



PARKLANDS BULLETIN

23 Jan - 27 Jan 2023: Week 1



Headteacher's Message

Dear parents, carers and students,

You will probably be aware of the announcement made earlier this week by the National Education Union regarding teacher strikes, the first of which is scheduled for 1st February 2023. I have been in discussions this week with our school's union representatives to look at the impact on Parklands, and due to the large number of staff intending to strike, I have consulted the governing body and agreed to close the school on the grounds of health and safety and safeguarding. Work will be set on Google Classroom for pupils to complete at home. We are aware that some pupils have to share devices with siblings, so the work can be completed at any point on the day. I know the school closure may inconvenience many families, but as staff are not obliged to inform me if they are striking or not, it is entirely possible that even more staff will strike, which makes the option of having a year group in school, for example, impossible to plan for safely.

Pupils entitled to free school meals will be offered a grab bag after school on Tuesday 31st January which Form Tutors will discuss with pupils next week. For the letter from our NEU reps which gives you more details regarding the strikes please click [here](#). The Year 11 mock timetable has changed as a result of the strike; an update was emailed to parents earlier this week by Mr Galbraith.

Kind regards,
Mr Mitchell



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Year 7 Messages

Year 7 will be having a Respect day on Monday about disability awareness. The charity, Daisy UK will be in school helping pupils to experience a variety of physical activities designed to help them develop empathy for people living with disability. They will also take part in workshops about healthy friendships and developing online skills.

Year 8 Messages

No messages this week.

Year 9 Messages

Year 9 Subject Specialisms

The Subject Specialism Option Blocks will be confirmed and available early next week, along with the accompanying information regarding the courses on offer. If you have questions for the Curriculum Leaders after reading this information, please email them. Email addresses are available in the Curriculum Booklet.

Year 10 Messages

The Year 10 online Progress Evening is on Thursday.

Next week, Year 10 will have a Work Experience Launch assembly. The WEX week is 17th - 21st July 2023 - and it may be that other schools will have chosen the same week, so don't leave it too late to start finding a placement! There are lots of businesses, shops, cafes, restaurants, garages, nurseries, schools, etc in Chorley and the surrounding area - plus of course, friends, neighbours and relatives who may work in interesting industries. All paperwork available from Miss Berry - Top Office, or email for further details: (pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

Year 11 Messages

[Follow this link for the revised Mock exam timetable for Y11.](#) This has also been emailed to all parents via Edulink. Exams scheduled for the strike day on 1st Feb have been moved to the 27th Jan.

Whole School Messages

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: 44 pupils since September
Year 8: 42 pupils since September
Year 9: 27 pupils since September
Year 10: 58 students since September
Year 11: 41 students since September

How many had the perfect 3 in the previous week?

Year 7: 168 pupils
Year 8: 149 pupils
Year 9: 111 pupils
Year 10: 145 students
Year 11: 143 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: 138 pupils
Year 8: 95 pupils
Year 9: 62 pupils
Year 10: 120 students
Year 11: 93 students

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

All pupils will be looking at the topic of Body Image in Secure on Monday. If you feel this is an issue that would be particularly sensitive for your child and their HAL is **not** already aware of this, please can you let your child's HAL know so that we ensure they are supported on the day.

Music Tuition

Some amendments have been made to the music tuition dates/times due to our mock exams, additional student uptake and the strike day. Please ensure you check your lesson day and time. Year 11 please ensure you let your teacher know this week if you can't make your lesson time due to mock exams.

These can then be changed to a more convenient time for you.

From next week, timetables will be displayed in the music department and they will also be available to view on our school website. Please ensure these are checked regularly in case amendments need to be made.

Attendance matters!

Overall school attendance since September 92.1%

Overall school attendance for the week 92.9%

National Average as at 9th January 92%

Attendance by House since September:

Europe 93%

South America 92.9%

Africa 92.1%

Australasia 92%

Asia 91.9%

Attendance by House since last week:

South America 94.4%

Europe 93.6%

Asia 93.3%

Australasia 93%

Africa 92.5%

Highest form attendance per House for the week:

Europe - Denmark 97.9%

South America -Colombia 97%

Australasia - Australia 97%

Africa - South Africa 96.7%

Asia -South Korea 96.1%

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.

(Year 7)

Current Unit - Ultimate Questions/Judaism

1. What is Charles Darwin best known for?
2. How have different species of animals adapted for survival?
3. Can you name any well-known Jewish people?
4. How old is the religion of Judaism?
5. What is the name of the special promises that Jews believe God made with his people?
Can you give any examples?

(Year 8)

Current Unit - Prejudice and Discrimination/ The History of Christianity

1. In what year was homosexuality made illegal in the UK? When was it decriminalised?
2. Why is representation important?
3. Why do many Christians celebrate Christmas on December 25th?
4. Why are there so many denominations of Christianity? Can you give 3 examples?

(Year 9)

Current Unit - An Introduction to Islam/ The History of Christianity

1. What is a pilgrimage? Why do people make them?
2. Where do Muslims go on pilgrimage and why?
3. How is the Bible organised? How does this differ from the organisation of the Qur'an?
4. How does Christianity continue to influence the culture of Britain today?
5. What did the most recent census reveal about Christianity in Britain?

Lost property- please see the film clip on the front page of our website that displays a number of jackets and coats that are currently in lost property. If you recognise any belonging to your child, please contact us and also ask your child to collect it. Lost property is regularly displayed on the concourse in school but items often remain unclaimed.

A reminder to please email accounts@parklandsacademy.co.uk with your bank details by 9am Monday 23rd January, if you wish to receive a refund from the Blackpool Pleasure beach trip into your account. Any refunds after this date, will be refunded via the school dinner money account.

Congratulations to the pupils with the highest number of Achievement Points this week



Year 7: Ava G - 55 points
Year 8: Evie G & Layla G - 52 points
Year 9: Emily G & Mariam O - 52 points
Year 10: Megan C & Abigayle S - 52 points
Year 11: Claudia O - 52 points



LEARN RESPECT ASPIRE **ACHIEVE**



HOUSE COMPETITION 22/23



BFL AUTUMN 2	AFR	6	EUR	5	ASA	4	SAM	3	ANZ	2
XMAS CARD	SAM	6	ANZ	5	ASA	4	AFR	3	EUR	2
Year 8 Basketball	AFR	6	ASA	5	SAM	5	ANZ	4	EUR	3



SOUTH AMERICA	76
ASIA	72
AUSTRALASIA	68
AFRICA	69
EUROPE	51





CALLING ALL YEAR 7 PUPILS!

JFC Chorley is looking to start an Under 13's team in the 2023/24 season.

We are seeking expressions of interest from potential players to join us from early summer onwards to start training; you don't need to have played football for a team before.

If you want to play for a fast growing local club that puts a premium on player development and experience, then please contact Tim, JFC Chorley Club Secretary, on:

T: 07498 374 228

E: jfcchorley@gmail.com

We can't wait to hear from you!



National School Attendance Award

2022/23 Autumn Term



Parklands High

Top 25% of similar FFT Secondary Schools in England

Whole School Messages

Charity News - This week we launched our Derian Dragons Den event. Groups of our charity prefects and GCSE business studies pupils are using their creative and entrepreneurial skills to come up with ideas to turn £50 into lots of money for Derian House Children's Hospice. They will be presenting to a panel of judges next month.

We've already doubled our money with sponsorship from Dekko Window Systems Ltd.





Like our Facebook page for updates and news about sessions and courses:
Search for "Chorley Family Zone"



DELIVERING EARLY HELP

Children and Family
Wellbeing
Service

Useful Numbers

NHS Dentist Helpline -0300 311 2233

Community Midwives -01257 245116

Health Visitors- 0300 247 0040 Opt 1

Royal Preston Hospital - 01772 716565

Chorley Hospital -01257 261222

Police Non-Emergency - 101

Medical Advice - 111

Need an NHS Dentist- 01772 325100

Mind matters - 01772 773437

Children's Social Care 0300 123 6720

Food Bank Chorley- 01257 260050

Woman's Centre Chorley- 01257 265342

Childline 0800 1111

National Domestic Abuse Helpline

0808 2000 247

**Get advice
and support**



Age 0-19 (up to 25 for young people with learning difficulties or disabilities)

Someone to talk to
Problems at home/school
Jobs and training
Apprenticeships
Staying safe online
Sex and health
Relationships

Mental Health
Self Harm
Bullying
Drugs and alcohol
Things to do
Housing, rights and money
What age can I?

Text 07786 511111

Talk online lancashire.gov.uk/youthzone

Call 0800 511111

facebook.com/LancashireYPS
twitter.com/LancashireYPS

You can contact us 365 days a year
2pm to 10pm



What's on guide



Chorley CFW

Jan -Apr 2023

Lancashire
County
Council



www.lancashire.gov.uk

Please click [here](#) for information regarding the Children and Family Wellbeing Service



Welcome to **Astley's Warm Space**

Every Wed, Sat, Sun
10am to 3pm

Upstairs in the
Coach House Gallery
Throughout January and February



**FREE BREWS,
GAMES,
BOOKS
10AM TO 3PM
WED, SAT &
SUN**





**PARKLANDS
HIGH SCHOOL**

Parklands High School : An Academy
Southport Road, Chorley, PR7 1LL
Co-Ed Comprehensive with 1109 students on roll. Tel: 01257 264596
www.parklandsacademy.co.uk
Email: admin@parklandsacademy.co.uk
Learn, Respect, Aspire, Achieve

CLEANER

Part Time (Monday-Friday 3.15pm – 6.30pm)

Term time only plus 3 weeks for the school summer holiday

deep clean, 16.25 hours per week

Grade 3, pt 4 £21,189 fte (£8452.36 pro rata). Start date as soon as possible.

We wish to appoint a reliable, flexible and self-motivated individual to join our existing Premises team. Under the direction and instruction of the Cleaning Supervisor, you will undertake the cleaning of designated areas within the School premises to ensure that they are kept in a clean and hygienic condition, to the agreed quality standards and be responsible for ensuring a consistent high standard of cleaning throughout.

Experience is preferred but not essential as training can be given however a strong work ethic and to be able to work well in a team are crucial.

Parklands High School staff benefit from access to the UK's leading provider of healthcare insurance, UK healthcare, out of hours access to our new gym facilities and our cycle to work scheme

For more information about the role and how to apply please email Carol Slater, Project and Premises (H&S) Manager at cslater@parklandsacademy.co.uk

Candidates should complete an application form, available from the school website in which you outline your experience and suitability for the position. Electronic applications should be returned to the email address hr@parklandsacademy.co.uk. Handwritten applications may be posted to HR Manager c/o Parklands High School, Southport Road, Chorley, PR7 1LL. Please clearly mark the envelope "Application for post of Cleaner"

Closing date for applications: 12 noon 30/01/2023 with interviews to be held 09/02/2023

Please note, we reserve the right to withdraw this vacancy at any time and regret we are unable to contact individual applicants who may be unsuccessful. Parklands High School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of its staff and pupils and expects those working at the School to share this commitment. Applications from ethnic minority candidates and other diverse groups are welcomed. The successful candidate will be required to undertake a criminal record check via the Disclosure and Barring Service as well as qualification and reference checks. Social media checks will also be conducted on shortlisted candidates. Copies of our Recruitment and Selection policy are available from HR@parklandsacademy.co.uk

More details can be found on our website

<https://www.parklandsacademy.co.uk/job-vacancies/cleaner-1>

Careers

In Career News this week, you will find lots of news about open events at various colleges and apprenticeship training providers - full details and links to registers inside. There are also webinars, online events, advice and much more!

Click [here](#) for this week's careers bulletin.

INVESTIN
STEM & Medicine Career Opportunities
For Ages 12-18
At UCL or Live Online

STEM & MEDICINE WEEKEND CAREER EXPERIENCES
Available at UCL or Live Online This Spring Term for Ages 12-18

Architecture | Dentistry | Engineering | Forensic Science | Investment Banking | Medicine | Psychology | Software Engineering | Vet | Video Game Design

We are delighted to offer your students opportunities in STEM & Medicine-related industries this term. The programmes are an excellent opportunity for students to test-drive a career before committing to it. Highlights include:

- Practice stitching up a wound
- Design the engineering to take humans to Mars
- Observe a clinical psychology assessment
- Design your own video game

Plus, Q&A time with all the professionals and guidance on university choices, interviews and applications.

VIEW & REGISTER: AGES 15-18

OPEN EVENING
30 JANUARY FROM 4.30PM
Learn more about:
A Levels
Vocational & Technical subjects
including T Levels
Apprenticeships
Wigan & Leigh College

WIGAN & LEIGH COLLEGE OPEN EVENT - MONDAY 30th JANUARY 2023
Wigan Sites: 4.30pm - 7.30pm

Don't miss the final Wigan event before February half!

This event takes place across our Wigan sites: Parsons Walk, The Centre for Studies and Pagefield Centre for Construction and Engineering will all be open. We would ask that you encourage your students to register ahead for our Open Evening or our online link: <https://www.wigan-leigh.ac.uk/events/>

We look forward to welcoming your students and their families on the day.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS
NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 2023
Monday 6th February from 5pm - 8pm
National Apprenticeship Week Event with 30 Global Employers!

Book is not far away and to celebrate we will be hosting our BIGGEST event of the year! We will be joined by experts from a range of industries: Business, Accounting, Finance, Engineering, Property Development & more.

From 5pm - 8pm students from across the nation will have access to the Apprenticeship, Work Experience & Careers Expo with over 30 of the world's biggest employers.

Our huge Webinar 'Expo' on Zoom, where students can drop in and out of sessions, keynote presentations, panel discussions and employer Q&A sessions. So if you're already certain on your career path and want to explore a little unsure about what to do in the future - you don't want to miss this!

Right into their respective industries through workshops and interactive full expo booth areas as well as offering a variety of apprenticeship and work experience opportunities.

Full line-up of employers, we are so excited to have all these huge global employers at this event. We hope you are as excited too, and who knows, you could be the next big thing!

Get the Jump
Land the skills employers need:
Start earning, keep learning with an apprenticeship
Work alongside experienced staff to learn while you earn a wage. There are over 600 different apprenticeships with levels to suit everyone, including degree apprenticeships. There are no tuition fees. Could lead to higher education, another apprenticeship or a job. Explore apprenticeships.
Higher Technical Qualifications give you specialist skills
Learn technical skills in the classroom. HTQs are an alternative to apprenticeships or degrees, approved by employers. Available now in the digital sector, and from Sept 2023 in construction or health and science. Could lead to further study or a job. Explore HTQs.
For free advice and support, speak to a National Careers Service adviser.

Career News

Preston College interviews take place in school on Tuesday 24th January. It is not too late to apply - see Miss Berry if you want to be added to the interview list.

Wigan & Leigh College interviews are in school on Wednesday 1st March and **Runshaw College** will be interviewing in school on Tuesday and Wednesday 14th and 15th March. Deadlines are approaching, so if you want to be on the interview list - please get your application in as soon as possible. Paper application forms available from the Top Office if you don't want to complete the electronic form.