

## PARKLANDS BULLETIN 20 Feb - 24 Feb 2023: Week 2



## **Year 7 Messages**

No messages this week.

## Year 8 Messages

Thank you to those who responded to the STEAM DREAM TEAM flyer. This is to take part in the Year 8 EDT Bronze Industrial Cadet Challenge. I will let you know what the project title is after half term - keep an eye on the daily bulletin for news of a meeting in the first week back.

## Year 9 Messages

Year 9 - Students have now received all the information they need to make their final subject choices. If they missed the Respect day earlier in the week or would like to show you the resources from the day, these are available on the Secure Google classroom. They have each been scheduled an interview time with either their HAL or a member of the Senior Leadership Team to support them in their final decision making.

Students should make their option choices on SIMs Options online, guidance has been sent via Edulink to both parents/carers and students. If students have any problems accessing this, they should email me their option choices directly.

https://www.parklandsacademy.co.uk/students/options

Year 9: Please let us know if you would prefer future Progress Evenings in school or online via this <u>link</u>. Thank you.

## Year 10 Messages

Thank you to the Year 10s who have returned their work experience consent letters. However, there are still a number outstanding - please ensure these are returned immediately after half term. If you have already found a placement, collect a placement form from the Top Office or download from the school website.

Work Experience Week is 17th - 21st July 2023.



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## **Year 11 Messages**

February during Elevate. This will be followed by Year 11 Review Day the next day, Wednesday 22nd February. These two events are aimed at ensuring that Year 11s know how they have performed in their mock exams and progressing generally. On the day, each Year 11 will discuss with staff ways to maximise opportunities to get the best possible outcomes in their final exams in the summer. We are delighted with the mature and conscientious approach many of our Year11s have taken towards their mocks and how they are applying themselves. However, a small number of students did not make the most of the chance to complete their mocks and have not done themselves justice. Where we can see that another attempt will be necessary, we will be expecting Year 11 to re-sit after school. This programme will begin after half-term and we will notify you if your child is involved.

On our return after the half-term break we will be holding Mock Exam Results day on Tuesday 21st

Period 6 will also begin next half-term. This is an after school programme (3-4pm) offered to those who might be struggling to meet our expectations in terms of completing work or getting it to the standards we expect.

Those invited will be expected to attend.

YEAR 11 - Easter school will be offered for some subjects. Details of this programme to follow after half-term.



Letters for students and parents about apprenticeships

To coincide with National Apprenticeship Week (6-10 February 2023), Minister Halfon is writing to students and parents about the opportunities and benefits apprenticeships can bring to young people and encouraging them to consider apprenticeships when they are thinking about career choices.

Open the letter to students

Open the letter to parents, quardians and carers

## Head Students' Page

Hi all,

Hope you've all had a good week. We have had a fantastic darts house competition this week which had great attendance from pupils and teachers from all houses.

Today, there has been a bake sale to help raise funds and support the people of Syria and Turkey due to the recent earthquake. As a school, we should always strive to provide aid to those who are struggling and all the donations will help those in need and provide much needed humanitarian aid.

On a lighter note, I hope you all have a wonderful half term and enjoy your Valentine's Day. Also, a very well done to the year 11's who have just completed their mocks.

Thanks, Seb

#### 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: 37 pupils since September

Year 8: 36 pupils since September

Year 9: 24 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: 161 pupils

Year 8: 141 pupils

Year 9: 110 pupils

Year 10: 162 students

Year 11: 181 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: 137 pupils

Year 8: 96 pupils

Year 9: 61 pupils
Year 10: 117 students

Year 11: 93 students

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

The Well-being Prefects would like to present the latest Well-being Podcast, featuring Miss O'Dolan and Miss Keller. This week has been Mental Health Awareness week and the podcast team have discussed the importance of being aware of our mental health, and some practical advice for how to support your own mental health. Please find this month's podcast here: <a href="https://youtu.be/XpNxOMwllRk">https://youtu.be/XpNxOMwllRk</a>. Have a fun and restful half term, from the whole well-being team!

Health & Safety - Following an accident which leads to pupils requiring crutches or other walking aids parents must phone the pupils' House Leader prior to the pupil returning to school. A personal evacuation document will be completed by the house leader/health & safety lead and parent/carer. Once the document is completed the house leader will discuss the pupils options for returning to school.

Reminder - School reopens Monday 20th February 2023.

## **Attendance matters!**

Overall school attendance since September 92.3%

Overall school attendance for the week 93.3% National Average as at 23rd Jan 90.4%

Attendance by House since September:

South America 93.1% Europe 93.1%

Africa 92.4% Australasia 92.1% Asia 92.0%

Attendance by House since last week:

**Europe 94.4%** 

Africa 94%
Asia 94%
South America 93.8%
Australasia 92.3%

Highest form attendance per House for the week:

South America - Colombia 98.1%

Africa - South Africa 97.8% Australasia - Australia 97% Europe - Portugal 97% Asia - Nepal 96.8%

#### **Sports Results**

Congratulations to all 3 of our cricket teams in the last few weeks when playing in the Chorley District Indoor Cricket Competitions.

The U13s girls came 3rd place, the U15s boys 4th place and unlucky to be beaten in the final was our U13 boys team who played superbly.

The Y11 boys football team signed off their Parklands football careers winning the 6 aside Chorley Competition proving they were the best team in the area.

The Y10 boys unfortunately got beat in the Lancashire Cup football by Shuttleworth College 1-2 in a great game.



### **Sports Results**

The U12 Girls Football team have made it to the LANCASHIRE FINALS! We are awaiting the final date. You can see the team below in two of our new kits.







## FOOTBALL KIT SPONSORS

We want to say a huge thank you to all the company below who have sponsored a football kit. They are arriving in school and we will be getting the team photos shortly. Thank you for your support!

















Weekly Learning Support Board - click here





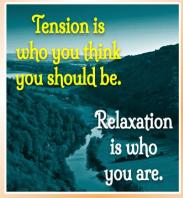
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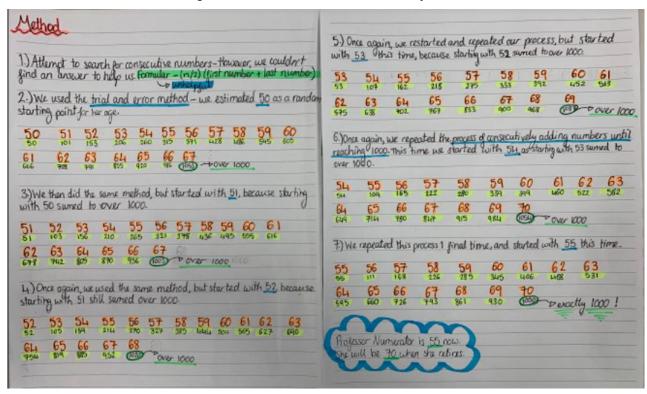
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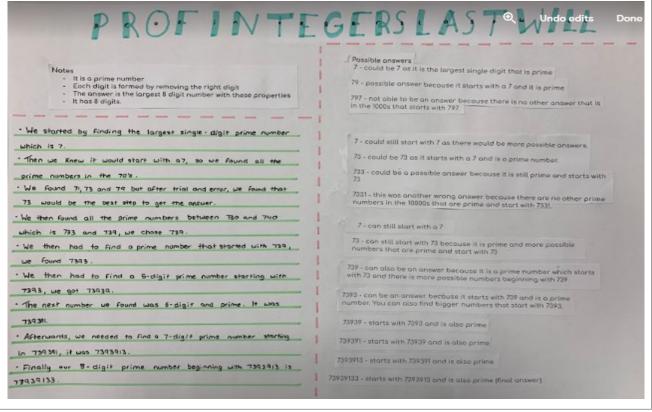
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- **British Dyslexia Association**
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- Headspace (Meditation & Sleep)
- KOOTH Mental Health Support
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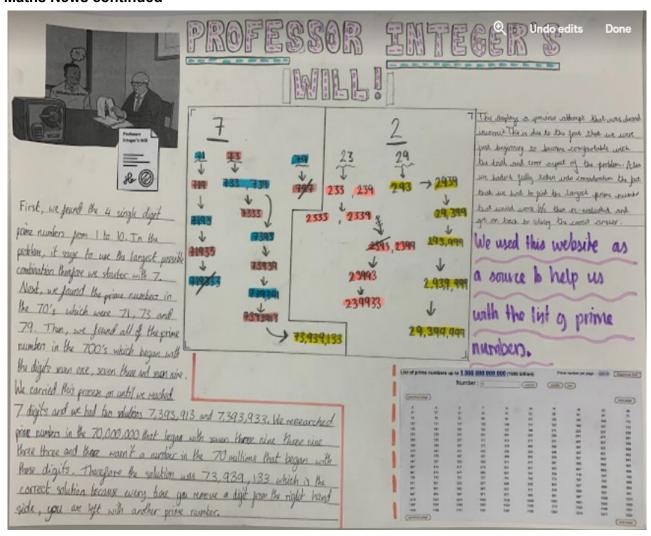
#### **Maths News**

Several groups of Year 9 students recently entered an Edge Hill maths competition, led by Mr Brenand. They had a week to solve problems and present solutions to them, either by poster or video. Here are a selection of the posters created. The videos were excellent! 6 teams entered and all have been taken through to the next round. Well done to you all!





#### **Maths News continued**



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, alongside their descendants.

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

## Miss Rhodes srhodes@parklandsacademy.co.uk





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 might different branches observe the 613 Mitzvah?
- 2. What is the purpose of a Synagogue?
- 3. What are the key differences between an Orthodox Synagogue and a Reform Synagogue?
- 4. What is the difference between Kosher and Trefah? Can you give examples of each?

#### (Year 8)

Current Unit - The History of Christianity Enquiry Question - Who was the real Jesus?

- 1. What did the Roman historian Tactitus write about?
- 2. How would you respond to the question 'did Jesus exist'?
- 3. Which 'person' of Jesus that we have investigated do you think is the most important and why?
- 4. What other terms might be used to describe Jesus by Christians?

#### (Year 9)

**Current Unit - The History of Christianity** 

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

- 1. Can you define the terms crucifixion, resurrection and ascension?
- 2. Why do some people think that Jesus was a 'wise teacher'? What evidence do they point to?
- 3. Why do some people think that Jesus was a 'Human'? What evidence do they point to?
- 4. How can you quickly locate a passage in the Bible?

### Parental support children who self-harm

**Dear Parents** 

Children and Family Well-Being are offering a workshop. If you are able to attend, it really is worthwhile and could give you the guidance/support and strategies to help you with your child if they self-harm. Details are below.

N Fairhurst - Safeguarding Lead

We are working with Lancashire Mind to deliver a workshop to parents whose child/children self-harm in the Chorley area. It's a 2.5 hour session where they will get support around

- Destigmatising self-harm behaviour
- Understanding why a child or young person might self-injure
- How to talk about and manage self-harm behaviour
- Where to go for help and support

Please inform parents of this offer. We know this support is very much needed across many of our families and we are conscious schools are going on half term and therefore only 2 days left to book on. If we have an influx and therefore end up over subscribed, we will look at holding the session again.

The workshop is being delivered **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February from 10.00-12.30** at **Highfield Neighbourhood Centre**.

Please see link below for learners to book their places:

https://lancashiremind.arlo.co/courses/36-self-harm-parenting-workshop?e=edd13a939840435bb9d7a6a52338a6ac

This link will be live for bookings until 14<sup>th</sup> February at 10am.

Today we held a bake sale in aid of raising money for those affected by the earthquake in Turkey and Syria. Pupils and staff all pulled together to raise an amazing £500, well done everyone!!!







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### **Careers**

There's a definite theme this week - National Apprenticeship Week was 6th - 12th February, so the focus is on apprenticeships. You can read the letter from Robert Halfon, Minister for Skills, Apprenticeships and Higher Education, which explains the Government's approach.

There are lots of great opportunities for students to get involved with: virtual work experience offers, free conferences, career experiences and much more.

And for anyone who is dreaming big ... NASA is looking for a Chief Data Officer. So those computer science and maths lessons will come in very handy in the future! https://www.usajobs.gov/job/700799600

Click here for this week's' Careers news



College interviews for Wigan & Leigh and Runshaw Colleges take place in school in March. If you have not yet applied, you are in danger of missing the deadline! You can collect paper copies of the application forms from the top office if you are struggling with the online application process. Even if you intend to join the Armed Forces or take up an apprenticeship position, you still need to have a college place as a back up.