



PARKLANDS BULLETIN

20 Mar - 24 Mar 2023: Week 2



Headteacher's Message

Dear parents, carers and students,

Sad farewells

Today two members of Parklands staff are moving on to pastures new. Miss Cambridge, Drama teacher, came to us on supply a few months ago, and she had a hugely positive impact on day one. Miss Cambridge is moving on to a permanent position at another school from next week, so we wish her all the best in her new role.

Mrs Ardern, Deputy Headteacher, also finishes at Parklands today although she is remaining part of our community. Mrs Ardern will be taking up the role of temporary Headteacher at Walton-le-Dale High School, which may become a member school in our Multi-Academy Trust. Mrs Ardern will spend the next two weeks getting to know the school before officially taking up the role from after the Easter break. Mrs Ardern has worked at Parklands for about 8 years during which time she has consistently had a phenomenal impact in our school and specifically in the Maths department. As Executive Headteacher I shall be working closely with Mrs Ardern, supporting her in her new role, in addition to other members of Parklands who will collaborate with colleagues at Walton-le-Dale in order to help the school on its improvement journey. Mrs Ardern will be sorely missed at Parklands, but we wish her all the very best at this exciting stage of her career.

Unavoidable School Closure

Following last Friday's closure, I consulted with the school's governors regarding our procedure for closing the school in adverse weather. The updated procedure is [here](#). When I made the decision to close last Friday, I honestly thought it was the best decision to make at the time with the information I had. My suggestion to governors, which was approved, was to push the decision making on to 7.30am (at the earliest) rather than 7am. I fully acknowledge that we were the only school in Chorley to close, so I hope this amendment to our policy will help me (or any future headteacher) with the decision making process.

Children In Need

Thank you all for your support - we have raised over £700 for this very worthy cause!

Teachers' Strikes

There has been a joint announcement today from the Government and education unions who have agreed to talks, starting today. The NEU has also confirmed there will be no further strikes announced during the next two weeks. This is hopefully a positive step forward to solving the funding issue within education.

World Down Syndrome Day (click [here](#) for the official website)

We would like to encourage all students to wear odd socks on 21st March to raise awareness of Down Syndrome. I would like to thank Phoebe's family for supporting us with this worthy cause and helping us better educate our students about Down Syndrome. Please click [here](#) to see a brief presentation shown in forms this morning and to see Phoebe read a poem about Down Syndrome.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Mr Mitchell



PARKLANDS BULLETIN

20 Mar - 24 Mar 2023: Week 2



Year 7 Messages

No messages this week.

Year 8 Messages

No messages this week.

Year 9 Messages

No messages this week.

Year 10 Messages

No messages this week.

Year 11 Messages

Year 11 - Additional opportunities for GCSE Exam Preparation and Revision

After-School Revision Programme is in its third week and will continue up to the start of GCSEs in May. 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 a reminder of 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 and cost. Deadline for bookings and payments are next Friday 24th March

College interviews this week for Year 11s (in the Refectory)

Wigan & Leigh on Wednesday Runshaw on Thursday and Friday

Schedules posted outside the Top Office - please let me know if you are unable to attend your interview for whatever reason. Final deadlines are rapidly approaching, so if you have not booked an interview, you are at risk of missing out altogether. This also applies to those intending to take up an apprenticeship position or join the Armed Forces - you must have a Plan B in place!

Year 11 HOW TO REVISE SCIENCE. Your second weekly how to guide is [here](#)

Attendance matters!

Overall school attendance since September 92.4%

Overall school attendance for the week 91.4%

Attendance by House since September:

South America 93.5%

Europe 93.1%

Africa 92.5%

Asia 92.3%

Australasia 92.2%

Attendance by House for last week:

South America 93%

Europe 92.5%

Australasia 92.4%

Africa 90.8%

Asia 89.8%

Highest form attendance per House for the week:

Europe - Sweden 97.9%

Australasia - Fiji 96.4%

South America - Argentina 95.8%

Africa - Cote d'Ivoire 95.6%

Asia - Tibet 94.7%

Hello everyone,

I hope that you have all had a great week and made good use of the days we have had off school due to the ongoing teachers' strikes.

Thankfully Year 11s were still able to be in school on these days. I am sure this time was much appreciated with the fast approach of their GCSE exams.

Today is Comic Relief day, a charity that continues to drive positive change through the power of entertainment. Parklands, once again, has invited students to come to school in their own clothes in order to raise money for this amazing charity.

21st March marks World Down Syndrome Day. In order to raise awareness of this, pupils are free to wear odd socks. This is a simple task in which anyone can be involved and be supportive.

Have a great week everybody!

Kind regards

Ebony-Grace

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: 33 pupils since September
Year 8: 36 pupils since September
Year 9: 21 pupils since September
Year 10: 52 students since September
Year 11: 32 students since September

How many had the perfect 3 in the previous week?

Year 7: 177 pupils
Year 8: 155 pupils
Year 9: 102 pupils
Year 10: 164 students
Year 11: 132 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: 135 pupils
Year 8: 100 pupils
Year 9: 59 pupils
Year 10: 121 students
Year 11: 89 students

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

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



Learning Support Board
Week Commencing
20th March 2023

**"Walking with a friend in the dark
is better than walking alone in the light."**
HELEN KELLER



**Special Educational
Needs and Disabilities
Local Offer in
Lancashire**

Have You Heard the News?
It's the school Dance show for three nights from Wednesday. Adult tickets are £5, children £3. A11 remains open most breaks and lunchtimes for those needing a quiet space. Remember that S13 is also open but invitation only. Only come to N17 if you need to see a member of staff.
Learningsupport@parklandsacademy.co.uk



This famous painting is called 'The White Horse'. Who painted it?

Last time's answer - 1988

JOKE of the Week



What dinosaur had the best teeth?
The FLOSS-iraptor of course!

F.R.I.E.N.D.S.
Forgive you
Respect you
Involve you
Encourage you
Need you
Deserve you
Support you



Follow us on Instagram:
phs_learningsupport

Useful Links

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

Whole School Messages

World Down Syndrome Day is Tuesday 21st March. We are asking all students to wear crazy or odd socks on this day to help raise awareness and celebrate the lives and achievements of people with Down Syndrome.

Year 7

Easter Egg Hunt

Pay £1 to Mrs Sullivan-Brown or Miss Greaves by Friday 24th March and in your PE lesson on Monday 27th March, you will take part in an Easter Egg Orienteering Hunt*

Lots of Easter eggs to be won,
all entries will receive a prize.

All money will be donated to the
Turkey-Syria earthquake appeal



* This is an optional event - if you choose not to take part, you will do your scheduled PE lesson as normal



PARKLANDS



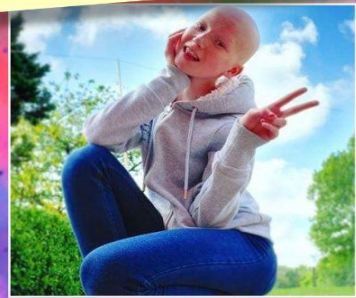
Colour Run Party

The BIGGEST event of the year

£6.50pp - includes a pair of sunglasses (which must be worn).

Open to all year groups and staff but there are limited numbers, so book now via Scopay to avoid disappointment!

You can run, walk or even dance around the field.



All proceeds will go to 'Shine for Sally' in memory of Sally Cornes, raising money for local charities

**THURSDAY
11th May 2023
at 3.20pm
on the school field**



Email: lsullivanbrown@parklandsacademy.co.uk for more details

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.

Current Unit - Judaism

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

1. What is the difference between a Bar Mitzvah and a Bat Mitzvah?
2. Why do young Jewish boys and girls have these celebrations?
3. Why do girls sometimes have their ceremony earlier than boys?
4. What typically happens in the Synagogue during a Bar/Bat Mitzvah?

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? Justify your answer.
3. What is the significance of Jewish historian Flavius Josephus' writings about Jesus?
4. How reliable is Josephus as a source? Justify your answer.

Current Unit - The History of Christianity

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

1. What effect did Emperor Nero have on the way that people viewed Christians? How did he help the cause for Christians?
2. What was the Great Schism of 1054?
3. What factors contributed to the Great Schism happening?
4. Who was responsible for the European Reformation starting?

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



PARKLANDS
HIGH SCHOOL
LEARN | RESPECT | ASPIRE | ACHIEVE

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!



Whole School Messages



Whole School Messages



Whole School Messages



Whole School Messages



Whole School Messages

Well done to my Year 10 bakers! They made fruit tarts with their own shortcrust pastry, creme anglaise and then decorated with fruits of their choice. I am so proud of all their hard work!

Miss Topping





Could You Become a Home Start Volunteer?

- Do you or a family member have 2-3 hours per week to spare?
- Do you have parenting experience or professional experience with children?
- Do you want to give something back to our local community?
- Do you have skills, knowledge or talents that could benefit another family in need of support?

If so, please get in touch today about volunteering with
Home Start Central Lancashire



Over the last 12 months we have seen an increase in families within our local community requiring support and guidance due to increased stress and financial pressures. Our aim is to support families as early as possible to prevent a family crisis or breakdown by working together to achieve positive change.

Our Home Start Volunteers visit families within their homes and provide practical and emotional support, whilst sharing ideas and knowledge about parenting. Some volunteers support parents accessing parenting groups and community resources. They also normalise just how difficult parenting can be!

Volunteers **do not need any formal qualifications** to join our supportive community, however we are also here to support you and **full training will be provided**.

We cover:

Chorley

Preston

South Ribble

West Lancashire

Visit our website for further details
about our services:

www.homestartcentrallancs.org.uk

For more information please contact Nicola Baker our Volunteer Manager
on 01257 241636 or volmanager@homestartcentrallancs.org.uk

REMEMBER LOVED ONES AND SUPPORT

St Catherine's
hospice care



St Catherine's

6 or 8-mile
sponsored
walk!



★
**MOONLIGHT
& MEMORIES
WALK**

SATURDAY 3RD JUNE, 8PM
ST CATHERINE'S PARK, LOSTOCK HALL

ALL WELCOME - £15 for adults and £10 for children including 2023 event t-shirt and medal
SIGN UP at www.stcatherines.co.uk or call 01772 629171



REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 512186

SAT 25TH
MARCH

&

SUN 26TH
MARCH

FROM 10AM TO 4PM

THE GARDEN ROOM, ST CATHERINE'S HOSPICE

LOSTOCK HALL, LOSTOCK LANE, PRESTON PR5 5XU

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL OUR TRADING TEAM ON 01772 313063

PARKLANDS HIGH SCHOOL

is proud to present



Musical MADNESS

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



Lots of great opportunities for students to get involved, in this week's Careers News - click [here](#)

Career News

Spring Term



INSIGHT TO KPMG


Insight to KPMG - Careers at a Big 4 Accounting & Professional Services Firm + Legal & Technology! Summer and Easter Work Experience is now live!

For you with KPMG Business, Tech, Accounting & Law!

Calling all work experience and apprenticeship seekers! This is an exciting opportunity to gain work experience and apprenticeship opportunities with one of the world's most prestigious professional services and accounting firms in the world. They offer you the chance to work with professional services and accounting firms in the world. They offer you the chance to work with professional services and accounting firms in the world. They offer you the chance to work with professional services and accounting firms in the world.

On Thursday 23rd March from 5pm - 6pm we will be hosting an insight event with KPMG to showcase all of their work experience and school leaver opportunities. This virtual webinar will be held via Zoom so all of their work experience and school leaver opportunities. This virtual webinar will be held via Zoom so all of their work experience and school leaver opportunities. This virtual webinar will be held via Zoom so all of their work experience and school leaver opportunities.

Click here to sign up now: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/7DNFCG5>



INVESTIN

STEM & Medicine Summer Experiences: For Ages 12-18


In world-class hospitals and industry sites across London
Over 75% full already!

STEM & MEDICINE SUMMER EXPERIENCES

London | July & August 2023

Do you students want to experience life in the fast-lane of or Medicine-related career next summer? We have partner world-class professionals across 10 STEM industries to explore a Boeing 747 jet with aerospace engineers; work with in a clinic; analyse fingerprints and blood splatter on a crime scene. And much much more!

Our Summer Experiences are already over 75% full so should register as soon as possible.



Myerscough College & University Centre


Course Advice Morning

✓ School Leavers
✓ Apprenticeships
✓ University Degrees

Day 18th March 2023

CROSS WEST • PRESTON • BLACKBURN
LIVERPOOL • WARRINGTON

myerscough.ac.uk



Build a future in construction

There is high demand for workers in the construction industry with something to suit everyone and a career for life. Apprentices earn while they learn and gain an academic qualification so their ready for work on completion.

The National Construction College has been providing training for over 50 years and offers a selection of trades with experienced instructors and a dedicated on-site team for all our apprenticeships. So what happens next -

Decide on the right apprenticeship
Scaffolding/access, plant, drying, groundworker and many more from NCC.

See what we can offer you

Find an employer on the button below or contact local companies near you to see if they are taking on apprentices

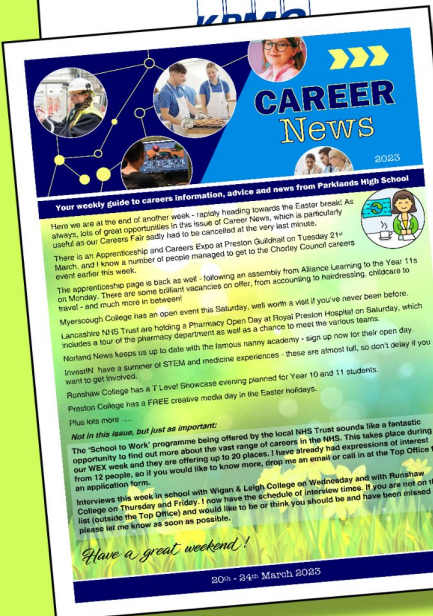
Search Employers

Once employed Apply for training with NCC or if you need more information email ncc apprentices@ncc.co.uk

Apply Now

CITE will take you through the enrolment process and co-ordinate your training

Don't just take our word for it, read what our apprentices have to say...



CAREER News

2023

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

Here we are at the end of another week - rapidly heading towards the Easter break! As always, lots of great opportunities in this issue of Career News, which is particularly timely as our Careers Fair is due to be cancelled at the very last minute.

There is an Apprenticeship and Careers Expo at Preston Quilpatt on Tuesday 21st March, and I know a number of people managed to get to the Chorley Council careers event earlier this week.

The apprenticeship page is back as well - following an assembly from Alliance Learning to the Year 11s on Monday. There are some brilliant vacancies on offer, from accounting to hairdressing, outdoors to travel - and much more in between!

Myerscough College has an open event this Saturday, well worth a visit if you've never been before.

Lancashire NHS Trust are holding a Pharmacy Open Day at Royal Preston Hospital on Saturday, which includes a tour of the pharmacy department as well as a chance to meet the various teams.

Northland News Notes is up to date with the famous nanny academy - sign up now for their open day.

Investin! have a summer of STEM and medicine experiences - these are almost full, so don't delay if you want to get involved.

Rushmore College has a Level Showcase evening planned for Year 10 and 11 students.

Preston College has a FREE creative media day in the Easter holidays.

Plus lots more...

Not in this issue, but just as important:

The 'School to Work' programme being offered by the local NHS Trust sounds like a fantastic opportunity to find out more about the vast range of careers in the NHS. This takes place during our WEX week and they are offering up to 20 places. I have already had expressions of interest from 12 people, so if you would like to know more, drop me an email or call in at the Top Office for an application form.

Interviews this week in school with Wigan & Leigh College on Wednesday and with Rushmore College on Thursday and Friday. I now have the schedule of interview times. If you are not on the list (outside the Top Office) and would like to be or think you should be and have been missed out, please let me know as soon as possible.

Have a great weekend!

20th - 24th March 2023

The apprenticeship page is back this week and there are some great offers at both Level 2 and Level 3. Anyone interested should create an account on the Gov.UK page (link in newsletter) which takes five minutes at the most. Then you can apply for any of the vacancies. Year 11 had an apprenticeship assembly this week from Alliance Learning - thanks to Becky for delivering that, it was very informative.

Career of the Week is Software Tester. I recently attended an event at a local company, ROQ, who carry out this type of work. They are hoping to work closely with our students, as it's an area that people tend to overlook - but it is very well paid and a career that will become more and more important as technology continues to advance. Some of our budding cyber specialists in Year 10 will be taking part in a 'bug' hunt with a difference later in the summer term ... more details to follow soon!

Careers

There is an apprenticeship and careers expo at Preston Guild Hall on Tuesday next week - ideal for anyone looking to speak to employers about apprenticeship vacancies. It's on till 7pm, so don't miss out.

Have a look at some of the great employers taking part ...

HERE ARE SOME OF THE BUSINESSES THAT WILL BE THERE!

#NW APP EXPO 2023
NORTH WEST APPRENTICESHIP & CAREERS EXPO

21st March 2023
Preston Guild Hall
12 pm - 7 pm

www.nwappexpo.co.uk

I know a number of people managed to get to the Chorley Council Careers Event earlier this week - I hope you found it useful, and a bit of a substitute for our own Careers Fair that was sadly cancelled. I am hoping to work closely with the council on some new careers initiatives in the next few months which will benefit our students and local employers. Keen an eye on Career News for more details ...

The 'School to Work' programme, offered by the local NHS Trust, means that up to 20 Year 10 students can take part in a work experience week at Chorley Hospital. Places are rapidly being filled, so if you would like to take part in this for your WEX week, please let me know. There will be tours of different departments, sessions with various healthcare professionals and Q&A opportunities. As it is normally very difficult to find WEX in the hospital (and impossible to get clinical experience for Year 10s) this seems like a perfect solution for anyone interested in a career within the NHS. Application forms and more information available from the Top Office.

Coming up the following week is a Pre-Sampling Day assembly for Year 10s. I will share the document from Wigan & Leigh College, showing the options for the Sampling Day in June then you have a chance to think carefully about the subjects you might want to try out. You can try all new subjects, or something you already do to see what the difference is from Level 2 to Level 3. You have the option of trying A Levels, vocational (or BTEC) subjects or you can spend the day at the Engineering and Construction Centre.