

## 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 <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>. 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

<u>Follow this link for the revised Mock exam timetable for Y11.</u> 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.

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%

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 <u>accounts@parklandsacademy.co.uk</u> 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





## **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

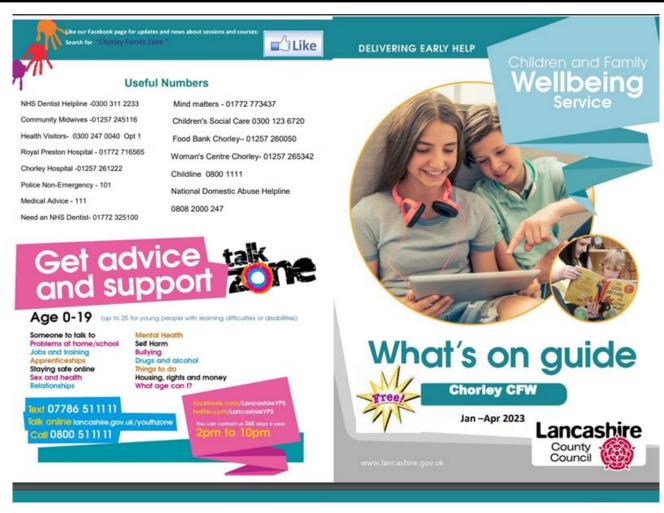
**Charity News -** This week we launched our Derian Dragons Den event. Groups of our charity prefects and GCSE business studies pupils are using their creative and entrepreneurial skills to come up with ideas to turn £50 into lots of money for Derian House Children's Hospice. They will be presenting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

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





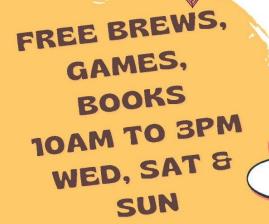




Please click here for information regarding the Children and Family Wellbeing Service



Every Wed, Sat, Sun
10am to 3pm
Upstairs in the
Coach House Gallery
Throughout January and February







#### Parklands High School: An Academy

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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-Friday3.15pm – 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 ad 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

#### 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 Disciosure 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

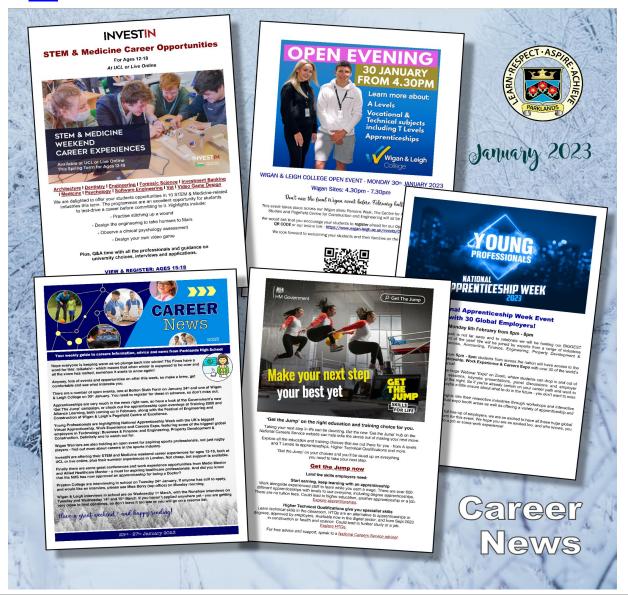
https://www.parklandsacademy.co.uk/job-vacancies/cleaner-1

#### **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.



**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.