



PARKLANDS BULLETIN

13 Mar - 17 Mar 2023: Week 1



Headteacher's Message

Dear parents, carers and students,

Strike Days

As communicated earlier this week, school will be closed on the next 2 strike days, Wednesday and Thursday, however this is only for pupils in years 7 - 10. Work will be emailed to students to complete at home. **Year 11: we will expect you in school and will deliver sessions for you on both days. Further details will follow on Monday.**

Lunchtimes

This week we had a one-lunch sitting on both Wednesday and Thursday in order to ascertain if we could abolish the split lunches. This is in addition to the trial we had last week. Getting used to a new system always takes time and we were pleased with how students responded. We put out extra tables and chairs in the hall in order to have additional seating and this was well received by the students. I am attending the student council on Monday and shall ask for feedback from students themselves, and feedback already received from staff has been overwhelmingly positive regarding the single lunch. As we are such a large school, ensuring lunchtime runs calmly is not an easy task. Now that we have the new servery in the Refectory, which offers the same food as in the main canteen, we are able to ensure three year groups can be served at once. In order to prevent queues from being unmanageable and uncomfortable for the students, we asked years 7 & 8 to wait for the bell at 1.30pm and then come for lunch. We are still discussing how best to manage this from a health and safety point of view, so please bear with us.

The clear benefit of moving back to one lunch is the ability to run activities for students at lunchtime; having split lunches has meant we have been unable to do this, which many students have complained about. The split lunches have also prevented friends in different year groups from socialising. Further information will follow after the student council meeting on Monday.

Comic Relief on Friday, 17th March

This will be a non-uniform day. £1 donation please. Please ensure your child dresses appropriately for school.

Adverse Weather

Closing school in adverse weather is never an easy decision, especially when there are forthcoming strike days. This morning my premises manager was in constant communication with me regarding the situation in Chorley and I had to ascertain if we would have sufficient staff who were able to safely get to work in order to open; this applies to teaching and non-teaching staff, which includes catering staff. Safety of students and staff is always paramount, so I thank parents and carers for your understanding.



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Year 7 Messages

Get involved with Pi Day! See Mr Brennand's notice on page 3!

Year 8 Messages

Did you get involved with Pi Day last year? Can you do even better this year? Give it a go for your House!

Year 9 Messages

We now have all students' subject specialist options and are able to offer all students their subject choices, which we shall confirm through form tutors in the coming days.

Year 10 Messages

If you haven't yet returned your consent form for Work Experience, please do so as soon as possible. All the documents for WEX are on the school website, or available from the Top Office at any time.

See the two careers messages below, which also apply to students in Year 10.

Year 11 Messages

The Maths revision programme is on Tuesday from 4 - 6pm in the hall.

If anyone would like to attend the Chorley Careers Event (14th March) at the Town Hall, they can collect an invitation from the Top Office. This has a QR code for you to register in advance.

The event is open from 5pm - 8pm, but if anyone in Year 10 or 11 would like to attend and speak to employers in a dedicated session, then Parklands has an allocated slot of 3pm - 4pm. During this time slot, there will be no other members of the public attending - and for this, you do not need a QR code or invitation. This is a great opportunity for pupils to perhaps ask about work experience possibilities, apprenticeship or job vacancies and just generally network and meet future employers.

Preston College is offering a FREE Creative Session (Year 10 or 11) on Monday 3rd April, from 10am - 1pm. If you are interested in a career in TV, film, photography or journalism, this is the course for you! You'll work in the editing suites, recording studio and TV studio, using industry standard Blackmagic media equipment. Reserve your place now by emailing: maquilina@preston.ac.uk. Alternatively, see Miss Berry (Top Office).

There are some apprenticeship notifications in the Careers section. Take a look if you're interested.

Year 11 - Additional Opportunities for GCSE Exam Preparation & Revision

After-School Revision Programme started last week and it will continue up to the start of GCSEs in May. Details were sent to Year 11s, parents and carers. Sessions run from 4-6pm. The time between school closing at 3pm and the sessions starting can be used to enjoy extra-curricular activities, complete homework or enjoy a break. Attendance is not compulsory but we would strongly advise that Year 11 take every opportunity to engage in preparing for their final exams. Please click on the link [here](#) for the programme in full.

Easter school - Taking place during the Easter break. Click on the link [here](#) for the letter detailing the subjects on offer, dates, times, cost and deadlines. It is important that all bookings and payments are made no later than 24th March.

How to revise Science? Click [here](#)!

Attendance matters!

Overall school attendance since September 92.4%

Overall school attendance for the week 92.8%

Attendance by House since September:

South America 93.2%

Europe 92.8%

Africa 92.3%

Australasia 92%

Asia 92.1%

Attendance by House for last week:

Africa 92.7%

Asia 94.3%

South America 92.8%

Australasia 93.1%

Europe 93.5%

Highest form attendance per House for the week:

Africa - Botswana 97.7%

Asia Tibet - 97.8%

Australasia - Australia 98.8%

South America - Paraguay 97.6%

Europe - Sweden 96.7%

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: 35 pupils since September
Year 8: 36 pupils since September
Year 9: 21 pupils since September
Year 10: 52 students since September
Year 11: 33 students since September

How many had the perfect 3 in the previous week?

Year 7: 172 pupils
Year 8: 154 pupils
Year 9: 107 pupils
Year 10: 169 students
Year 11: 126 students

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

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

Year 7: 134 pupils
Year 8: 100 pupils
Year 9: 61 pupils
Year 10: 119 students
Year 11: 90 students

Students, please click the link to see what clubs, trips and activities are happening in school

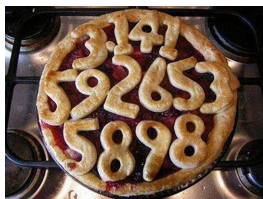
[Weekly Learning Support Board](#)

The annual **Pi Day** will be taking place on Tuesday the 14th of March where we will be celebrating the mathematical beauty of Pi as well the beautiful taste of pie!

There are 2 house competitions running for students to prepare for:

- Pi memory competition - Pupils will need to remember the number Pi to as many decimal places as possible. To enter this competition, pupils just need to come to S27 at lunch time and their effort will be recorded.
- Pi pie making competition - Pupils will need to make the best tasting and best looking pie they can, with decoration suiting the Pi Day theme.

To enter this competition, students need to bring their pies to S27 or one of the Food Technology rooms on the day, ideally before form time. Their name, form and year group must be clearly attached to the pie. Here are some examples of previous entries:



Whole School Messages

Child Exploitation awareness sessions for parents

The next batch of evening parent awareness sessions are now live on Eventbrite. Please find the links for each session below. There is usually a very good take up to these events. Please don't be disheartened if they fill up quickly, as I am sure there will be more offered throughout the year.

Mrs Fairhurst

Designated Safeguarding Lead

Session Part 1 – An Introduction to Child Exploitation 4th April 2023. Click [here](#).

Session Part 2 – Responding to Child Exploitation 11th April 2023. Click [here](#).

Session Part 3 – Online Child Exploitation 18th April 2023. Click [here](#).

I would be grateful if you could complete [this](#) form to tell us which festivals are important to you and your family. This will help us celebrate all of the cultures we are so lucky to have in school.

Mrs Donohue

Teacher of Languages and EAL Co-ordinator

Why not come and watch some local, live theatre which has been choreographed by Mrs Sullivan-Brown and Miss Marr and featuring Miss Fox! Tickets are selling fast, so get yours booked today!

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Hello everyone,

I hope you've all had a great week! Recently, we have had ample activities taking place within school - from orienteering House competitions all the way to the final preparations and electrifying anticipation for Musical Madness. As some of you may already know, this year's annual dance show is themed 'Musical Madness' and I can definitely say that it's one you do not want to miss! Its vast variety of different genres, dances and songs makes it a truly unique and marvellous experience for everyone, so don't miss out on getting yourself a ticket before it's too late! The show will take place Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, 22nd, 23rd & 24th March at 7pm. Over 100 students are participating in this production so it would be wonderful if you were in the audience supporting your peers and friends! On Wednesday, Year 10 students had a Respect Day on the topic of risk-taking behaviour and the negative ramifications of jeopardising your own safety, especially due to things such as drugs, alcohol and more. It is essential for each of us to make sure we are keeping ourselves safe and unassociated with situations that may cause ourselves or others harm. There is no shame in standing alone, even if it feels difficult and embarrassing at the time - it's a sign of strength!

I hope you all have a great weekend, stay safe, and don't miss your chance to see 'Musical Madness!'

Grace

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. How is the Sabbath (Shabbat) celebrated in the Synagogue?
2. What is the meaning of the term Mitzvah? How many Mitzvot are there?
3. What is the difference between a Bar Mitzvah and a Bat Mitzvah?
4. Why do young Jewish boys and girls have these celebrations?

Year 8 Current Unit - The History of Christianity

Enquiry Question - Who was the real Jesus?

1. What is the significance of Roman historian Cornelius Tacitus' writings about Jesus?
2. How reliable is Tacitus as a source?
3. What is the significance of Jewish historian Flavius Josephus' writings about Jesus?
4. How reliable is Josephus as a source?

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 role did St Paul play in the development of early Christianity?
2. What impact did Emperor Constantine have on early Christianity?
3. What were Constantine's own religious beliefs?
4. What effect did Emperor Nero have on the way that people viewed Christians?

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Show Dates

22nd, 23rd, 24th March 2023

Don't miss out!

Tickets available from
Miss Marr or Mrs
Sullivan-Brown

Adults: £5.00
Concessions: £3.00



Careers

There are some great apprenticeships starting to be advertised with Training 2000 and Alliance Learning.

- T2 have a L2 and a L3 Accountancy vacancy at Woodville Accountancy Ltd.
- Alliance have 5 vacancies for Fabrication and Welding with William Hare in Bury - creating structures for the Hinckley Point nuclear power station in Somerset. The first year is almost exclusively spent at Alliance, learning to actually do the job, so you would only be travelling as far as Horwich to begin with.
- There is also a Business Admin vacancy at the Anderton Centre (Rivington) and a Sheet Metal Worker position at Ajax Equipment Ltd in Bolton.

See Miss Berry for more details of any of these vacancies.

The Apprenticeship page will return to Career News after Easter, so all the vacancies will be in one easy to find place!