



# PARKLANDS BULLETIN

## 21 Feb - 25 Feb 2022 : Week 1



### Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

This has felt like an incredibly long half-term; the days have been dark, the weather has been poor, we've been struggling with COVID cases amongst students and staff, and we are all feeling tired. Thank goodness we have a week off to recuperate.

#### Standards

Since we returned after Christmas we have unfortunately noticed a deterioration in standards amongst some of our students. As COVID restrictions are lifted and we return to normality, it is our duty to reinforce the standards we expect of our students which will help shape them into well-rounded young adults. It appears that COVID has led to a general lack of manners and respect which we need to address more strongly when we return. I would like to refer to our non-negotiables moving forward:

- All coats, jackets, hoodies, scarves and jewellery should be removed when students enter school. When we return on Monday, 21st February we expect such items to be stored in lockers throughout the day. We have a uniform for a reason, so that no student feels disadvantaged if their family cannot afford the latest fashions. Some students are proudly wearing their expensive items inside our very warm building, and this needs to stop. If your child does not have a locker, they can obtain one from the school office. Failure to comply will result in sanctions.
- Blazers. These are to be worn at all times, unless a member of staff has given permission. Our school is warm but not excessively so. Failure to comply will result in sanctions.
- Shoes. Our uniform policy is clear on the type of shoes we expect (see extract below). Failure to comply will result in sanctions.
  - Sensible black leather or leather effect shoes. No trainers, boots, high heels or canvas footwear.
- Manners. There has been a decline in manners and respect amongst some students who are questioned by staff due to missing uniform items or due to their behaviour. I expect all my staff to reinforce our school standards and I expect all students to respond appropriately. Rudeness will not be tolerated. Failure to comply will result in sanctions.

I hope all parents and carers can understand our need to reinforce standards. We pride ourselves on educating children holistically; in addition to good qualifications our young people need to learn how to respond appropriately and conform to rules, so that they are well prepared for the world of work. I am proud of the overwhelming majority of Parklands students whose behaviour and attitudes are exemplary; they say please and thank you, they address everyone with respect, they are tolerant of others and their differences, they are grateful for the support and opportunities we offer, their uniform is perfect, and they are always well-equipped for lessons. I am confident that all parents and carers expect such a school environment for their child and that our standards mirror your standards.

## Headteacher's Message

As I always state at Open Evenings, we cannot do this alone. We want, need and expect all the parents and carers of our students to support us in upholding our high standards. We do not have unrealistic expectations, and to maintain our good reputation and continue providing a caring, supportive, calm and orderly school, we need everyone to pull together.

On a lighter note, I am looking forward to watching tonight's Parklands Got Talent final. After such a long time of being unable to hold such events, it is wonderful to see our school start to resemble the fantastic school we were pre-COVID. I had the pleasure of watching the recent production of Elf and observing the pleasure and joy on our students' faces. It is fantastic to see so many students get involved with the extra-curricular activities we have been able to offer again, and I hope even more students will be encouraged to join in as the weather improves.

Wishing you a restful half-term,

Mr Mitchell  
Headteacher

**It's Children Mental Health Week! (7th February-13th February)**

**For Children's Mental Health week this year the theme is *'growing together'* and the focus is on encouraging you to consider how you've grown, and how you can help others to grow.**

### **Why does it matter?**

**Children and young people's mental health has never been more important, particularly following the coronavirus pandemic. We focus on mental health massively at Parklands and it is a huge priority for everyone as young people's emotional and mental wellbeing is a really important part of growing up. We are and will continue to provide a safe and secure environment for all those who are at Parklands.**

**The 'growing together' theme is run by the charity Place2Be — [Place2Be](#) . Parents and carers can visit [Parents and Carers - Children's Mental Health Week](#) to support children during this pandemic and help them improve their wellbeing.**

**Have a lovely and relaxing half-term!  
Alannah, Alex, Evie and Oscar.**





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### Year 7 Messages

Achievement News - just for Year 7s! Click [here](#) to see if your child has been nominated for their efforts!

### Year 8 Messages

None this week

### Year 9 Messages

This is to inform you that on **Monday 21st February** a presentation will be delivered in school to the year group on knife crime. This has been sponsored and promoted by Chorley Council (Public Protection) and the Police and has already been delivered to many high schools in the Chorley and South Ribble area. You may have seen in the news recently, the knife statue which was at Blackburn and is now up in Barrow in a bid to raise awareness about knife crime and the impact it has on young people and their families.

**The JEffect is an award winning anti-knife campaign delivered by Byron Highton whose brother Jon-Jo was tragically murdered in 2014 in a gang related attack. Since the attack, Byron has campaigned against knife crime in a bid to spare other families from suffering the trauma him and his family have endured.**

There will be an opportunity for students to ask questions and to talk to staff after the presentation, if they have any worries or concerns.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Fairhurst

Safeguarding Lead

BfL reports will be issued on Thursday 24th February.

Last week, Year 9 students enjoyed a Careers Respect Day, where they heard from various colleges, Future-U (UCLan) and NatWest Career Sense. Following this, one of our parents has very kindly shared a link to careers with another world-leading bank: Santander. Check this out if you want to know more about careers (and apprenticeships) in areas like digital, data, financial crime, tech, customer service .....

<https://www.santander.com/en/careers/uk-careers/emerging-talent/apprenticeship-programmes>

### Year 10 Messages

BfL reports will be issued on Thursday 24th February.

## Year 11 Messages

### Exams update

Ofqual released an update and guidance on any changes to exams for the summer term on 7th February. Click on the link [here](#) to find a summary of content and any changes directly from all of our subjects. There is also a link to the guidance from the DfE.

Runshaw College interviews will take place in school on 15th and 16th March - and I will be publishing the schedule after the half term holiday, so if you are still to apply, please do so as soon as possible to avoid missing out on an interview. The final deadline is rapidly approaching and anyone who misses that will be placed on a waiting list as the college is oversubscribed.

Tuesday 22nd February is Review Day and WaG Reports will be issued.

Interviews took place with Preston College and Wigan & Leigh College over the last few weeks - staff from both colleges were very impressed by the calibre of Year 11 applicants!

If you have applied to either college (or intend to do so very shortly!) then there will be further catch-up interviews organised - keep an eye on the daily bulletins and your school emails for details.

We will be offering an after-school programme on our return after the half term break. They proved to be very popular with Year 11 and will help to prepare them for the summer GCSEs. Most sessions will run from 4-6pm and refreshments will be provided.

Week commencing 21st February will have Option A on Tuesday 22nd, Option B on Wednesday 23rd and Maths on Thursday 24th.

Further details of the programme to follow on our return.

# Whole School Messages

School reopens on Monday 21st February.

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

Due to COVID the SEN assessment day has had to be changed to 24th February 2022.

## 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: 40 pupils since September

Year 8: 27 pupils since September

Year 9: 49 pupils since September

Year 10: 33 students since September

Year 11: 31 students since September

### How many had the Perfect 3 in the previous week?

**Years 7: 146 pupils**

**Year 8: 104 pupils**

**Year 9: 148 pupils**

**Year 10: 127 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.**

Children aged 12 to 15 years old can now obtain a digital NHS COVID Pass for international travel. To help support international travel, including school trips, the NHS COVID Pass service for 12 to 15 year olds now includes the option of a digital NHS COVID Pass.

The NHS COVID Pass for international travel can be accessed through the NHS website for those aged 12 years and over. For young people aged 13 and over, the NHS App can also be used to access the NHS COVID pass.

Further information on [how to get an NHS COVID Pass](#) is available on the NHS website.

Meetoo app for peer support for students

Click [here](#) for the Digital Healthy Schools newsletter which contains information about the Meetoo app.

## English as an Additional Language survey

All parents have received a survey via Edulink regarding the languages our pupils speak at home. If your child speaks a language other than English at home, please complete it. The survey can be accessed by clicking on this link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSch3ehX0I2tE7rHMWHkFFOT8JfWOChVXyVMqXPe28mXCQtEFw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSch3ehX0I2tE7rHMWHkFFOT8JfWOChVXyVMqXPe28mXCQtEFw/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Mrs Donohue

PE Extra Curricular Timetable for Spring Term 2 - [Click Here](#)

Before Christmas we held a 'Mind, body & spirit festival' looking at wellbeing, the history of vaccinations and BAME contributions to the world. If you would like to see a short video of the work pupils produced, please [click here](#).



LEARN, RESPECT, ASPIRE, ACHIEVE



# Achievement News

A celebration of academic achievement  
Half term 3  
2021 - 2022

Click [here](#) to access our latest Achievement News!

## Job Vacancies

**Cleaning Supervisor:** Our contracted cleaning company Orian are looking to appoint a cleaning supervisor for our school. The vacancy is on Indeed.com. If you are interested in the position please follow this link:

<https://uk.indeed.com/jobs?q=cleaning%20supervisor&l=pr7%2011&vjk=6a088c2b5404e754&advn=3419060791189964>

**Lunchtime Welfare Assistant:** We have a vacancy for a lunchtime welfare assistant. For further information and the application form please follow this link:

<https://www.parklandsacademy.co.uk/job-vacancies/lunchtime-welfare-assistant>



## FITNESS SUITE

Following a successful trial.

We are keeping MON-WEDS the same and  
have extended Thursday - Friday to years  
9-11

MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI
GIRLS ONLY 9-11	BOYS ONLY 9-11	Year 9 ONLY	Year 9/10/11 ONLY	YEAR 9/10/11



## Whole School Messages

**12 to 15 year old vaccination programme** - this link contains information regarding our local walk in Covid19 vaccination centres -

<https://www.nhs.uk/service-search/find-a-walk-in-coronavirus-covid-19-vaccination-site/results?Query=pr71ll&UserLatitude=53.655829253706557&UserLongitude=-2.6464689463694824>


We have 2 Parent Governor vacancies - An ideal opportunity to have an input on school decisions that may affect your child. For further information or expressions of interest, please email: [admin@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:admin@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

The **Careers Fair** will return on Friday 11th March for students in Years 9, 10 and 11. There will be lots of different employers, training and apprenticeship providers, colleges and universities on hand to answer any questions about careers, qualifications, courses, etc.


If any parents/carers would like to be involved in any of our careers events (careers fair, mock interviews, speed networking, talks, assemblies, etc) then please drop me an email:

[pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

Thank you to those who have already offered support, it's very much appreciated.




# HOUSE COMPETITION 21/22



Years 10 boys Football	EUR	6	AFR	5	SAM	5	ASA	4	ANZ	2
Years 11 boys Football	AFR	6	ASA	6	SAM	6	ANZ	4	EUR	4
Dirty Dozen Competition	ANZ	6	AFR	5	ASA	4	EUR	3	SAM	2



AFRICA	90
EUROPE	86
AUSTRALASIA	81
South America	80
ASA	79



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Letters have been emailed from Miss Greaves to parents  
via edulink app.

Email [ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

Letter [here](#)



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and search for: Parklands



Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. See website for T&Cs. Closing dates: 26<sup>th</sup> February 2022

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

Departing 6th May returning on Sunday 8th May

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



Price: £140 Deposit £50 on SCOPAY -  
Deadline: Friday 28th January 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](mailto:ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

Please see some links that may be useful if your child/family member is dealing with bereavement and the complexities that young people experience.

There are Bereavement Groups commencing for children and young people on Tuesday evenings from Vine House. For information please call 01772 793344. They are located in Ribbleton, Preston PR26&B

Mrs Fairhurst  
Safeguarding Lead

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gq4RH8F8RSQ&authuser=0>

**Winston's Wish:**

[www.winstonwish.org.uk](http://www.winstonwish.org.uk)

**Cruse Bereavement Care:**

<https://www.cruse.org.uk>

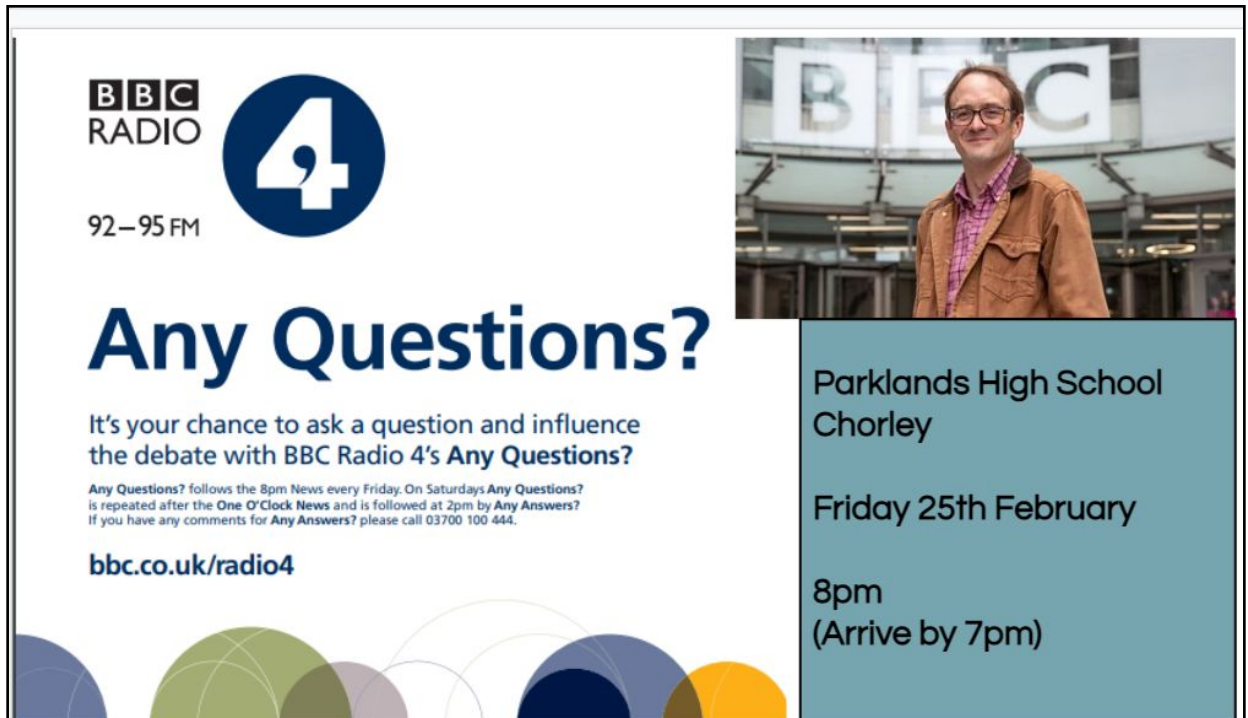
**Child Bereavement UK:**

<https://www.childbereavementuk.org>

## Whole School Messages

We are delighted to announce that Parklands will be hosting BBC Radio 4's 'Any Questions' on Friday 25th February.

Please follow the link below to book FREE tickets to the event. Please note they are limited to 2 per person and are being offered to parents/carers and the Parklands community in the first instance.



The poster features the BBC Radio 4 logo (BBC RADIO and a large number 4 in a circle) and the frequency 92-95 FM. The main title is 'Any Questions?' in a large, bold, blue font. Below it, the text reads: 'It's your chance to ask a question and influence the debate with BBC Radio 4's Any Questions?'. A smaller line of text states: 'Any Questions? follows the 8pm News every Friday. On Saturdays Any Questions? is repeated after the One O'Clock News and is followed at 2pm by Any Answers? If you have any comments for Any Answers? please call 03700 100 444.' The website 'bbc.co.uk/radio4' is listed. On the right, a photograph shows a man in a brown jacket standing in front of a BBC sign. A teal box on the right contains the event details: 'Parklands High School Chorley', 'Friday 25th February', and '8pm (Arrive by 7pm)'. The bottom of the poster has a decorative border of overlapping circles in various colors.

**BBC RADIO**

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# Any Questions?

It's your chance to ask a question and influence the debate with BBC Radio 4's **Any Questions?**

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[bbc.co.uk/radio4](http://bbc.co.uk/radio4)

**Parklands High School  
Chorley**

**Friday 25th February**

**8pm  
(Arrive by 7pm)**

Click [here](#) to book tickets

Please note these will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.

# Career News



## ALLIED HEALTHCARE MENTOR

A quick reminder that the NHS Allied Work Experience Programme is still available for students in years 10 and 11, running one weekend a month. Students who wish to participate can register individual spaces on the following link: <https://alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers/virtual-work-experience/>. All students will be awarded with a Work Experience Certificate for participating in the day. This is something that they can include in their UCAS and Apprenticeship Applications. The next Work Experience day will cover the following healthcare careers:

- Nursing
- Midwifery
- Paramedicine
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Dietetics
- Radiography
- Prosthetics and Orthotics
- Speech and language therapy
- Pharmacy

The virtual work experience day will take place through an online portal and run LIVE from 10am - 4pm, following 2 patients from their initial accidents through to recovery. Students will see them interact with a variety of healthcare professionals listed above so that they develop an understanding of the multidisciplinary team as well as insights into their own chosen career.

Students will also have the opportunity to interact with the healthcare professionals through a LIVE Q&A function and polls throughout the day!

The cost to attend is £10 (student per session, which is just an administrative cost to cover the set-up of individual portals, parent info and c...



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

Welcome to the latest edition of Career News for this half term and it's a bumper edition, packed full of opportunities, news and events. There are lots of virtual work experience offers, from Experian, Changing the Face of Property, BT and Thames Water, as well as the NHS, Medic Mentor and Allied Healthcare Mentor - all of which will give students a real taste of what it's like to work in those industries - and all without leaving the comfort of the sofa! Most are suitable for Year 10 and 11, so check them out and get a head start.

- Myerscough College have a virtual careers event available over half term, with over 50 employers plus college and uni staff on hand to answer questions.
- Bolton College are advertising their next open event - or rather, two events - one online and one in person, so take your pick!
- Myerscough College showcase their rugby union academy, in conjunction with Sale Sharks Rugby - book your place at the taster morning.
- Investin's spring career experiences are almost all fully booked and will be closing shortly - don't miss out on one of these incredible experiences.
- If a sporting career is your preference, perhaps go along to Robin Park to the Wigan Warriors open evening and chat to the Education Team about the range of sports-related ITEC courses they offer.
- The latest issue of CareerMag for School Leavers is now available to view, covering careers in construction, finance, defence, energy, utilities and much more.
- It was National Apprenticeship Week this week, so there are a number of articles highlighting apprenticeships. There is the Skanska Insight Day and drop in sessions, case studies from engineering companies courtesy of Neon and a series of useful articles from Success at School including FGCs, a look at some famous apprentices and the qualifications you can achieve.
- For the adults who perhaps didn't achieve the best grades at school, Runshaw College are offering short courses in English, maths and IT - and the best news is - they're free!
- This week's blog spot is about potential job interview mistakes and how to avoid them - useful advice whatever stage of your career you are at.
- Finally there are the apprenticeship vacancies in the local area for this week - and of course, Career of the Week!

Have a great half term holiday (or velti hvítá nótt!) Don't forget that next term we have the Careers Fair (11<sup>th</sup> March) - much more to follow on this ...

February half term 2022



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Are you considering the next steps after school or college? Perhaps you're thinking about an apprenticeship, T Levels, college, university or maybe you're a little unsure of what to do. Don't panic! You don't need to have it all figured out and remember, there are no right or wrong paths.

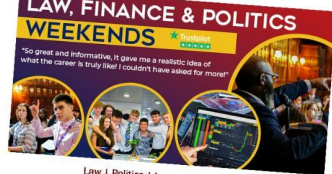
Careers are no longer considered linear, and the days when a job was for life is now a thing of the past.

In this issue, we explore the different options available as well as providing support for talking careers with your parents, everything you need to know about apprenticeships plus much more! With exam season just around the corner, we've also created a guide to help you look after your mental health while revising.

Have a read and explore our sector spotlights including construction engineering, financial services, careers in defence, energy and utilities plus much more.

### INVESTIN Law, Finance & Politics Career Opportunities

Ages 12-18 | 5 industries | In-person at UCL or live online



Do your students aspire to enter the fields of law, finance or politics? In the past two years the demand for young lawyers has risen by 133%, with similar trends noted in the financial sector. The appetite for jobs which create social impact has risen by 17% as issues like climate change take a prominent position in young minds.

Your students can gain invaluable experience in these fields with us this term. Our immersive weekend masterclasses offer students the chance to learn from a host of successful professionals: corporate lawyers, MPs, UK start-up, private equity managers and more.

We expect these programmes to be fully booked in the next two weeks. Students can choose to attend either at UCL or live online.

**Register Now (Ages 15-18)**      **Register Now (Ages 12-14)**



Want to show your students what a career in Law, Finance or Politics can really look like? Our blog is jam-packed with content including interviews with professionals, subject choice advice, how to build a career dedicated to sustainability and much much more.

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A very packed issue of Career News this week! Lots of virtual work experience opportunities for Year 10 and 11, college open events galore and a focus on apprenticeships, following National Apprenticeship Week. In fact, Career of the Week also highlights apprenticeships, so make sure you check it out!

[https://files.schudio.com/parklandshighschool/files/documents/Career\\_News\\_2022\\_wk4\\_new.pdf](https://files.schudio.com/parklandshighschool/files/documents/Career_News_2022_wk4_new.pdf)

One or two last minute events that didn't make it in time for Career News - Preston College have a virtual open event on Monday 21st February (with live presentation from all curriculum areas)

<https://www.preston.ac.uk/events/year-10-11-virtual-open-event/>

There is also an onsite open event at Preston, for which registration is required:

<https://www.preston.ac.uk/events/year-10-11-open-event-09-march-22/>

## Careers

Training 2000 are re-launching their very popular Saturday morning Aspiring Clubs - if you want to find out more about careers in Business, Dental Nursing, Engineering, Accountancy, Healthcare or Automotive, then check the website for start dates: [www.training2000.co.uk/aspiring-clubs](http://www.training2000.co.uk/aspiring-clubs) or email: [info@t2000.co.uk](mailto:info@t2000.co.uk) for your name to be added to the waiting list.