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Year 11 - don't forget that the Lunchtime Careers Drop-in happens every Friday in A21 (1.20 - 2.00)

Come along if you need any advice about colleges, courses, apprenticeships, CVs, applications or interviews - or indeed, anything career-related!

Very informal - call in for a chat. However, if you would prefer a 1-1 interview, please let me know (pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

Are you in Year 11 and thinking about an apprenticeship - but not quite sure which industry is right for you? Why not check out one of the **'STEPS' to Success** courses at Training 2000? These are short courses, between 12-20 weeks and feature a mix of classroom learning, virtual sessions, a high quality work placement, interview skills and CV support, English and Maths resits (if needed) - and up to £45 per week bursary and paid travel expenses. They are offered in the following areas: Automotive, Engineering, Dental Nursing, Accountancy, Information Technology and Business Administration.

First step - apply online [here](#) or email info@t2000.co.uk for more details.

JCQ have released guidance for students and parents for the Summer 2021 grading, results and appeals. Please click on this link for further information:

[https://files.schudio.com/parklandshighschool/files/documents/JCQ-Guidance-for-Students-and-Parents-on-Summer-2021_\(1\).pdf](https://files.schudio.com/parklandshighschool/files/documents/JCQ-Guidance-for-Students-and-Parents-on-Summer-2021_(1).pdf)



Preston's College - enrolment information



All school leavers who have applied, been interviewed and offered a place starting this September have been sent enrolment instructions to the email address they applied with, and to their home address. However, if you have not received this then please see the details below:

At this stage you are asked to log in and check/update your personal details and accept your place. From 12th August you will be able to log back in and upload your GCSE results.

Please remember to accept all the college places you are offered and only make a final decision on the day you get your GCSE results. This is really important as every year, someone ends up missing out on a college place and didn't have a back-up option.

All the instructions can also be found on their website [here](#)

(You can still apply for a course or apprenticeship at Preston's College - they will interview all this term).

Enrolment details for Wigan & Leigh College



As last year, enrolment for Wigan & Leigh College will be in-person, during appointment-only time slots. You will be sent an invitation with your time slot - if you will not be available for an alternative appointment. Parklands' appointment times are Thursday 12 August, between 6pm - 7.30pm.

If you have not applied to the college yet, you are still able to do so (for both a full time course or an apprenticeship). Just complete an online application or see Miss Berry (top office) for advice/support.

Don't worry if you have changed your mind about the course you have chosen - you can swap to another option on enrolment day. If your GCSE results are better (or worse) than you expect, the college staff will automatically transfer you to a higher or lower level of course. It may be that you will need to retake Maths or English GCSEs for certain courses - again, the staff will organise that for you, so no need to panic!

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Deadline extension for 2021 WLF Ambassador Applications



Since we have received so many messages from students who are still wanting to be a WLF Ambassador, we have extended the application deadline by 2 weeks to April 19, 2021.

This is an excellent opportunity for students to enrol on a FREE global program to receive training and become active leaders in their community to advocate for literacy as a human right. Throughout the program, participants will have access to an online learning platform with 5 different modules to expand their knowledge on literacy and education, leadership, advocacy, and more.

Additionally, ambassadors will join a Facebook group where they can interact with other people around the world to share, discuss and work together towards the creation of a literate world, a world where everyone has the opportunity to acquire literacy skills to reach their full potential.

Does that sound like you? Please see [here](#)

Who can apply?

We are looking for young people that meet the following criteria:

- Be 16 years old
- Have a deep passion for literacy, human rights and social causes
- Be a native English speaker or having an advanced level in English
- Have access to a computer and internet connection
- Have the availability to contribute 30 hours of service across the 5 months to complete the program
- Leadership and public speaking skills preferred but not essential



How to apply?

You need to make a 30-second video introducing yourself and telling us why you want to become a WLF Ambassador. The link to submit your video will be available until April 19, 2021. You will receive the outcome of your application by April 26, 2021.

If you require more information, please contact us ambassador@worldliteracyfoundation.org

Year 11 Messages

Fantastic opportunity for any aspiring gamers or those interested in a tech career ...



Blackburn
College

Blackburn College is excited to announce

“Game On! Create the next hit video game!” competition for year 10 & 11 pupils.

Pupils will be required to create a storyboard detailing their idea of the next new hit video game! The most successful storyboards will then be invited into the finals which will be held at Blackburn College and they will then be paired with their own mentor to create the video game.

A local business will judge the final video games created and the winning game will **win £100 worth of Xbox or PlayStation vouchers and could also win a VR kit for the winning school and a masterclass for pupils interested in a digital career!**

Pupils need to register their interest via the booking page [here](#):
by Friday 3rd May.

Pupils will then need to submit their entry by taking an image of their storyboard and sending to schoolliaison@blackburn.ac.uk by **Friday 24th May 2021.**

Whole School Messages

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

Perfect 3s

Has your child continued to achieve the perfect 3 since September 2021.
There are 183 pupils with the perfect 3 - Well done!

Year 7: 29 pupils
Year 8: 46 pupils
Year 9: 43 students
Year 10: 32 students
Year 11: 33 students

Who had the perfect 3 last week?

Year 7: 102

Year 8: 134

Year 9: 114

Year 10: 149

Year 11: 162

Please congratulate your child if they are one of the perfect 3s! All BfL scores can be found in the Edulink app.

COVID-19: All LFT **Positive** results following tests taken on Sunday should be sent to attendance@parklandsacademy.co.uk

COVID-19: Distribution of further home test kits will commence on Monday 19th Mar for Year 7 & 8 and Tuesday 20th Mar for Year 9, 10 & 11.

Attention all year groups - don't forget to check out your Careers area on Google Classroom and get yourself Career Clued-Up!

Log into your Indigo account and explore hundreds of careers - compare different careers and watch videos of people doing those jobs. Find out what the typical pay is, whether it's a job in high demand or what the possible progression route is. If you have not got (or forgotten) your Indigo log-in, email Miss Berry.

PE Summer Extra Curricular Activities:

For further information please see [here](#)

Year 8 Cricket



YEAR 8 GIRLS CRICKET

Girl Power.

THIS GIRL CAN

STARTING WEDNESDAY 21ST APRIL 2021

YEAR 8 GIRLS ONLY

SIGN UP ON THE SHEET or email NG

ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk

Not just for boys

THIS GIRL CAN

Myerscough College Virtual Advice Morning

Just a reminder that Myerscough College's Virtual Advice morning is on Saturday 24th April between 10am and 12.30pm.

Ideal for Year 11s who may not have applied yet, but also for Year 10s who may not know much about the college and the unique courses it offers.

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<https://www.myerscough.ac.uk/whats-on/>



The banner contains the following information and logos:

- Myerscough College** logo with the tagline "INSPIRING EXCELLENCE".
- APPLY NOW** PLACES AVAILABLE FOR SEPTEMBER 2021 ENTRY.
- Top 3 LAND-BASED COLLEGES** IN THE COUNTRY FOR 16-18 PASS RATES (NART 2018/19).
- LIVE CHAT SUPPORT AVAILABLE** MYERSCOUGH.AC.UK
- Educate Awards** Winner 2020.
- Careers & Enterprise Award**.
- Ofsted** Good Provider.
- tes** Shortlisted Contribution to the local community (16 awards 2020).

ONLINE COURSE ADVICE MORNING: SATURDAY 24th APRIL

North West Vacancies - LMI - not all bad news!

Lancashire

On 18.3.21 there were 11,531 live job vacancies in Lancashire.

Of these 2,902 were in Preston; 729 were in Burnley; 699 were in Blackburn; 689 were in Blackpool; 648 were in Chorley; and 629 were in Lancaster.

The sectors with the largest number of vacancies in Lancashire this week were Healthcare and Nursing (1,347),

Trades and Construction (1,199), Teaching (1,141), Engineering (1,040) and Social Work including Social Care (1,005).

All stats are from www.adzuna.co.uk



Aspiring Engineers? Check this out!

Modern day inventor

Patrick has always loved DIY and design and technology. When his D&T teacher nominated him for a scholarship it started his design engineering journey:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hk5hPuoyFuw>

In the video, Patrick talks about getting an Arkwright Engineering Scholarship - please note that Parklands has a partnership with the Arkwright Engineering Scholarship scheme, so any aspiring young engineers can get involved. You must demonstrate a real passion for engineering, as the scholarship is quite intense and requires you to create a product or solve an engineering problem. However, it is perfect to demonstrate to future employers that you are the right person for the job. A member of staff must nominate you, so make sure your science/DT/IT teachers are aware of your engineering aspirations!

Contact pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk for more details on how to get involved.



If you are planning on a medical career, you may be interested in this useful blog from Oxford Scholastica Academy: *It's at this point in the year when we're often asked by aspiring medical students, "How can I submit the best possible medical school application, and where should I start?" Your prospective medical students may be starting to ask the same questions. Here's a selection of recent resources from **our blog** we thought you might want to share with them to help them to explore what life as a medical student might be like, and how best to prepare. A place at medical school does NOT just require good GCSE and A Level grades - the best students start early and stand out from the crowd - find out what you need to do now!*

The rise of remote work and five of the most in-demand remote jobs in 2021

Adecco Group's research shows that around 75%, of those who have worked at home during the pandemic, are in favour of splitting their work time 50/50 between home and their office. Several major companies have already offered their workers the option of working from home forever, or at least for an extended period. Google and Facebook, for example, extended their work from home policy until at least June and July 2021 respectively. Others big names, including Coinbase, Shopify, Amazon, Salesforce, PayPal and Viacom, have also established flexible hybrid working patterns.

Flexible and remote work is here to stay. So inevitably the number of home-based positions will grow in 2021 as employers increase their headcount and prepare for recovery. Research from the Adecco Group revealed a sharp rise in the number of job ads for remote positions in Western Europe. But which remote jobs will be the most-sought-after in the coming weeks, months or years, and what does this mean for people's career prospects?

#1. Tech experts

It's no surprise that the people with the tech skills that made everything work seamlessly and securely when workforces first moved en-masse to home working are now in huge demand and commanding high salaries. They include cloud engineers, an umbrella term for various cloud computing roles focused on engineering, architecture, development, and administration; software developers, who design the computer programmes and operating systems used by workers; cyber security specialists, who protect the data and networks of organisations, and network specialists, who maintain constant connectivity and communication. The list also includes experts with skills in data analytics and digital marketing.

#2. Graphic designers

Skilled graphic designers are always in demand, and at a time when more people than ever are buying from and interacting with organisations online, the value of a well-designed, easy to navigate, and responsive company website has never been higher.

#3. Customer service operatives

In the digital age, companies are offering multiple channels for customers to access support, including live chat, instant messaging, and social media, creating a greater demand for customer service attendants to provide a seamless service from the comfort of their home.

#4. Project managers

Organisations are dealing with change on a massive scale, from digital transformation to post-pandemic restructuring. Successful outcomes will depend on the skills of a project manager with the ability to organise workflow, set goals and milestones, delegate to team members, communicate with stakeholders and ensure that projects stay on track to meet deadlines and budgets.

#5. Online trainers

With an increase in remote working, virtual training will become more prevalent, creating a demand for online trainers to host company training courses virtually.

EDT - Industrial Cadets 'Insight into University'

Insight into University is a comprehensive online course allowing students to experience STEM subjects at university and the career opportunities that these subjects lead to.

Parents/carers of Year 11 students - I will email this opportunity separately. The deadline for application is April 30th and students who complete the course receive the Industrial Cadets Silver award. The course runs from 28th June until 20th August and can be completed flexibly to fit around other commitments.

Vet Mentor - Live virtual work experience for Year 10 and 11 students

Following the success of the Medic Mentor work experience scheme, a similar opportunity is now being offered to aspiring vets. If you are in Year 10 or 11, you can apply to take part. It runs for six months and requires a commitment from you of one Sunday per month. You will be able to watch vets at work (live lambing this month!), ask questions and chat with other aspiring vet students. For more information and to enrol, go to: www.medicmentor.co.uk or see Miss Berry (top office).



NHS Health Careers

It's never too early to think about your career options, whether that means applying for an apprenticeship, getting some work experience, or going to university.

There are more than 350 different careers in the NHS and not all of them mean working with patients. You'll also find that many don't need a degree either. From ambulance care assistant to surgical care practitioner, and from arts therapist to strategic management, there's an NHS career for you.

The NHS is growing and developing, and we want you to come on this journey with us. Be part of the team, and [find your career](#) today. Why not [take our quiz](#) to see which career is best for you?

You can also view our free [careers booklet](#) which shows some of over 350 careers in health.

Once you have an idea of what roles may suit you, sign up for your free [NHS career guide](#) and you'll receive updates from us on how to get into your chosen field!



The next NHS Virtual Work Experience date is May 2nd. This programme is available to support all aspiring healthcare students as an alternative to in-person NHS work experience during the pandemic. Students will spend a day with real healthcare professionals, in the following professions:

- Nursing
- Midwifery
- Paramedicine
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational therapy
- Art, drama and music therapy
- Dietetics
- Radiography
- Prosthetics and orthotics
- Speech and language therapy
- Pharmacy

During the work experience day, students will follow 2 patients from their initial presentation to recovery. You will observe the healthcare professionals as they interact with the patients and also each other. Students will have an opportunity to ask questions and gain knowledge through teaching. This will help students to make an informed career decision as well as learn about how healthcare professionals work together as part of a multidisciplinary team. Each work experience day is completely different and students will be able to build on their knowledge of NHS careers as they see different patient cases and their healthcare professionals working in a variety of settings, such as hospitals and in the community. Students can register for the programme here:

<https://alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers-virtual-work-experience/>

You will receive certificates as evidence of having participated in the work experience programme. Places are just £10 a day to cover administrative costs and run the tech on the day.

<https://indigo.trotman.co.uk/default/>



Well done to everyone who has been checking out Indigo recently - the highest users are Year 9 and Year 8. You can explore careers - the program will show you suitable matches after you answer a short questionnaire, and you might discover your dream job! You can search by employer - all the big employers are included (Apple, Deutsche Bank, HSBC, NHS, Rolls Royce, etc). There is also a university section, so you can have a look at universities all over the country and see what kind of courses they offer, what the student experience is like and what kind of careers graduates go into. That will help you with choosing your subjects at college, as certain subjects need to be taken together for particular degrees.

If you haven't yet logged into Indigo, why not have a look this weekend?

Email pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk for your unique username and password.

Careers

UK University Search are proud to announce the launch of our new website

www.studentstream.co.uk.

The website brings together a wealth of video resources by us and universities across the UK in one place.

During the pandemic we provided students with a vital connection to universities and apprenticeship providers through our Webinar Wednesdays and Virtual Fairs. Universities also put together some incredible content including webinars and campus tours during this time. StudentStream brings together these fantastic resources in one place for students, teachers, careers staff and parents.

Whether you need up to date help or advice regarding UCAS personal statements, choosing courses, student finance, uni campus tours, interview advice, open days etc www.studentstream.co.uk has it all.

As this free site has just been launched, universities will be providing us with lots of new videos over the coming weeks so stay tuned for updates.



Search, Spot & Stream
through hundreds of
UK University Videos

www.studentstream.co.uk

If you're thinking about studying law, business, criminology, policing or politics at university, these events are not to be missed!

Are businesses as environmentally friendly as they say they are? Are you a leader or a follower? Find out what university is really like from current students.

Register for these amazing virtual events today!

<https://www.allaboutlaw.co.uk/the-university-of-law-events-2021>



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Look Beyond Webinar Series: 360 Careers with Sony Music

This FREE virtual insight session is the first of our THREE PART series to help young people explore careers with Sony and work out how to get there. Sony will be giving an overview of all the career routes and paths on offer along with personal experiences and tips on how to get there yourself! (Attendees will be muted and with cameras off throughout the webinar).

About Sony:

Sony Music comprises a variety of record labels devoted to every genre of music, from rock and pop to classical, hip hop and R&B. We seek out the industry's best artists and executives to create world-class music and audio entertainment.

Date for the diary: Thursday April 29th, from 5pm - 6pm Book now using the link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/look-beyond-webinar-series-360-careers-with-sony-music-tickets-150068666421>

<https://learnliveuk.com/partner/parklands-high-school/>

Don't forget to check out the LearnLive page on the Parklands website (follow the link above). There are loads of employer videos on the site, with new ones being added all the time. You can leave your questions in the chat facility - and someone will get back to you (even if it's an archived video).



If you are an employer and would like to create a video so that students are aware of your industry, then please let me know (pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk). There's no cost involved, and the professional LearnLive team will take care of all the filming and technical details.

Get Ahead Newsletter issue 3

The latest [Get Ahead issue](#) from Disability Rights UK is now available to download from our website. It includes information on Post-16 options and T-Levels, Further and Higher Education, support available in college and university, funding for disabled students and much more!

Career of the Week this week is Careers Adviser. There's a lot more to the job than just matching people to suitable jobs - find out more at

<https://www.parklandsacademy.co.uk/students/career-of-the-week>

Apprenticeship Notifications

TRAINING 2000

Lots of apprenticeship vacancies advertised this week at Training 2000: accountancy, automotive, business admin, customer service, dental, engineering, IT, optical and scaffolding. Go to the website: www.training2000.co.uk or email: learnerrecruitment@t2000.co.uk for more details and an application form.

Skills North West is happening on 21 April - the region's largest skills, career and apprenticeship event.

Skills North West has a twilight session after the school day taking place from 4 - 6pm. Parents/carers have the chance to access the portal outside of school hours and be a part of the event. We have a special function for this twilight session with **live video chat** available to speak face-to-face to our exhibitors.

Here's the [website registration details](#) - register now!

Skills North West is being held virtually. This free event brings young people from the region into contact with employers, training providers, colleges, universities and professional bodies.

Using a dedicated virtual platform, attendees will have the opportunity to navigate through different spaces to interact with our wide variety of exhibitors. Free to attend, the event helps young people transition into the world of further study, work or training by identifying their ideal career pathway.

Apprenticeship Vacancies - more available at

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

Level 2 **Hairdressing** Apprentice at Mojo Hair Design (Next Generation Club) - VAC001696940
(Available through Blackburn College)

Level 2 **Hairdressing** Apprentice at the Colour Lounge (Coppull) - VAC001694786
(Available through Wigan & Leigh College)

Level 3 Apprentice **Office Administrator** - Redrow Homes (Lancashire) Ltd - VAC001695644
(A Level equivalent - plus a £200 per week wage!)

Level 2 **Painter & Decorator** Apprentice - Redrow Homes plc - VAC001697816

Level 2 **Carpentry & Joinery** Apprentice - Redrow Homes plc - VAC001697809

Level 2 **Bricklaying** Apprentice - Redrow Homes plc - VAC001697802

Level 2 **Groundworker** Apprentice - Redrow Homes plc - VAC001697771

(All the Redrow Homes apprenticeships are available through Preston's College)

Redrow has a proud reputation for building distinctive and high-quality homes across England and Wales. We have 16 different departments who all work together to complete one goal, and that is to effectively Design, Build and Sell luxury homes.

As a Trade Apprentice with Redrow, you will join the next generation of house builders, fulfil your passion, and start gaining skills needed to build the incredible communities that Redrow are well known for. House building is an exciting industry, and this is the perfect way to kick-start your career. If you want to start earning while gaining the skills, and qualifications, then Redrow's Trade Apprentice programme is perfect for you!

Your time as a Trade Apprentice will be split between working on-site with an experienced tradesman learning from their years of expertise and college-based study that will leave you with the essential industry qualification. It takes time to learn the quality and skills necessary to be the best and we are looking for candidates who are willing to commit the time needed to achieve the best.

Apprenticeship Notifications

April Parents' & Carers' Pack from Amazing Apprenticeships

In the [April issue](#) we look at typical interview questions, digital T-Levels, Degree apprenticeships in the digital sector, Autism Awareness Week, Stress Awareness Month and much more! Download your copy now. For information and advice on any aspect of apprenticeships, please contact Miss Berry.