 8th February.

EXPRESS AN INTEREST TODAY!

Apprenticeships

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

ENGINEERING, CONSTRUCTION & PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT

Berkeley | St Edward | babcock
BRITISH AIRWAYS | spectris
MOTT MACDONALD | AWE

MONDAY 6TH FEBRUARY | 5PM - 8PM

Huge Engineering, Construction, and Development Event with British Airways, Babcock, Mott MacDonald and Mott MacDonald

INVESTIN

Law & Finance Career Opportunities

For Ages 12-18
At UCL or Live Online

Law | Investment Banking | Politics
Entrepreneurship | International Development

our students opportunities in 5 Law & Finance-related industries
programmes provide an opportunity for students to learn
from professionals, including barristers, MPs, corporate lawyers,
bankers and hedge fund managers. Highlights include:

- Participate in a mock murder trial
- Negotiate in an M&A deal
- Learn how to value stocks & shares

all the professionals and guidance on university choices,
interviews and applications.

For all this item's weekend experiences by next Sunday 12th February.

VIEW & REGISTER: AGES 15-18
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CAREER News

2023

Your weekly guide to careers information, advice and news from Parklands High School

Here we are at the end of another busy week! As always, lots of exciting events on offer in this week's Career News, including:

- Being an exciting event from the team at Young Professionals - choose from:
 - Engineering, Construction and Property Development
 - An insight into Law
 - Business and Finance
 - Technology
- Pathway CTM have an online event with BT
- InvestIN are highlighting their summer career opportunities in Law and Finance
- Free conferences from Medic Mentor and Dental Mentor, as well as a reminder about the work experience programme with Royal Health Mentor
- Success at School are celebrating National Apprenticeship Week with their 5 top reasons for choosing an apprenticeship, including 7 apprenticeships you might not know you could do
- Blackburn College are holding an Open Event alongside a Meet the Employer event: sign up now ahead of their next open evening on 1st February
- Bolton College are also celebrating National Apprenticeship Week with a range of helpful resources
- Year 10 - don't forget to return your signed Work Experience consent letters (Top Office)
- Year 11 - college experiences are getting closer! Make sure you have applied to at least two colleges (you need a then B, just in case). This applies even if you are intending to take up an apprenticeship or join the Armed Forces.

8th - 10th February 2023

INSIGHT EVENT WITH BT

PATHWAY CTM

An exciting online event with BT
on Monday 13th February, 2pm - 4pm
for anyone in Year 9-11

BT still have apprenticeship opportunities open, so if any students are looking at applying they will be supported and followed up with after the event.

Monday 13 February 2023 | 14:00-16:00

Virtual Insight Event with BT

Interested in working in tech, sales, or project management?

Then attend this virtual insight event with BT during February half term. Throughout the event you will get to hear about the apprenticeships available, network with industry professionals during a speed meet session, and hear from current apprentices.

Sign up for free today:
<https://pathwayctm.com/event/virtual-insight-event-with-bt/>

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