

# PARKLANDS BULLETIN 14 - 18 November 2022



## Headteacher's Message

Dear parents, carers and students,

#### Remembrance

Today we observed a 2 minute silence at 11am, and Miss Partington and Ms Lewis-Brown took some students to our school's Remembrance Garden in the pupil social area to lay a wreath. This Sunday the Head Students and I shall be participating in the annual Remembrance Ceremony in Chorley and also laying a wreath in Astley Park. Finally, on Monday Ms Lewis-Brown will be leading a whole-school assembly to commemorate this occasion too.

## Extra Bank Holiday

You may have heard in the news that an extra bank holiday for the coronation of King Charles III has been confirmed as Monday, 8th May 2023. School will therefore be closed on that day.

## **GCSE Presentation Evening**

On Thursday we will have our first Presentation Evening since the COVID pandemic began. It will be wonderful to welcome back last year's Year 11s and celebrate their phenomenal successes in their GCSEs. Their results are the best in our school's history since the reformed GCSEs were introduced.

## **Children In Need**

On Friday students will be able to pay £1 if they wish to attend school in non-uniform, in order to support this worthy cause. Please ensure your child is appropriately dressed for school, as we do not want to have to contact parents and ask them to bring in suitable attire for the day.

#### **Head Students**

The selection process is now well underway for our new Head Students. This week the applicants' videos will be shown during Form time, and then at the end of the week all students will receive an email from Miss Greaves so they can cast their vote. The Prefect application window for students in Year 9 or 10 will open on Monday - further information will come from Miss Greaves.

Have a lovely weekend, Mr Mitchell Headteacher



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## Year 7 Messages

## For Parents and Guardians of Year 7 students only:

As part of our ongoing department development we often collect feedback from our students in order to improve their experience of Religious Studies lessons. On this occasion we are also seeking feedback from parents and guardians.

We would appreciate your support with this and ask that you take the time to complete <u>this very</u> <u>short survey</u>. All survey responses are anonymous. In this first instance, the survey is open to parents and guardians of Year 7 students only.

Should you have any questions about the form or issues with completing the form, please contact Miss Rhodes (<u>srhodes@parklandsacademy.co.uk</u>) Thanks in advance.

# Year 8 Messages

**Year 8 Respect Day** - Wednesday 16th November - Personal responsibility The theme of the day is knowing how to take care of yourself. There are sessions about personal finance, how to manage a budget and the dangers of spending money on computer games. In addition to this, we will be building on relationship education from last year by moving onto respectful romantic relationships and online relationships. All these sessions have a focus on how to show respect and keep yourself safe.

The pupils will be off timetable for periods 1 - 4, attending their usual lesson, period 5. Please ensure equipment for this lesson is brought to school.

## Year 9 Messages

No messages this week

# Year 10 Messages

No messages this week

# Year 11 Messages

Year 11 have submitted CVs this week. With a few exceptions, they require **much** more detail. This is your opportunity to shout about your skills, qualities and achievements, so don't be shy. Explain exactly what you did on work experience or what you do out of school in sports teams or scouts/cadets. Don't forget key words such as responsibility, reliability, confidence, communication, teamwork, leadership, resilience, empathy ..... there is a handy reminder on Google Classroom (and in Career News this week) so have a quick look and make some changes to your CV prior to your mock interviews.

Weekly Learning Support Board - click here

#### 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: 77 pupils since September Year 8: 53 pupils since September Year 9: 36 pupils since September Year 10: 76 students since September Year 11: 52 students since September

How many had the perfect 3 in the previous week? Year 7: 147 pupils Year 8: 109 pupils Year 9: 96 pupils Year 10: 143 students Year 11: 131 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 just one 2 for BfL since September. Our policies are currently being updated to reflect the changes; we will share this with you once finalised.

How many pupils have a BfL score of 2.99 - 3? Year 7: 148 pupils Year 8: 92 pupils Year 9: 63 pupils Year 10: 119 students Year 11: 98 students

**Students**, please click the link to see what clubs, trips and activities are happening in school <u>Parklands Bulletin</u>

On Monday 14th November, the topic of our whole school assembly will be remembrance. In our vertical tutor groups we will be talking about grief and how it can affect us. This is a topic that a number of parents have asked us to discuss with pupils and one which is, unfortunately, a huge part of all of our lives. The session will give pupils practical suggestions for how to cope if they have been affected and signpost help for those who may need more support. It will also educate those who have been lucky enough not to have been affected by grief yet and encourage empathy with those who have.

If you feel like this session may be difficult for your child for reasons your HAL does **not** already know about, we would encourage you to get in touch so that we can ensure all pupils are supported.

We are conducting a survey to collect information about how we can help you to support your child with reading at home. Please click <u>here</u> to complete the survey. It should only take a few minutes and will really help us to ensure we are providing relevant and useful support for your child.

# **Attendance matters!**

Overall school attendance since September 94.7%

Overall school attendance for the week 94.2%

Attendance by House since September:

## Europe 95.6%

Africa 95% Australasia 94.7% South America 94.7% Asia 94.5%

Attendance by House since last week:

## Europe 95.5%

Africa 95% Australasia 94% South America 93.8% Asia 93.5%

Highest form attendance per House for the week:

## Africa - Ghana 98.6%

Europe - Norway 98.3% Australasia - New Zealand 97.7% Asia - India 97.2% South America - Venezuela 95.6%

Please note that there will be a Non - Uniform Day on Friday 18th November in aid of BBC Children in Need. The usual donation is £1 and we expect all pupils to wear appropriate clothing. It is really important that usual standards are maintained and pupils remember to bring all their equipment too. Any pupils who have core PE or GCSE PE will still need to bring their full PE kit for the PE lesson. Many thanks for your support with this.

Please find a link to our local clubs and teams here.





# PARKANDS BOOT ROOM

If you have any boots/trainers/shin pads in great condition that no longer fit your child or you, then please donate them to our PE department.

Please ensure all shoes/trainers have been washed/cleaned before you hand them in.

Please bring to the PE office.







PGL Football @ Boreatton Park Open to girls and boys in years 7-9.



Departing 5th May returning on Sunday 7th May

Pupils will take part in training sessions over the weekend and mini matches as well PGL activities.



Price: £150 Deposit £50 on SCOPAY -Deadline: Friday 25th November 22

Letters are here (please note it is the 2nd letter - 2 trip runs at the same time Netball and Football)



PP discount available. Require further information email ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk





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## Well-being



No young person should have to suffer alone with thoughts of suicide

If you are having thoughts of suicide or are concerned for a young person who might be, you can contact HOPELINEUK for confidential support and practical advice.

Call: **0800 068 4141** Text: **07860 039 967** Email: **pat@papyrus-uk.org** 

Open every day 9am - midnight



www.papyrus-uk.org



If anyone is interested in auditioning a song or dance for this year's dance show, sign up sheets are now in the pavilion. It must be from a musical stage show and no more than two minutes long. You can work individually or with a group of friends on your piece. Please check your song with Miss Marr or Mrs Sullivan-Brown first to ensure that it is not already being used.

Reminder - False eyelashes are not permitted in school. If your child is wearing false lashes, please address this with them. We will be asking pupils to take steps to remove them with immediate effect. Failure to do so will lead to sanctions.

#### **Football Success**

Our very successful Y11 boys team have qualified for the final of the Chorley Cup again this year. This will be the teams last game representing Parklands and they are trying to win their 4th trophy for the school.

They play Southlands at 15:30 at Westway on Wednesday 16th November for anyone that wants to come and watch. Well done.

Languagenut News! 21st in the world and beating our closest rival Archbishop Temple High School in Preston! Plus, Mrs Donohue's classes are once again on a roll!











## Careers

An absolutely packed edition of Career News this week - pour a cup of tea, make yourself comfortable and have a read!

There are open days galore from local colleges (in some cases, the last one before Christmas) so try and get along to a few, so you can make an informed decision about where you will spend the next two years. Applications for colleges need to be in by Christmas, at the latest, as college interviews start in January. Preston, Wigan & Leigh and Runshaw all interview here at Parklands, so don't panic if they don't send you an interview date, it's already arranged!

Click here for this week's Careers Bulletin.

