



PARKLANDS BULLETIN

24 Jan - 28 Jan 2022 : Week 2



Headteacher's Message

Dear parents, carers and students,

Please read the information below which I received yesterday. At Parklands we are still experiencing high levels of positive cases amongst our students, so I would like to encourage the continued use of face coverings. Clearly, I cannot make this compulsory, but we would welcome your support. Currently, we have over 70 students isolating at home, with the majority in Year 10, and we are still experiencing some staff absences.

An update from the Department for Education for all education and childcare settings following the Prime Minister's announcement of the end of Plan B

The Prime Minister announced that all Plan B measures will be removed in England, with a full return to Plan A by Thursday 27 January.

In education and childcare settings, this means:

From Thursday 20 January, face coverings are no longer recommended in classrooms and teaching spaces for staff, and pupils and students in year 7 and above. They were introduced in classrooms at the start of the spring term as a temporary measure.

From Thursday 27 January, face coverings are no longer recommended in communal areas for staff, and pupils and students in year 7 and above.

This decision comes in response to national infection data showing the prevalence of COVID-19 to be on a downward trajectory. Whilst there are some groups where cases are likely to continue rising, it is likely that the Omicron wave has now peaked nationally. There remains significant pressure on the NHS but hospital admissions have stabilised, and the number of patients in Intensive Care Units (ICU) remain low and are falling.

This means it is right we remove the most stringent restrictions around wearing face coverings from education, but the virus is still with us, and continuing with proportionate protective measures remains vital to protect education.

Local directors of public health are able to recommend the use of face coverings in communal areas, across their area only, where DfE and public health experts judge the measure to be proportionate due to specific health concerns. This is a temporary measure. Directors of public health will continue to advise individual settings experiencing outbreaks. Any local introduction of face coverings will be subject to routine review and removed at the earliest opportunity.

Should the COVID situation continue to improve, we are looking forward to resuming our usual activities, such as holding assemblies, putting on more productions such as our Dance Show, and we have started planning for our Learning Challenge Week and Year 10 Work Experience in July.

Kind regards, and thank you for your continued support.
Mr Mitchell



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Year 7 Messages

None this week

Year 8 Messages

None this week

Year 9 Messages

None this week

Year 10 Messages

If anyone in Year 10 or 11 is interested in a summer work experience programme at Sellafield (based in the offices in Birchwood, Warrington) then please let me know and I will forward an application form. Miss Berry

Year 11 Messages

Open Evening coming up at **Wigan & Leigh College** on 31st January - please register in advance. The link for Open Evening registration can be found here:
<https://www.wigan-leigh.ac.uk/events/Open-Evening>

Wigan & Leigh College are also interviewing in school on **3rd February**, so if you haven't applied yet and would like to be interviewed, please get your application in over the weekend.

Runshaw College will be interviewing in school on **15th and 16th March**. That is very close to the final deadline, at which point you would be placed on a waiting list, so please don't leave it too late to apply.

Put your EXPECTED GCSE grades and don't worry about the personal statement, just write 'I will bring this to interview' and click SUBMIT!

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Open Evening at Bolton 6th Form on Tuesday January 25th, please register here:
www.bolton-sfc.ac.uk

Make sure you don't miss out on one of the fantastic apprenticeships currently being offered by Leyland Trucks. These are Level 3 positions with starting salaries around £15,000! Closing date: 25.02.22

Application forms can be downloaded via the website: [Apprenticeships - Leyland Trucks Ltd.](https://www.leylandtrucks.co.uk/apprenticeships)

Year 11 Messages

Click [here](#) for a document regarding this year's GCSE exam results.



Parents/Carers and Year 11 have all been emailed. Please DO NOT email photos to Miss Greaves, please use the yearbook@parklandsacademy.co.uk email. Thank you



We need your photos from your time at Parklands.
This could be trips such as Ski, PGL's, Watersports,
Battlefields, field trips, or break times, lunch times, sports
dinners.

MUST be a JPEG image and of a good quality, no screenshots
or blurry images.



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Mock Exam Results Day will take place next Tuesday 25th January. Pupils will be issued with a report and have an individual review meeting on the day. These reports will be brought home and also available on Edulink by the end of next week. Please take the time to look at these and discuss at home.

YEAR 11 LEAVERS ITEMS: The online shop is now open to purchase your leavers hoodies, jumpers, and pyjamas. Your shop is now open [here](#). The deadline is **Sunday 13th February 2022**. This cannot change. If you fail to order before this date then you will not be able to order after. Thank you. Miss Greaves

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I have loved and valued my time as head student and it had been an honour to represent the school. I have had the opportunity to develop skills for my future which I am very grateful for. I would encourage those in the younger years to apply because it had been such a fun experience! Although I am sorry that my time as head student is over, I am excited to hand over my role to the excellent new head pupils who I know will do an incredible job! Thank you to everyone who has made my time as head pupil such a valuable experience, I really appreciate it! Rebecca

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Being one of the 2021-2022 head pupils has been such an amazing experience. I'm so grateful for the opportunities it has given me and the lessons it has taught me. Despite being in an out of lockdown throughout my role, I feel that I have grown so much as a person. I have developed as a leader and my communication skills have been improved greatly. It's been an honour to meet and work with the younger pupils; it feels like such a privilege to be confided and trusted in by the younger years. I've loved participating in charity events, character virtue initiatives, greeting students on the concourse and simply helping teachers with the day to day jobs they need assistance with. I could not recommend applying for this role enough, it is full of benefits including the amazing team of teachers (and don't forget skipping the lunch queue!). I want to again say thank you and I encourage you to strive to be a head pupil one day, you won't regret it! Milly

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Being a head pupil at Parklands over the course of 2021 and 2022 has been an honour. It has allowed me to drastically improve my leadership skills and put me in a great position for college, university and my distant future.

Over the course of being a head pupil I have managed to achieve numerous things I never thought I could (despite these last few weird years!) Firstly, I reconnected the local elderly community with Parklands after the series of lockdowns, which I hope the new head pupils will be able to continue, through sending postcards to local care homes. Alongside the other head pupils, I took part in a remembrance day parade where we laid a wreath for the school. That's just naming a few of my highlights over the past year.

If any younger students are reading and want to become head pupil in the future my main piece of advice after my time in the role is to get involved with anything Parklands has to offer and it doesn't have to be academic.

Good luck to the new head pupils.

„Jack

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Being a head pupil has been the best experience of my life. Being able to represent the school is a memory I will never forget. Ever since year 7 I have always wanted to be a head pupil, and when I achieved that dream I was over the moon. I am so grateful to everyone who made it possible. The head pupil role has provided me with so many experiences and allowed me to meet so many new people. It has made my time here at parklands so much more special.

I wish all of the new head pupils luck in their new roles, and I hope that they enjoy every single moment of it, because I know I did! Eadie

A farewell to our 4 Head Students this year, Jack, Milly, Rebecca and Eadie. All have been highly committed to Parklands throughout their 5 years. They are still going to be involved as they hand over their duties to our new Head Students, Oscar, Alannah, Alex and Evie. Next week we will introduce our new head pupils in more detail.

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: 47 pupils
Year 8: 27 pupils
Year 9: 52 pupils
Year 10: 39 students
Year 11: 34 students

How had the Perfect 3 in the previous week?

Years 7: 155 pupils
Year 8: 114 pupils
Year 9: 132 pupils
Year 10: 126 students
Year 11: 170 students

Please congratulate your child if they have the Perfect 3. All BfL scores can be seen in the Edulink app.

ONLY 10 PLACES
LEFT - FIRST COME
FIRST SERVED

SCIENCE DISNEYLAND PARIS TRIP 2023



£ 515

OPEN TO YEAR 7,8 & 9

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CRUISE ALONG THE RIVER SEINE
1 DAY AT DISNEYLAND PARIS

3rd-6th APRIL 2023
BREAKFAST AND EVENING MEAL, TRANSPORT, TICKETS TO
MUSEUMS AND DISNEYLAND INCLUDED

Letters have been emailed from Mr Madigan to parents
via edulink app.

Email amadigan@parklandsacademy.co.uk



The **Parklands Got Talent final** has been rescheduled to **Thursday 10th February** at **7.30pm** in the school hall. All tickets previously purchased are valid for this event. We look forward to seeing you there.

PARKLANDS HIGH SCHOOL
is proud to present



Performed on
Thursday 27th and Friday 28th January 2022
in the School Hall
from 7pm

Tickets: **£5 adults, £3 concessions, £10 family** (2 adults, 2 children)
Available from the office at break and lunchtime

Whole School Messages

WELLBEING

Dear pupils, parents and carers,

I am very aware that some of our pupils (and families) are struggling with low mood, motivation and anxiety and have disconnected a little from their families, friends and school. Below is a service that I highly recommend.

I wanted to remind you that the Kooth is a platform that can support young people with absolutely anything. Just to remind you how Kooth operates: A young person is signposted to the platform, not referred. They are not always ready to tell someone in school or at home that they are struggling. Kooth provides the autonomy for young people to set the pace.

Young people can make a Kooth account very simply in less than two minutes and receive counselling support in the same day from a qualified counsellor. They can access a digital chat, up to one hour each week up to 10pm at night.

Although we have the use of a counselling service with Mr Pilling and our weekly drop-in with the school nurse, we still have waiting times, as with all other services such as CAMHS. With KOOTH you can feel assured that young people can also reach out to Kooth during the evening, weekends and school holidays.


Many young people sitting in their room alone develop overwhelming feelings of anxiety and resort to self-harm as a means of managing this. Kooth.com can be there at that point of need and offer the support to manage that anxiety. Young people are provided with tried and tested alternative tools and resources. There is lots of advice around how to support your son/daughter/yourself with exams.

Kooth can also guide young people to connect with others who feel the same way in moderated forums and access thousands of magazine articles that have been submitted by young people. They can develop a safety plan with one of KOOTH's qualified counsellors to help them manage any escalation in their mental health.


Thank you for taking the time to read and I hope it helps.

Mrs Fairhurst


Designated Safeguarding Lead



HOUSE COMPETITION 21/22



w/c 16th Dec	Staff Xmas Tree Comp	ANZ	6	EUR	5	SAM	4	ASA	3	AFR	2
w/c 10th Jan	HP Film Competition	EUR	6	ASA	5	ANZ	4	AFR	3	SAM	2
w/c 10th Jan	Year 9 boys football	AFR	6	EUR	5	ASA	4	SAM	4	ANZ	3



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Free, safe and anonymous mental health support.



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Helpful
articles



Community
Support



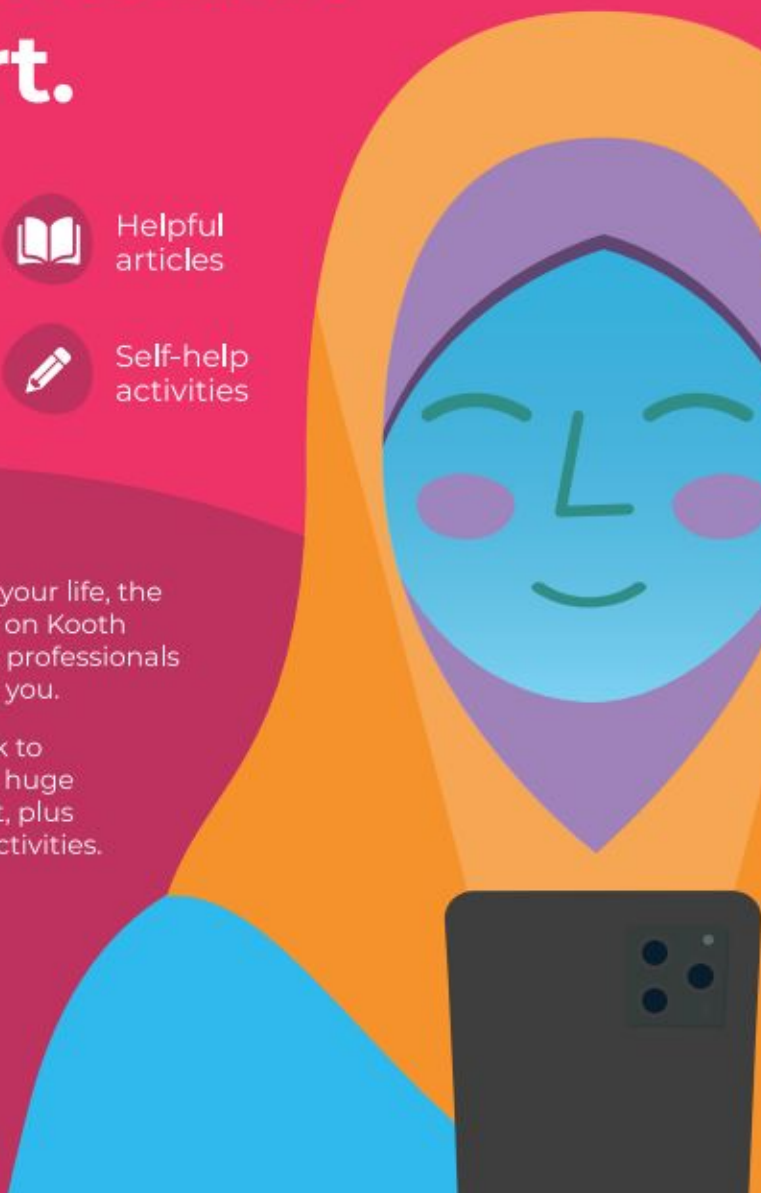
Self-help
activities

Whatever is going on in your life, the anonymous community on Kooth and our team of friendly professionals are here to help support you.

Or if you'd rather not talk to anyone, we've also got a huge library of helpful content, plus self-help tools and fun activities.

Sign up today at
kooth.com

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For ages: **10-16**

Kooth is an **online mental wellbeing** community for young people

Here are some of the features you can access on Kooth:



Magazine | The Kooth magazine shares personal experiences and tips from young people and our Kooth team



Discussion Boards | Start or join a conversation with our friendly Kooth community, with lots of topics to choose from



Chat | Chat with our helpful team about anything that's on your mind



Daily Journal | Use your daily journal to track feelings or emotions and reflect on how you're doing



Wellbeing Activities | Find activities that support your wellbeing and help to build valuable life skills



Visit kooth.com to learn more

Let's keep talking! Click [here](#) for the brochure.

LET'S KEEP TALKING

Directory of
**resources, information,
support organisations
and websites**

to help support
your mental health.



SCAN HERE

for a list of services in your area



**Lancashire and
South Cumbria**
Health and Care Partnership

healthierlsc.co.uk/MentalHealthSupport

Whole School Messages

Changes to fitness suite opening times.

Following a survey of our pupils and our goal of getting more pupils active, we have made some changes to our fitness suite opening times to hopefully encourage and support more pupils in attending our fantastic fitness space.



FITNESS SUITE

You said

Adding 'Girls Only and Boys Only' nights would encourage you to use the fitness suite'.

You said

'you would like some 'Year Group' only nights.

So we listened.

This is the new Rota for the fitness suite for SPRING 1

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



STEM

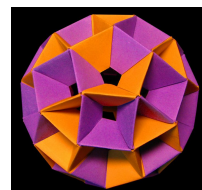
STEM ambassador visit - 2nd February 3-4pm

There'll be another STEM ambassador visit on Wednesday 2nd February 3-4pm. This time we'll be joined by Stephen Cooper, who has experience in aircraft testing and integration. Please email mmcavoy@parklandsacademy.co.uk to reserve a place for your child.

STEM Mathematics you can complete from home.

Click the link below and attempt to build some 3D shapes from nets. The nets start off very simple but then increase in difficulty.

<https://mathigon.org/origami>



Whole School Messages



GLOW SPORTS

We have a 6 week course of Glow Sports for pupils in years 7-9.

THURSDAY after school 3.15-4.45pm.

All pupils are welcome we would love to get a big turn out for this exciting new activity.

Starts THURSDAY 20th JANUARY 2022



We had our first Glow Dodgeball session yesterday. Nearly 50 pupils in Years 7-9 attended. Next week we will have more colours and face paints!





Support Our Lottery This Term
WIN a Forest Staycation!

- Help give our fundraising a much needed boost
- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Guaranteed cash prize winner every week
- Jackpot of £25,000!

Play Now! Go to:

YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/play

and search for: Parklands



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

Career News

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APPRENTICESHIP
Open Evening

Thursday 10th February 2022 | 4pm - 7pm

We will be holding an Apprenticeships Open Evening on Thursday 10th February 2022 from 4pm - 7pm at our local office in Norwich, Norfolk. This will give students the opportunity to meet with Tutors and Employers, as well as the chance to take part in a full evening tour of our facilities. This will also allow them to find out more information about the different types of Apprenticeships available through Alliance Learning.

In relation to COVID-19, we are continuing to follow Government advice in relation to events, which we continue to monitor on a weekly/bi-week basis. Any changes to this event will be posted on our social media pages, please follow us for any changes by this event.

Apprenticeship Vacancies We currently have 35 live vacancies across 23 businesses, ranging from Business Administration, Customer Service and Land Manufacturing Operations, covered on areas across Greater Manchester including Bolton, Horwich, Westhoughton, Rochdale, Horwath, Bury, Manchester, Wigan & Trafford.

All Apprenticeship vacancy information can be found on our website:
<https://www.alliancelearning.com/viewarticle.aspx?articleid=1024>
 and our recruitment team are on hand if you have any further questions on 01204 871888.
Monday - Thursday 9.00am - 4.15pm and Friday - 9.00am - 2.00pm.

A lot of these vacancies are for an immediate start, however in the next few months, vacancies for school leavers will start to be advertised. The vacancies we currently have listed will give anyone looking to do an Apprenticeship a better understanding on the type of roles we get our employees working in.



- News
- Events
- Blogs
- Advice
- Offers
- Competitions
- Vacancies
+ much more!



CAREER NEWS

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

Welcome to another edition of Career News - it's always packed full of great opportunities for students!

- Keep mathematicians car-fitter to Emerald Professor Richard Higgins talking about careers in maths.
- Assuring lawyers can get involved in law firm Laker's Making Links Discovery programme, with the chance to win £1,000!
- Training 2000 have a series of apprenticeship events, such as the Alliance Learning. If you are thinking about an apprenticeship - make sure you attend one or, even better, both of these events.
- BTF have now opened their apprenticeship applications, with sections from Level 2 to Level 6, so something for everyone - check out their website to find out more.
- Royal Docks Firm are holding a number of Art and Design based sessions at the college for Year 11s - if you are considering a career in the creative industries, why not take part and build your portfolio?
- It was one of the biggest tech firms in the world, and offering summer night days, gap year placements and school leaver opportunities - find out more with Young Professionals.
- Moderate Merit is bringing back their fantastic work experience programme in partnership with Birmingham Universities Trust. There is also a programme for aspiring designers and vets, don't miss out!
- If you are embarking on a career in medicine, perhaps consider having a go at the UCAT Mock Book. Highly offered by Dr. Ananya.
- Or how about work experience with HBCP, Europe's biggest bank? Check out the virtual event for more details on their upcoming UK wide summer work experience opportunities for you - most their WPX.
- If you are more of a creative type, then perhaps Eassey Studio might be up your street! They offer art and industry professionals and see where your talent can take you.
- Norfolk Homes - the nation's largest and longest running "100" birthday this year! There are lots of events to take part in - find out if it's the career for you at Real Day.

There's a usual apprenticeship vacancies, blogs about engineering and universities, and of course - Career of the Week!

Don't forget that college interviews are coming up - 24 February (school) to Wednesbury College and 10th March (in school) for Brunel College, Newman are not interviewing this year, they are offering conditional acceptance letters to applicants I would still advise sending applications to at least TWO colleges, so you have a back up option, should things not go quite as you planned.

Have a great weekend, see you soon - hyvika viktorovska, nashdani paf!



CAREER OF THE WEEK

IBM

THE WORLD'S LEADING TECHNOLOGY BUSINESS

26TH JANUARY 5PM - 6PM

IBM January from 5:00 - 6:00PM we'll be hosting an evening with IBM, one of the top 100 most innovative companies in the world.

With over 350 billion dollars in sales, IBM employs over 350,000 employees operating in 171 countries around the world.

IBM has been helping organisations to work for the future since 1911.

IBM solutions such as artificial intelligence, blockchain and quantum computing are transforming business services helping all sorts of different industries from banking & finance, health care and government.

IBM also produces and provides the world's best AI and other security related technologies.

IBM is growing personally and professionally and work all over the world on innovative and exciting projects.

Join us at this exciting project they are working on as well as their school leaver placement days and gap year placements.

To sign up to this event to find out more, please click on the link below:

<https://www.ibm.com/uk/en/career-events/ibm-night-evening-ibm>

This link for more information

Lots of useful information in this week's Career News - check it out [here](#):

From artists to VFX specialists, there should be an opportunity for just about everyone, so don't miss out. Remember that virtual or online work experience is just as relevant as in-person work experience at the moment, and will give you a real insight into careers you may not have considered before - all without leaving your sofa!

Career of the Week looks at some of the jobs you can do if you can speak another language (<https://www.parklandsacademy.co.uk/students/career-of-the-week>) Even if you haven't chosen a language for GCSE, there are loads of language learning apps and videos available, so challenge yourself this year!

There are currently six aspiring medics, dentists and vets being mentored by the Medic Mentor team - well done to those students who are giving themselves the best chance of success in their future careers.

If you would like to be involved in 2022, then have a look at the Medic Mentor page in Career News.